

I've Passed My Test - What Next?

Apply to DVA Licensing for your full

Licence. You are legally required to display 'R' plates for 12 months which restricts you to driving at 45 mph. Once you get your full licence, be aware of some of the factors that can lead to road traffic collisions.

Distractions

Be aware of how distracting passengers can be especially when they are having a laugh or a drink!

Over-confidence

Surprisingly, if you are a confident and competent driver you may take more risks than someone who isn't!

Night Time Driving

Avoid driving when you go out for the night especially if you are going to be around alcohol or drugs. A lot of casualties happen late at night and at weekends.

Speeding

Speed is a big killer of young drivers. Once your 'R' restriction expires take some review lessons so that you can drive safely at higher speed (within the speed limits of course!)

Weather Conditions

Cars handle differently in the rain and snow. Slow down when the weather is bad or if the sun is blinding you.

Driving Safely For Life

Re-visit Your Learning. Read through your Highway Code when you start driving. It will all make more sense when you've been driving for a while. Think about doing the Institute of Advanced Motorist course or signing up for the Roadwise scheme which you can find at:

www.roadwise-ni.com/

**FINALLY Remember, a Driving
Licence is for LIFE don't LOSE yours!**

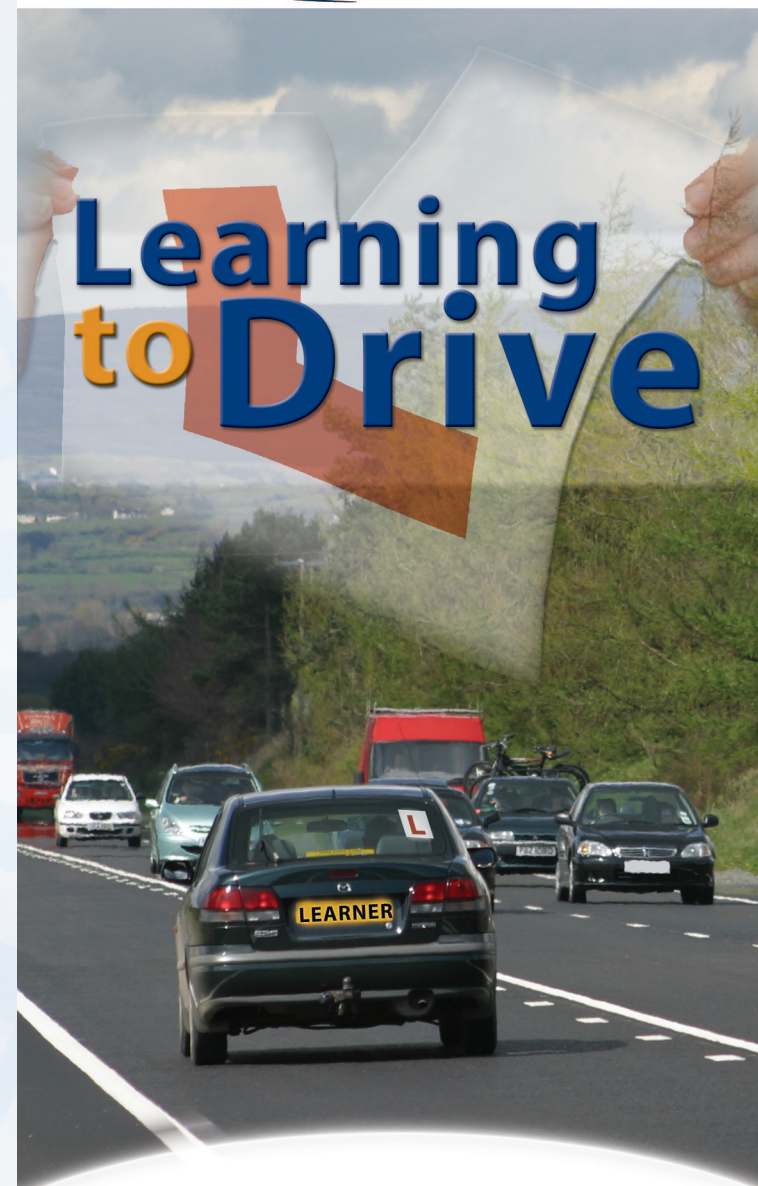
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Learning to Drive

Now that you have your
provisional licence ...

**Here are some key points to think
about before you take to the road**



Learning to Drive

Driving Instructor (ADI)

Consider getting professional instruction from an Approved Driving Instructor (ADI). ADIs can help with all aspects of learning to drive; including your theory test and practical test.

Beware of illegal instructors

Illegal instructors may appear legitimate and often offer lessons at a lower rate than ADIs. However, they may not be qualified, properly insured or have gone through the rigorous conduct checks that ADIs must undergo before being allowed to teach learners on a one to one basis. Their instruction could be incorrect or misinformed and it could cost you more money than necessary to pass your driving test.



Always ask to see your instructor's ADI certificate or Trainee Licence before handing over money and check that these documents are still current. For more information on ADIs in your area or if in doubt about an instructor contact DVA at: **028 9054 7933** or visit our website.

www.nidirect.gov.uk

Theory Test

You must pass the theory test before you can apply for your practical test. The theory test is in two parts, a multiple choice section and a hazard perception test. Once you have passed your theory test you have two years in which to pass the practical test. For information on how to book your theory test visit our website,

www.nidirect.gov.uk



Practical Test

Don't Be Surprised If You Need More Lessons Than You Expected!

Experienced drivers may tell you they only needed a few lessons before passing the test but that was in their day! The test has changed in recent years so be guided by your ADI as to when you are ready. DVA recommend that you track your progress when you are learning to drive, when you are with your instructor **and** when you are getting private practice. Simply download the pupils' Driver Record from,

www.dvtani.gov.uk/practicaldrivingtest/driverrecordpupils.asp

This is a very useful tool for both learner and instructor and will help you prepare for all aspects of the test.

