

Helping young people who are or were in statutory out-of-home care (OOHC) access the Safer Drivers Course for free

The Safer Drivers Course helps young drivers on their L's prepare for driving solo when they graduate to provisional licences. As well as becoming safer drivers, learner drivers earn a bonus of 20 hours of log book credit on completion of the course.

Young people learning to drive and who are currently or were previously in statutory OOHC may attend the course for free (usual cost \$140).

To attend the course a young person will need to:

- Hold a valid NSW learner licence
- Be aged under 25 years
- Have completed a minimum of 50 log book hours of actual on-road driving (excluding any 3-for-1 bonus hours) which should include night driving.

The course is made up of two modules: Module one is a three-hour group facilitated discussion on how to manage risk on the road and teaches safe driving behaviour. Module two is a two-hour in vehicle coaching session that aims to reinforce and practice low risk driving strategies.

How to apply

Step 1 – Select a course provider in your area

Young learner drivers can select a Safer Drivers Course provider in their area from the list of providers on the [Roads and Maritime Services website](#).

Step 2 – Complete the required documentation

To apply at no cost, the [Safer Drivers Course Concession Application form](#) must be accompanied by a letter from the young person's current or former OOHC provider. This will verify the authenticity of their OOHC status and support eligibility to apply for a free place on the course.

Templates for the letter can be downloaded from the FACS website:

- [FACS letter – evidence of OOHC status](#)
- [NGO letter – evidence of OOHC status](#)

Step 3 – Submit the application form and support letter

Forward the completed application form and the support letter to the preferred Safer Drivers Course provider and discuss with them any available dates.

Note: The young person must be aware the Safer Drivers Course provider will be informed that they are or were in OOHC. This is necessary for them to meet eligibility criteria to attend the course at no cost to themselves.