



CASE STUDY: DRIVER EDUCATION

Learning to drive, and understanding Australia's road rules, is crucial to developing independence and maintaining sustainable employment.

MARSS' Road Ready and Learn to Drive programs

have been running since the start of 2015, helping a diverse range of clients, including:

- Columbian;
 - Fijian;
 - Chinese;
 - Arabic;
- and many more ethnicities.

Road Ready

MARSS runs Road Ready courses over a five-week period. The courses are free and consist of one lesson per week.

Once clients complete the course they are eligible to undergo the ACT Government's road rules knowledge test and, if successful, obtain their learner's driver licence.

Learn to Drive

MARSS' Learn to Drive program offers subsidised driving lessons with an accredited driving instructor to eligible migrants and refugees who have their learner's driver licence and are working towards their provisional licence.

Lessons are provided in the language of the learner without the use of an interpreter, wherever possible.

Program outcomes:

- Safe, comfortable and effective learning environment leads to best possible outcomes for trainees;
- the benefits of obtaining a driver licence include reduced dependency on others, greater mobility around Canberra and enhanced employability.

AT A GLANCE



Target Participants

Recently arrived migrants and refugees



Aim

To provide information about road rules, and to facilitate in-language driver training.



Organisations Involved

Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services (MARSS)



Location

Canberra, ACT



Funding

Funded as part of MARSS' Settlement Support Program

Over 50 clients have obtained their driver licence through the program since it commenced in 2015. This is crucial to building independence and improving travel time for migrants accessing work, community and commerce in the ACT.

50+ clients

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