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Funding boost for Keys2Drive will help learner drivers stay safe on our roads

The RACT has welcomed a funding boost for the successful Keys2Drive program.

Keys2Drive is a federally-funded program that allows learner drivers to access a one hour free driving lesson from a qualified driving instructor.

However, as part of changes to the Graduated Licensing Scheme, the State Government is now funding an additional one hour lesson. This means learner drivers can capitalise on two hours of free, professional training.

RACT General Manager Driver Education Geoff Evers called on learners to take advantage of the free two hours of professional training, which is a national-first.

“With the summer school holidays now underway, we encourage more learners to book a lesson,” he said.

“We have 10 accredited instructors, who will use this extra lesson to teach learners about lifelong driving skills and hopefully reduce young driver crash statistics.

“Drivers who have their licence and have been driving on their own for less than 12 months are the most at risk group on our roads and are up to 30 times more likely to be injured in a crash than when they are on their L plates and driving with a licensed driver.

“This gradually decreases after 6 to 12 months of solo driving, but Tasmanian road users aged 16 to 25 are still on average involved in 25 per cent of serious casualty crashes per year, despite only comprising 12 per cent of the population.”

The free lessons are also a valuable opportunity for parents and other supervising drivers, to refresh their road rules and safety knowledge, so they can provide higher quality supervision.

Keys2Drive has been a huge success since it was launched ten years ago, with well over 700,000 Australians taking advantage of the free driving lessons.

Head over to www.keys2drive.com.au/plates-plus-faqs for information on the additional lesson.