# Roadsafe Taranaki driving course information sheet

## Q & A

1. What is this?

Roadsafe Taranaki Advanced Driver Training.

2. When is it?

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th March 2021.

3. Where is it being held?

Stratford A & P showgrounds, entry is via pedestrian gate at Flint Road hall (no vehicles allowed in grounds due to Health & Safety).

4. What time?

Each person will take between 1½ and 2 hours to complete the course with first available time each day being 9.15am and last spot 3.45pm (Sat) or 3.00pm (Sun).

5. Do I have to attend both days?

No, you only need to attend the day and time you book in (plan to be there for approx. 2 hours in case there are any delays).

6. Can I book my child/grandchild into the course?

Yes, you can but we will need their (your child/grandchild) cell-phone number as we text a reminder the night before they are booked in.

7. Can I book a group of people in to do the course?

We are able to take on groups however to confirm your spot you will need to talk to our Road Safety Coordinator (Marion Webby) as we will need the contact details of each person being booked in.

8. Do I have to supply my own car?

No, the vehicles will be supplied.

9. Are the cars manual or automatic?

We have two automatic vehicles to use for the course.

10. Is the course free?

Yes, it is free.

11. Who are the driving trainers?

NZ Advanced Driver Training is running the practical sessions. Stuart Roddick is the chief instructor (and Managing Director of NZ Advanced Driver Training) and one of his staff.

12. Do I need a driver’s license?

Yes, you will need either a current valid NZ Driver’s license or an International license. We must sight your license before you can get into the course vehicles. Can be learner, restricted or full license.

13. What if I don’t have a driver license?

Usually all participants need to have a current and valid Driver license. Our Road Safety Coordinator (Marion Webby) can contact you to discuss as the instructors do allow exceptions to this rule.

14. What do I need to bring with me?

Bring driver license, bottle of water and a sensible pair of shoes – no bare feet, jandals or high heels.

15. I don’t have a lot of experience driving a car, can I still do the course?

Yes, but we do recommend you get more practise as you need to be reasonably competent to complete the cornering phase of the course.

16. Does this take any time off our license like a defensive driving course does?

No, it doesn’t. This course is about helping deal with an emergency situation if one arises while you are driving. It is certainly worthwhile completing this course because knowing what to do in an emergency could save your life.

17. So, what else can I get out of this:

Every person that completes the course goes in the draw to win 1 of 12 full day driver training courses at Manfeild Racetrack in Feilding (usually April school holidays) worth over $450 per person.

18. Can I book some friends in with me:

Yes you can and we can usually fit you all in with a very similar timeslot (max of 3 people per 15 minutes), HOWEVER, need cell-phone number of each person so we can send a reminder text the night before their booking.

## How it works

### Prior to the day

* Advertising via schools, social media, newspaper, radio.
* Contact Roadsafe Taranaki to register and confirm booking – Phone 0800 111 323, email Roadsafe.taranaki@stdc.govt.nz or text Marion on 027 279 2662.
* Limited to 70 people each day.

### On the day:

* Participant brings their license to registration table.
* Details confirmed and participants asked to sign waiver (if they don’t follow driving instructor’s directions or decide to do something stupid they may be liable for any damage).
* Get handed booklet with a few road safety behaviour, attitude and road rules questions. Road safety personnel, Police and local instructors are on site to help with questions so there are no fails (questions designed to create discussion points between young driver and parent).
* Hand booklet back in and review answers, get stamp so they are now free to do first practical course.
* Undertake first practical course (braking) with 1st instructor.
* While waiting for 2nd course (takes a little longer than 1st) they can undertake some interactive activities.
	+ These activities are all road safety related and include:
		- driveway safety
		- seatbelt simulation
		- what impaired driving looks like (Fatal Vision Goggles)
		- online Australia TV advert
		- Drive Ezy video for learners wanting to know what testing officer looks for in a practical test
		- 4Carmen display.
* Once spot is available for 2nd course, they undertake that.
* 2nd course is a slalom-type course which teaches drivers about how to corner safely (knowing what under-steer and over-steer is, how to reduce the chance of making a mistake and if they make a mistake how to get out of it safely).
* Complete any interactive courses still to do.
* Once everything is completed, fill out evaluation (includes entry to go into draw for Manfeild training course) and leave.

### Special Note:

* We do suggest allowing for 2 hours. This then gives participants time to undertake the interactive activities as well as the practical driving component. For those that need to take a little longer, we can accommodate that.

### COVID Responsibility:

Taranaki has not seen a positive COVID case for some time, however that is not to say things will stay the same.

We ask that people:

* Who are not feeling well or have COVID symptoms to please contact us on 027 279 2662 and cancel their booking as soon as possible. Ring the Healthline for further advice on COVID testing.
* Bring masks with them so they are on hand to be worn if necessary (we will have some on site for those that forget).
* Hand sanitiser will be available at each station.
* Equipment that is shared will be wiped down with alcohol wipes between users.
* Use the Contact Tracing app and scan the QR code, including activating Bluetooth for contact tracing purposes.