

Learner Drivers set to lose logbook hours.

Many learner drivers may not be aware that they could potentially lose logbook hours already completed.

Under the Transport Operations (Road use Management Driver Licensing) Regulations 1999 – TORUMS, Section 14AD part (a) reference is made to:

“The young driver records in a logbook the details of 100 hours of supervised driving in a car on a road in Australia by the young driver during a 3 year period. Note – the supervised driving must happen during the 3 years before an application is made under section 14AG”.

“Learner drivers who achieved their learners license after the 1st July 2007 and started to record logbook hours straight away, will see those hours lost if they do not achieve their “P” licence before 3 years has expired” Brian Griffin, President of the Australian Driver Trainers Association (Qld) said.

“It works this way: If you logged 20 hours in your logbook by the end of July 2007 and you haven’t achieved your “P” licence by the end of July 2010, those hours are lost and must be achieved again.”

With the end of the first 3 year period for log books fast approaching, wait times for undertaking a practical driving test could blow out as learners rush to undertake their test before their log book hours expire, leaving some learner drivers high and dry with log books no longer being complete.

The ADTA (Q) is encouraging learners in this situation to complete their log books hours and book in to have their practical driving assessment well before the anniversary date of their first achieved log book hours falls due.

“Learner drivers are given 3 hours for every 1 hour with an accredited driver trainer up to 10 hours in their log books” Mr Griffin said, “so if the learner has yet to undertake professional driving instruction, this is a great way to achieve 30 hours every quickly”.

The Australian Driver Trainers Association of Queensland (ADTA-Q) is the peak driver trainer body representing a large number of driver trainers in Queensland and provides professional development and a strict code of conduct for its members to ensure learners are given the highest quality of pre-license training.

Learner drivers wishing to engage an ADTA-Q member can visit the ADTA website at www.adta-q.com.au and “search for a driver trainer” in their area.

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