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Log Book

How to use your Log Book

Each time you drive a car, you must record the details on the forms that follow. The log book must be completed accurately and honestly. Penalties apply for fraudulent information.

- There are 10 forms allocated to record your daytime driving experience.
- There are 2 forms allocated to record your night-time driving experience.
- Complete the forms as shown in the sample provided.

If additional forms are required you may photocopy a blank form or download a blank form from www.dtei.sa.gov.au/publications

Choosing your driving conditions

When using your Log Book, it is recommended that you record all of your driving experience in different conditions. This means you can keep track of the type of conditions you have driven in. By the time you go for your driving test, you should have lots of experience in all driving conditions.

Before you commence any practice, your Qualified Supervising Driver should explain each driving task to you.

Start your driving practice on quiet streets and, as your driving gets better, begin to experience a wider range of conditions. You could try driving in different -

- Light conditions (day, night, dawn, dusk)
- Weather conditions (eg rain, fog)
- Types of roads (eg highways, gravel roads)
- Traffic conditions (light or heavy)

Only drive in these conditions when you are comfortable controlling your car. Try one new condition at a time, so you have time to become familiar with each new situation. Don't combine lots of new driving conditions all at once. Try easier driving conditions first and slowly move to harder conditions when you're ready.



more experience
= safer driving

Research shows that learner drivers who gain a lot of driving experience are up to 40% less likely to crash during the first two years of driving solo.



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Frequently asked questions

Q What is regarded as 'driving'?

A When filling out your Log Book, 'driving' is any time when you are in the driving seat and your car is moving. Driving also includes being stationary at intersections or in a line of traffic. Driving doesn't include being in the driver's seat of a parked vehicle, unless you are practicing a form of parking.

Q What do I do if I have not logged 50 hours, but have no more space in the Log Book?

A You can:

- buy another Driving Companion
- photocopy a blank form from your Log Book
- download a blank form from www.dtei.sa.gov.au/publications.

Q When I drive to and from a shop, how do I fill in my Log Book?

A You can only fill it in to show the time that you spent driving. This means that if you drive to a shop or anywhere else where you park the car, you can only fill in the time you spent driving. You must fill in one row for driving to the shop and another row for driving back from the shop.

Q What happens if I lose my Driving Companion?

A Your Driving Companion is very important so try not to lose it. If you do, you will need to buy another one.

Q What happens if I don't fill out the row correctly?

A Cross out the row and start again on a new row.

Q What happens if my Qualified Supervising Driver doesn't fill out the row correctly?

A You must make sure that your Qualified Supervising Driver(s) fills in the row correctly. If it is filled out incorrectly, that row will not be counted.

Q If I pass my test, what happens to my Driving Companion?

A You are required to tear out the perforated pages, including your Declaration, and hand them in to a Registration and Licensing or Service SA Centre with your Certificate of Competency when applying for your Provisional P1 Licence. You will keep the Driving Companion.

Q What happens if I deliberately fill out the Log Book incorrectly?

A You are committing an offence and could be fined up to \$2,500.

Q What if I state I've done 50 hours when I haven't?

A You are committing an offence and could be fined up to \$2,500. Your Licence will become void and you will need to resit the Theory Test, and accumulate another 50 hours of supervised driving.

Q What if I forget to fill out the Log Book and later when I go to fill it out I can't remember the details?

A If you can't remember the details, you can't count that driving time. The best way to stop this happening is to fill it in when you finish driving.

Q Can I have more than one Qualified Supervising Driver complete my log book?

A Yes. Each time you drive you can have the same or a different Qualified Supervising Driver. Your supervising driver must sign your driving hours record. A Licensed Motor Driving Instructor can be a Qualified Supervising Driver.

Q Is there a legal limit to how long I can drive for?

A There is no legal limit, but try not to make your trips too long. If you're going on a drive, take plenty of breaks. If you get tired, ask your Qualified Supervising Driver to take over the driving.

If instruction is being provided by a Motor Driving Instructor then instruction time may be counted as long as the learner is in the driver's seat and in control of the vehicle.

Form # • Record of Daytime Driving Hours



Date	Time			Location		Conditions			Learner's Signature	Qualified Supervising Driver				
	Start am/pm	Finish am/pm	Duration	From	To	Road	Weather	Traffic		Name	Licence No.	Signature		
01/07/06	8.30 am	9.00 am	30 mins	Mt Barker	Stirling	S ML	D	M	(your signature)	Joanne Bates	T8492	(QSD signature)		
05/07/06	4.00 pm	5.00 pm	60 mins	Port Adelaide	Glenelg	S B	W	H	(your signature)	Trevor Mason	S3468	(QSD signature)		
In each row, you must record:			In each row, you must record:						In each row, you must record:			After you have completed a row, give the Log Book to your Qualified Supervising Driver or Accredited Instructor.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the date the time that you started and finished how many minutes you have driven 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the place you drove from the name of the place you drove to the road, weather and traffic conditions using the code at the bottom of the form 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your signature 			They must record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> their name their Driver's Licence number their signature 		
[SAMPLE]														
When you have completed each form, add all the minutes in the Duration column and place the total in the Sub Total box.														
This amount can then be entered in to the Declaration of 50 hours Driving form (page 39) to keep a tally of your driving experience progress.														

Sub Total (minutes)

90 mins

Road Type	Weather	Traffic Density
Sealed S	Dry D	Light L
Unsealed U	Wet W	Medium M
Quiet Street Q		Heavy H
Busy Road B		
Multi-laned Road ML		

Log Book Declaration

When you have accumulated at least 3000 minutes (including at least 600 minutes night-time driving) complete the 'Declaration of 50 Hours Driving Time' on page 39 and sign in the section provided.

You may also ask a Qualified Supervising Driver to add and sign your totals. They may sign and date the declaration.

- Record your name and Learner's Permit number

Learner's Permit holder

Name _____

Permit No. _____

Warning:
Heavy penalties apply for false entries

Declaration of 3,000 minutes (50 hours) of driving time

Daytime driving

Form No.	Minutes Sub Total	Running Total
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
Additional form(s)		
	Daytime total	

Night-time driving

Form No.	Minutes Sub Total	Running Total
11		
12		
Additional form(s)		
	Night-time total	

Declaration by Learner Driver (Compulsory)



I, _____
 declare that I have completed 3,000 minutes (50 hours) of driving experience, including 600 minutes (10 hours) of night driving.
 Signature _____ Learner's Permit number _____ Date _____

Declaration by Qualified Supervising Driver (Optional)

I, _____
 declare that I have sighted the 3,000 minutes (50 hours) of driving experience, including 600 minutes (10 hours) of night driving.
 Signature _____ Learner's Permit number _____ Date _____

Warning - heavy penalties apply for false entries

Motor Vehicles Act 1959 - Section 135 (1)
 A person must not, in furnishing information or compiling a record pursuant to this Act make, nor include in the record, a statement that is false or misleading in a material particular. Maximum penalty: \$2,500 or imprisonment for 6 months.

Total driving minutes	
 Daytime total (minimum 2,400)	
 Night-time total (minimum 600)	
Total (minimum 3,000)	

