# 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 via our volunteer drivers, to mentor learners in cars owned and maintained by GeCo.

Mentors 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

**So how does it 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 the timetable and matches the learner up 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 runs into Huonville and Kingston, 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 our 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! Once complete, return to GeCo via julia@geevestoncommunitycentre.com, or in person. Bring your learner driver's license with you.

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**(CONFIDENTIAL)**

| Personal Details | |
|---|---|
| First name: | |
| Last Name: | |
| Preferred Name: | |
| Address: | |
| Mobile Number: | |
| Email address: | |
| Preferred method of contact: | ☐ Mail ☐ Email ☐ Phone |
| Date of Birth: | |
| Gender: | |
| Do you have any language barriers? | |
| Do you have any learning challenges? | |
| **Licence Information** | |
| Current number of driving hours logged | |
| Have you had any professional driving lessons? | ☐ Yes<br>☐ No |
| If Yes, please provide name of driving school and dates (signed driving school assessment form to be provided) | |
| Licence Number | |
| Licence Expiry date | |
| Date you can take your test | |


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

| Driving Preferences | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Do you have a preference for the gender of your mentor? | | | |
| Mentor preference | ☐ Male | ☐ Female | ☐ Either |

| Availability | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| What days and times are you available to participate in this program? | | | | |
| **Day** | **Morning** | **Afternoon** | **Evening** | **Times available (e.g. 3pm to 5pm)** |
| Monday | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Tuesday | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Wednesday | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Thursday | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Friday | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Saturday | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Sunday | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| How did you hear about this program? | | | | |


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## Learner Driver CODE OF CONDUCT

All Jumpstart learner drivers should understand and agree to behave in accordance with the following Code of Conduct. Any violation of this contract may result in immediate exit from the program.

In choosing to participate in the Jumpstart program I agree to:

Appearance:

- Learner drivers should present themselves in a manner that is neat, clean and tidy.
- Enclosed footwear must be worn at all times during driving sessions.
- A high standard of hygiene is essential and must be adhered to at all times.

Appropriate Role Behaviour:

- Visits into the learner driver's house by the driver mentor are not permitted.

Communication:

**THE FOLLOWING ARE ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE LEARNER DRIVER:**

***I agree to meet my mentor driver at the agreed place and the agreed time.***

**IF YOU DO NOT (OR CANNOT) TURN UP, AND YOU DO NOT CONTACT EITHER GECO OR JUMPSTART WITHIN *AT LEAST 2 HOURS OF YOUR APPOINTMENT*, YOU MAY BE PUT ON THE WAITING LIST.**

**IF YOU FAIL TO TURN UP AND DO NOT CONTACT EITHER JUMPSTART OR GECO THREE TIMES, YOU WILL BE PUT ON THE WAITING LIST.**

***I acknowledge that the relationship is designed to be 'one on one' with my mentor, so no friends or relatives are to attend driving sessions.***

All communication should be clear, concise, friendly, non-threatening and courteous.

Respect:

- Participants in the Jumpstart program will be treated with respect by their mentor and by staff at Geeveston Community Centre.

- Any problems should be discussed with the Jumpstart Coordinator and will be dealt with fairly and efficiently.

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Rules:

- The learner driver agrees to abide by the Code of Conduct and all the rules, guidelines and policies in this document and as outlined by the Jumpstart Coordinator.

Confidentiality

- All information discussed between the learner driver and the mentor must be held in strict confidence by both the learner and mentor, except when this information is:
    - *dangerous to either the mentor or learner*
    - *verbally, physically or sexually inappropriate*

Alcohol and other Drugs:

- Never consume alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs while taking part in a driving session.
- Never arrive for a driving session under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Change of Address:

- Tell the Jumpstart Coordinator if you have a change in address, phone number or email address.

Concerns:

- Discuss your concerns with the Jumpstart Coordinator as soon as possible.

Evaluation:

- Take part in the evaluation process as required.

I, _____, acknowledge that the above Code of Conduct and all associated policies, rules and guidelines have been explained to me by the Jumpstart Coordinator.

I understand that the vehicle is to be used for supervised driving sessions with my mentor only, and that all other activities are prohibited. I understand and agree to abide by the Jumpstart Code of Conduct.

Signed: _____ Date: _____


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## Media Release Agreement (Optional)

**Geeveston Community Centre Inc** produces publications and runs public awareness campaigns from time to time for the purpose of publicising the programs and services of Geeveston Community Centre Inc.

Achieving these purposes may involve the production and distribution of promotional material by Geeveston Community Centre Inc though such media as:

- External publications (eg newspapers and magazines)
- Posters, Brochures, Booklets and Displays
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Television and radio segments and advertisements
- Internet sites (Such as geeveston.org.au)
- Social Media (eg Facebook and Instagram)

For the purposes of the ***Privacy Act 1988***, these are defined as generally available publications.

Additionally, we may use feedback, quotes and photographs in Grant Applications and Acquittals, and Government Reporting.

**Acknowledgement and Consent**

I give permission for photographs, video footage, audio or print in which I appear to be used for the publications and public relations activities noted above. In particular, I note this may include the use in print and electronic media, including the internet.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signed: _____ Date: __/__/__