Jumpstart

Learner Driver Mentor Training
LEARNER APPLICATION

What is Jumpstart?
The Jumpstart Learner Driver Mentor Program is run by the Geeveston Community Centre Inc (locally known as GeCo). We provide assistance to Learners in the Southern Huon Valley region via our volunteer mentor drivers, to mentor learners in a vehicle owned and maintained by GeCo.

Volunteer mentor drivers are there to be a surrogate friend or family member. They do not 'teach', only offer the benefit of their experience. Our mentors do have training, but they are not educators.

The aim is to take some of the pressures of getting a learner on the road out of the equation, such as:

- Not having a suitable vehicle to practice in
- Not having a suitable friend or family member for the learner's needs
- Financial strain of insurance/petrol
- Creating routine and repeated learning environment in time-poor families

How does Jumpstart work?
Julia Stanley is our Jumpstart Coordinator, who will meet with the Learner driver and assess how we can best help them. She looks at timetables and availability, and matches the learner with an appropriate mentor suited to their learning needs.

We set up a meet and greet, and then the learner will go on a drive with their mentor to see if they are a good fit. All the driving sessions are run as 'real life' exercises. So, expect drives into Huonville, Kingston and Hobart. Real life situations such as navigating traffic, shops and car parks.

What does it cost?
To you, nothing. We apply for funding to pay for the vehicle and their upkeep, and the time put into scheduling and administration. All of our driver mentors are Volunteers. We are at risk of losing our funding if we don't demonstrate we have people in cars as often as possible. Signing up to Jumpstart means an obligation to attend lessons on a regular basis – the specifics of which can be discussed with Julia, but usually 2 hours per week.

Sounds great, Sign me up!
Please read and fill in the form on the following pages. Bring your learner driver's license with you.

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(CONFIDENTIAL)

Section 1: Personal Details	
First name:	
Last Name:	
Preferred Name:	
Address:	
Mobile Number:	
Email address:	
Preferred method of contact:	☐ Email ☐ Phone
Date of Birth:	
Gender:	
Do you have any learning challenges?	
How did you hear about this program?	

Section 2: Medical Information	
Do you have an existing medical disability/condition/injury that may affect your driving abilities?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please provide details.	
Do you take any medication that may affect your participation in this program?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please provide details.	

Section 3: Cultural Identity	
Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? ☐ No ☐ Yes, Aboriginal ☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander ☐ Yes, both	
Country of birth:	

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Is English your second language?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what is your preferred language?	
Do you require an interpreter or communication support?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please provide details:	

Section 4: Driver Licence Information	
Driver Licence Number:	
Licence Expiry date:	
Date you can take your test:	
Have you previously held a licence that was suspended, disqualified, or cancelled?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please provide details:	
Approximate logbook hours completed prior to joining the program:	
Have you had any professional driving lessons?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please provide name of driving school and dates (signed driving school assessment form to be provided)	

What are your current driving goals? (Select all that apply)

☐ Obtain learner licence
☐ Complete required driving hours
☐ Improve employment opportunities
☐ Build confidence driving
☐ Obtain provisional licence
☐ Other: _____

Section 5: Support Services and Participation	
Are you an NDIS Participant?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you currently receiving Centrelink support?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you currently connected with any support services?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please list:	

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Section 6: Employment and Education	
Are you registered with a Job Agency or Employment Service Provider?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, agency name:	
Are you currently looking for work?	☐ Yes ☐ No

Current employment status:

- ☐ Employed full time
- ☐ Employed part time
- ☐ Casual employment
- ☐ Self employed
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ Student/Studying or Training
- ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ Retired

Highest level of education completed:

- ☐ Primary School
- ☐ Year 10 or equivalent
- ☐ Year 12 or equivalent
- ☐ Certificate or Diploma
- ☐ University Degree
- ☐ Apprenticeship / Traineeship
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 7: Barriers to Obtaining a Licence

What barriers make obtaining your provisional licence difficult for you? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Financial cost
- ☐ No supervising driver
- ☐ No access to a vehicle
- ☐ Anxiety or confidence
- ☐ Geographic isolation
- ☐ Family circumstances
- ☐ Disability or health reasons
- ☐ Limited public transport
- ☐ Difficulty accessing driving lessons
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 8: Emergency Contact	
Emergency contact name:	
Relationship to you:	
Phone number:	
Email address:	

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Section 9: Availability and Mentor Preference

Which days are you available to participate in this program? Tick each day and write the times you are available (e.g. 3pm to 5pm).

Day	Times available	Day	Times available
☐ Monday		☐ Friday	
☐ Tuesday		☐ Saturday	
☐ Wednesday		☐ Sunday	
☐ Thursday			
Do you have a preference for the gender of your mentor?		☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Either	

Participant Information, Privacy and Consent

About the Learner Driver Mentor Program (LDMP)

Jumpstart is part of the Learner Driver Mentor Program (LDMP), a community based program funded by the Department of State Growth to support disadvantaged learner drivers who may not otherwise have access to a suitable vehicle, supervising driver, or the financial means to complete the supervised driving hours required to obtain a Tasmanian provisional licence.

The program aims to improve road safety outcomes, increase access to employment, education and community participation, and support participants to progress safely through the Graduated Licensing System (GLS).

As a participant in the LDMP, learners are expected to:

- actively participate in the program and attend scheduled driving sessions
- maintain a valid Tasmanian learner licence
- comply with all road rules, program policies and safety requirements
- communicate respectfully with mentors and program coordinators
- notify the program coordinator if their circumstances or contact details change.

Participation in the LDMP is voluntary and may cease at any time upon request or in accordance with program policies and procedures.

Collection and Use of Information

Your personal information is collected by the Department of State Growth and participating Learner Driver Mentor Programs (LDMPs) to support your participation in the program and to assist with:

- program administration and delivery
- participant safety and eligibility verification
- program evaluation and service improvement
- understanding participant outcomes and barriers to licence attainment
- future planning and policy development
- demonstrating program outcomes and community impact
- supporting future program sustainability and funding decisions.

Participant information will be uploaded and securely stored within the Plumfleet Plumtree data management system for LDMP operational purposes only.

Driver licence information is collected solely to confirm eligibility and verify that participants hold a current and valid learner licence while participating in the program. This information will not be used for punitive, compliance, enforcement, or regulatory purposes by the Department of State Growth.

Phone numbers and email addresses may be used within the Plumtree system to generate automated reminders relating to driving sessions, bookings, cancellations, logbook requirements, or other program related activities. Contact details will not be used by the Department of State Growth for unrelated communication, marketing, or promotional purposes.

Personally identifiable information, including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and licence numbers, will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent unless required or authorised by law.

Where information is used for research, reporting, evaluation, policy development, or planning purposes, it will be de-identified and/or aggregated wherever possible to protect participant privacy.

Privacy and Confidentiality

The Department of State Growth and participating LDMP providers are committed to protecting participant privacy and handling information responsibly and securely in accordance with:

- the Personal Information Protection Act 2004 (Tas)
- the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth), where applicable
- relevant LDMP Privacy and Confidentiality Policies and Procedures.

Access to participant information will be limited to authorised LDMP coordinators, relevant Departmental officers, approved system administrators, and other authorised persons directly involved in the administration and delivery of the LDMP.

Personal information will be securely stored and protected through password secured systems, restricted user access controls, and secure information management practices. Information will be retained and managed in accordance with legal, audit, record management, and program requirements.

Participants may request access to, or correction of, their personal information at any time by contacting the Jumpstart Coordinator. If you have questions about how your information is collected, stored, managed, or used, please contact the Jumpstart Coordinator or the Department of State Growth.

Participant Consent

By signing this form, you acknowledge that:

- you understand why your information is being collected
- you consent to your information being stored within the Plumfleet Plumtree system for LDMP purposes
- you understand how your information may be used and protected
- you understand that de-identified data may be used for reporting, research and planning purposes
- you may request access to or correction of your personal information at any time.

Declaration

☐ I confirm that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

☐ I have read and understood the Privacy and Consent statement and agree to my information being collected, stored, and used as outlined.

☐ I understand that de-identified information may be used for reporting, research, evaluation, planning, and program improvement purposes.

☐ I agree to be contacted in future regarding program feedback, evaluation activities, or participant surveys. (optional)

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / _____