Hazard Perception Test
Information Sheet

What is the Hazard Perception Test?
The Hazard Perception Test (HPT) is an online computer-based test which measures a driver’s ability to recognise, and appropriately respond to potentially dangerous situations while driving.

The HPT is different from conventional licence tests which concentrate on road rules and vehicle control.

Who is required to take the HPT?
If you are a P1 licence holder, you must pass the HPT to upgrade to a P2 or open licence (dependant on age).

When will I be eligible to take the HPT?
To be eligible to take the HPT, you must have held your P1 licence for a cumulative period of 12 months, not including periods of suspension or disqualification.
If you are issued a P1 licence on or after 1 January 2014 you must also be at least 18 to be eligible to take the HPT.

What does the HPT involve?
You will be presented with video clips of real traffic footage. You will be required to identify (by clicking the mouse in the appropriate position) a potential traffic conflict that would require you to take some action, such as, slow down, overtake or change course.

When you click, you will see a yellow circle. This means that your click has been recorded. You will be timed, so always click as soon as you predict that a traffic conflict is likely to happen.

You will be tested not only on your ability to identify a potential conflict when driving, but also if you are able to react quickly enough to avoid a crash.

Note: Some people might think they can pass the HPT by clicking lots of times anywhere on the screen. This is not correct. The HPT is programmed to identify this action and you will fail the test.

What is a traffic conflict?
A traffic conflict is a situation where your vehicle is on course to hit another road user, such as a pedestrian, cyclist, bus, truck, motorcycle or car.

If your vehicle needs to slow down or change course to prevent a crash there is a traffic conflict.

Where can I take the HPT?
The HPT is available online at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/hpt.

Note: The HPT is not available at driver licence issuing centres.

It is expected most tests will be undertaken at home, at a friend’s, or at a family member’s home. However, there are also many other locations that currently offer broadband internet access to the public, such as internet cafes and public libraries.

Your computer will require the following:

- broadband internet access (minimum 256kpbs download speed recommended)
- Adobe Flash player version 9.0.115*

*If your computer does not have this, or a higher version, you will be prompted to download the required Flash player automatically and without cost.

What can I do to prepare for the HPT?
The best way to improve your hazard perception skills and be in the best position to pass the HPT is by getting plenty of driving experience.

The key to good hazard perception is being able to identify early when a potential traffic conflict is likely to occur. For example, you can improve your hazard perception skills by looking beyond the vehicle directly in front of you and noticing potential hazards like pedestrians or slowing or turning vehicles.

How many times can I take the HPT?
You can take the HPT as many times as necessary until you pass. However, you can only take the HPT once per calendar day.

Is there a minimum percentage rate needed to pass the HPT?
Your test result will be determined by an average of all the scores from each scenario and will be based on the reaction time between the emergence of potential traffic conflicts and the click of the mouse cursor on the screen.

Is there a cost to take the HPT?
Yes. A one-off fee is payable once you successfully pass the HPT.

Will I be disadvantaged if I don’t pass the HPT on my first go?
No. You will not be disadvantaged if you fail on your first attempt. You are able to take the HPT as many times as necessary in order to pass.

What do I do once I’ve passed the test?
Once you have passed the HPT you must pay the test fee.

You can pay the HPT fee:

- over the internet by credit card*
- at a driver licence issuing centre by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit cards*

*A credit card surcharge will apply. For further information please go to www.tmr.qld.gov.au/creditcard.

Once you pay the HPT fee you will be eligible to have your P1 licence upgraded and your P2 or open licence may be sent to you automatically.