

Key Points - Legal Obligations when driving a vehicle

Licences:

Learners Licence

- Must always display **L plates** (if not fine of \$100 and 25 demerit points)
- Can only drive if accompanied by a front seat passenger who has had a full driver licence for at least 2 years.
- If you drive without a licence fined up to \$1000 and may have vehicle seized

Restricted Licence

- Can drive on own but only between the hours of **5am** and **10pm**
- Can drive between the hours of 10pm and 5am **only** if have a fully licensed passenger who has had a full licence for at least two years sitting in the front.

Full Licence

- Can drive solo at any time
- Can carry passengers

With any of the three licences if you cannot show it to a police officer when stopped a fine of \$55 applies

Must follow all the road rules and regulations as set out in the **road code**

- Driving without wearing a seatbelt – fine of \$150
- Driving while talking on a handheld mobile phone – fine of \$80 and 20 demerits
- Not stopping at a red light - fine \$150
- Driving a vehicle with a noisy exhaust – fine \$50

Drugs and alcohol

- **You should never drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol**
- If you are under 20 years of age you are **not** allowed to drive if you have had **any** alcohol
- If you are involved in an accident where someone is killed or injured and you have drugs or alcohol in your system you may be imprisoned for up to five years
- The penalties for driving under the influence of drugs is very similar to those for drink driving