

# Driver Training Reform Consultative Committee

## Industry Communique – July 2025

This communique is part of the Committee's commitment to industry members to provide quarterly updates on the progress of the Driver Training Reform Consultative Committee's work. Since the last update on 7 April 2025, the Committee has held four meetings. The key topics discussed during these meetings are outlined below.

### Regulatory Framework

Discussions have been finalised on aspects of the reforms that will be addressed through regulations. These discussions have played a key role in shaping the development of the regulatory framework, which is now being progressed.

### Online Register of Motor Driving Instructors (MDIs)

The Committee explored what information should be included in the proposed online register of MDIs, as well as the most effective way to present this information, such as whether a comprehensive table or a simple search function would be more user-friendly. The items from these discussions have helped to form proposals to the Project Steering Committee for approval.

### Final Assessment for Learner Drivers

The Committee has discussed the structure of the final assessment for learner drivers under the new reforms, including potential features of the test, its duration, and other key elements. Additional discussions focused on ensuring that learner drivers receive a well-rounded education across various driving environments, such as driving in rural areas and on high-speed roads.

### Vehicle Standards for MDIs

Standards for vehicles used by MDIs have been considered, including potential requirements such as vehicle age limits, mandatory installation of dual brakes, use of five-star ANCAP rated vehicles, and the possible inclusion of learner or parent vehicles for lessons. These considerations from the Committee have helped to form proposals to the Project Steering Committee for approval.



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## Implementation timeframes

Current expectations are that the Reforms will come into effect in the first quarter of 2027. A formal date will be communicated to the broader driver training industry once it has been confirmed. The Committee has noted that the bonus hours offered to learner drivers that train with an MDI has not been introduced yet.

## Future discussion topics

A number of topics will be discussed over the next few months as part of the progression of the implementation of the Driver Training Reforms. These include but are not limited to:

- Motor Driving Instructor Code of Conduct.
- The look and feel of the MDI application form, both new and renewal.
- Certain MDI licence conditions.
- Standards for cameras.
- Contract requirements.
- Testing in regional and remote locations in South Australia.
- Transition arrangements to the new reforms.

## Further information

If you have any thoughts on these topics, please share them with your driver training association or contact the Department using the links below.

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