

Step 1 – Application for a Driver Authorisation (DA) from Qld Transport and Main Roads

To be eligible to obtain a Driver Authorisation (DA):

- You must be over 20 years of age
- Be entitled to work in Australia and have a satisfactory criminal history record
- Hold an Australian issued Open Driver's License continuously for a minimum of 12 months
- Be able to obtain a current Medical Certificate for Motor Vehicle Driving from your local General Practitioner (GP) (at your own expense)
- Be able to speak and understand English
- Successfully complete a taxi driving course

To obtain a copy of the Drivers Authority Form please visit the below website:

[https://www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formdat.nsf/forms/QF2978/\\$file/F2978_CFD.pdf](https://www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formdat.nsf/forms/QF2978/$file/F2978_CFD.pdf)

Step 2 - Enrol and Attend an English Assessment

Location: Gold Coast Cabs Head Office Helensvale. The assessment will take approximately 30 minutes.

All new applicants for a taxi driver authorisation (DA) must sit an English assessment as required by legislation. You do not have to undertake the assessment if you are renewing your taxi DA. Applicants will be assessed in the following areas: speaking, reading, writing, listening and numeracy. The cost of the English assessment is \$50.00 and is separate to the driver training course fees. Gold Coast Cabs administration staff can assist you with the application. Applicants are required to achieve a successful result before enrolling in the Driver Training Program.

Step 3 – Enrol and Attend the Driver Training Program

Our training course is designed to give you the best possible start to your taxi driving career. The course covers the essential skills and knowledge you will need including communications equipment, financial transactions, map reading, local area knowledge and driver safety.

The Gold Coast Driver Training Program is conducted over 2 stages.

Stage 1 - Duration 5 days, after successful completion of this stage students will be issued a Certificate of Training which is required to obtain a Provisional DA from Transport and Main roads. Please note a Provisional DA is valid for a period of 6 months.

Cost = \$300. Cost incorporates free hat, shirt and UBD.

To secure your enrolment a deposit of \$50 is required. Payments can be made after attending your English assessment at Gold Coast Cabs reception.

Stage 2 - Students will return to Gold Coast Cabs 5 months after the commencement date of their provisional DA to complete stage 2, where a course refresher is completed and a driver history check is completed. The driver history check will include a review of the student's by-law points and number of shifts completed. All requirements in the driver history check must be met for a Statement of Attainment to be issued. These include:

- Completing a minimum of 320 hours in a taxi vehicle within the 5 month period
- Receiving no more than 3 by-laws demerit points within the 5 month period

For a limited time only Students are able to have the course subsidized or enjoy a weekend away after completing stage 2. Please call the office to find out more about this offer.