

Learner Driver Mentor Program

South Burnett CTC (CTC) is facilitating a program offering young people a chance to obtain their Learners Licence hours.

Currently Learner Drivers in Queensland must have completed and recorded 100 hours of supervised on-road driving experience and enter these details into an approved logbook. The logbook must be assessed and passed by Queensland Transport before the Learner Driver is eligible to take the practical driving test which if successful will result in them being issued with their Provisional Licence. The Learner Driver must also have held their learners licence for a minimum of 12 months before taking the practical test.

The **Learner Driver Mentor Program** will offer an opportunity to Learner Drivers who either don't have access to a vehicle for training purposes and/or who don't have anyone to supervise and instruct them to obtain a licence.

This program will rely on the commitment of both the Learner Driver and the Volunteer Mentor.

Program Coordination will be facilitated by South Burnett CTC Inc.

Program Rationale

The highest risk for drivers occurs in the first year of solo driving. The required 100 hours of supervised driving can have a significant impact in reducing accidents in young people's first two years of driving.

However, some young people do not have access to a vehicle or access to a supervising driver. This can limit or prevent them from gaining a licence.

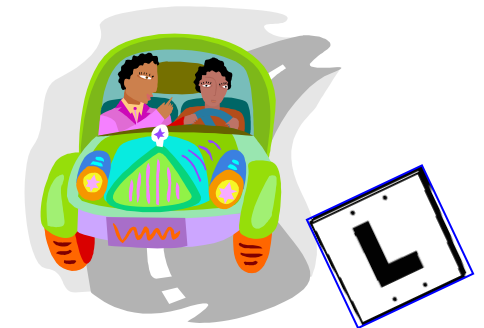
In the South Burnett, an area with limited public transport, lack of a licence can affect young people's ability to get a job or to access training or community activities.

Bill Hull Car Centre have made a dedicated car available for this program.

The **Learner Driver Mentor Program** works alongside the community to support these young people so they can gain their hours and ultimately their licence.



Learner Driver Mentor Program (LDMP)





The Learner Driver

Learner Drivers are eligible:

- If they are 16 to 24 years of age
- Have a current Learners Licence
- Do not have access to a vehicle and/or supervising instructor
- Have completed at least 5 lessons with a Professional Driving Instructor
- If they are deemed as 'program ready' by a Professional Driving Instructor

Each Learner Driver must be supported by a CTC or other service. This service:

- Ensures that the Learner has completed a minimum of 5 lessons with a Professional Driving Instructor
- Has been deemed as 'program ready'
- May provide their own supervising driver
- Will fill the car with fuel after the lesson

The Volunteer Mentor

The Volunteer Mentor is crucial to this program. Volunteers will drive the dedicated car and will be covered through CTC insurance.

Volunteer Mentors may specifically volunteer to support one young person or to be a general mentor for any young person who is part of the program.

Volunteer Mentors will require:

- A Blue Card for Working with Children and/or a Disability Services Positive Exemption Notice Card (or eligibility to acquire)
- Have held their open licence for at least one year
- Have a good driving record



Program Sponsors

Thanks to Bill Hull Care Centre who have provided a manual Mazda 2 for the use of this program. This car is fully available for the Learner Driver Mentor Program.



South Burnett CTC is committed to this program and will insure the vehicle and support the volunteers

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