

Practising with family or friends

Anyone you practise your driving with (without paying them) must:

- be over 21
- be qualified to drive the type of vehicle you want to learn in, e.g. they must have a manual car licence if they're supervising you in a manual car
- have had their full driving licence for 3 years (from countries in the European Union or European Economic Area)

You can be fined up to £1,000 and get up to 6 penalty points on your provisional licence if you drive without the right supervision.

You can drive with as many passengers as the vehicle can legally hold.

It's illegal for your friend or family member to use a mobile phone while supervising you. The supervisor is subject to the same drink driving rules as the Learner Driver.

Insurance

You need your own insurance as a learner driver if you're practising in a car you own. Your family member or friend will usually be covered on this.

If you're practising in someone else's car, you need to make sure their insurance policy covers you as a learner driver.

Some insurance companies require the person supervising you to be over 25 years old.

You can get an unlimited fine, be banned from driving and get up to 8 penalty points for driving without insurance.

Learner Driver Insurance can be purchased from a range of insurers and can be a cheaper way of insuring a family member's car as well as protecting their no claims bonus in the unfortunate event of being involved in an accident where you are deemed to be at fault. Some suggestions can be found at www.markcarrolladi.uk/useful-information.

Recording your practice

You can download a form to [record any practice](#) you do without your driving instructor.