



# CASE STUDY: Passport to Drive

Passport to Drive promotes refugees to be independent and to socially participate in their community.

## Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory (MCNT) Passport to Drive Program

The Passport to Drive program is a driver education, training and mentoring program, unique to the Northern Territory, designed to assist recently arrived refugees to become safe and competent drivers and attain their driver's licenses in a cost-effective and timely manner. There is considerable demand for driver's licences in newly arrived refugee and migrant communities in the Top End of the Northern Territory. A lack of the driver's licence is a barrier to meaningful education, employment and training opportunities. For newly arrived migrants and refugees in particular, a driver's licence facilitates social participation.

### AT A GLANCE



#### Target Participants

From a refugee background



#### Aim

To assist recently arrived refugees to become safe and competent drivers and attain their driver's licenses in a cost-effective and timely manner.



#### Organisations Involved

Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory (MCNT)



#### Location

Darwin, Northern Territory



#### Length of Program:

This project initiated during 2010 and successfully running to date.

#### Successful Outcomes and Learnings:

For newly arrived migrants and refugees, having a driver's license increases the chances of finding and maintaining employment and improves their overall quality of life.

MCNT Passport to Drive project officer, Nitesh Raj Pant explains, "Having a driver's license is also an important of settlement for refugees and migrants because it gives them familiarity with our community and increases their employment opportunities".

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