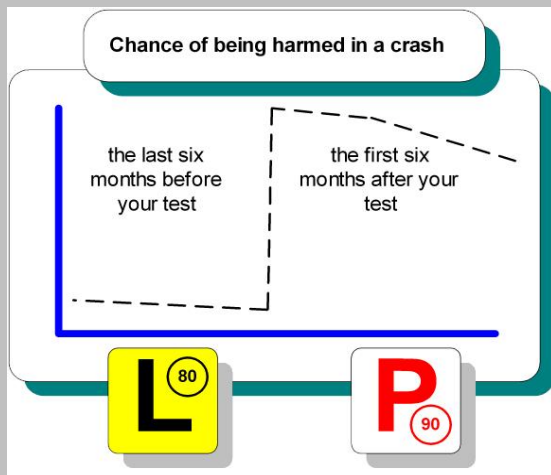


LOGBOOK TASKS – HAVE YOU DONE ENOUGH?

Okay, so now you've been trained in the art of defensive driving, clocked up the hours, learnt some basic car maintenance so it's time to tick the boxes to make sure no stone is left unturned -if there is something below you don't understand or not sure about please ask. The logbook is the MINIMUM requirement for any learner driver.

Consider this....without on-going training, the day you sit your driving test will be the safest you'll ever be; sure your confidence will definitely improve but, going on history, cautiousness and being considerate generally reduces to somewhat disturbing levels. The phrase...“...you don't really learn to drive until you are on your P's” is so scary....



A competent driver must maintain the right balance of being
CONFIDENT * CAUTIOUS *
CONSIDERATE

During your learning the focus should not have been solely on the Test. Your learning MUST have included gaining experiences similar to those you'll face when out there on your P's

How much NIGHT DRIVING have you done? Have you done enough? Not just the 20 hours but enough to experience everything you need to such as:-

Able to use high beam legally and be aware of the hazards of on-coming head lights; used the anti-glare (day/night) feature of the mirror effectively and understand causes and affects of fatigue.

Having you been doing the driving regardless of time restraints and weather?

Have you built up enough confidence to drive in ADVERSE CONDITIONS? How severe have the conditions been?

*Have you driven through traffic lights that were blacked out * driven in extreme rain/hail to the point you've had to pull over, stop and wait for it*

*to clear * negotiated a crash scene with debris and rescue crews * had to use the demisters and windscreen washers and did it without help * driven on poor road surfaces (who in NSW hasn't!)? When faced with adverse conditions have you managed your speed and space well enough that your passengers were impressed with your (safety) skills?*

Have you driven places and picked up friends on the way? ...and with music playing!

*what sort of braking system does your car have...conventional or ABS?
do you know what ABS does?
do you know what to do if your car skids while braking?*

*what is traction and stability control? which cars have them? what do they do?
are you aware that fog light may only be use when there is fog about?
do you know if you have fog lights and how to turn them on or off?*

Have you had the opportunity to do some **COUNTRY DRIVING and not just once but a few times so you can gauge your improvement?**

CITY AND MOTORWAY DRIVING experience while on your L's is essential.

Have you noticed that signage is terrible and last-minute decisions are required, including choosing not to take a turn and find an alternative route because that last-minute decision was too dangerous to execute.



Once you get your P's you will have increased freedom but with that freedom comes responsibility.

You still need to apply the road rules, even when you think no one is watching, even when you are running late and even when others might suggest otherwise. It is your life, their life, your money, your freedom, your choice.

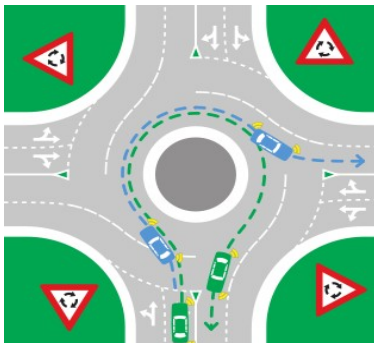
Choose wisely

Red P-platers have the added responsibility of not speeding, keeping to the passenger curfew and ignoring the call of the mobile.

JUST A FEW DRIVING TIPS....

Scanning

- Don't look at any one thing for more than 5 seconds
- Check mirrors every few seconds
- Look for GAPS, don't be distracted by cars
- Always scan where you are heading, even when reversing



Can you negotiate intersections without stopping unnecessarily?



**Changing lanes? [1]
Head checks can cause a mission abort
Do not over commit – stay steady**

**Changing lanes? [2]
Always be ready by keeping an eye out
Think twice before changing
- read signs, road marking and traffic**

Test yourself by checking that you DONOT steer until AFTER you have checked your blind spot