

# IDRIVE

## ACCELERATING INDEPENDENCE

### VOLUNTEER IDRIVE MENTOR – POSITION DESCRIPTION

#### **What is iDrive?**

iDrive is a supervised driving program providing experience behind the wheel for learner drivers. In South Australia, 75 hours of driving experience is required on your Learner's Permit to graduate to a Provisional driver's licence – a goal that for many people can be hard to achieve.

iDrive aims to lessen that barrier by providing a vehicle and safe space for learner drivers to gain hours behind the wheel. Through supervised driving sessions with a Volunteer iDrive Mentors, learner drivers will work towards achieving their 75 hours and their independence as a licenced driver. Before a learner driver takes part in this program, they will be required to have a basic competency level, which will be verified by a professional driving instructor or one of the existing, experienced Volunteer iDrive Mentors.

The iDrive program also aims to strengthen connections within the community by increasing connectedness to partnering community centres.

#### **What is the role of the Volunteer iDrive Mentor?**

The Volunteer iDrive Mentor's role is to be present in the vehicle with a learner driver to practice their driving skills. The mentoring role is to ensure that they are supervised at all times and following the road rules. Your role is not as a driving instructor, but as a responsible adult in the vehicle to give guidance and feedback (mentoring). Additional to this will be some record-keeping and paperwork in association with each session conducted.

#### **What are the requirements to be a Volunteer iDrive Mentor?**

- You have held a full Australian driver's licence for at least the last two years
- You are a minimum of 21 years of age or older
- You have been double vaccinated against Covid-19
- You have undertaken the CCSA Volunteer Induction Program or the Volunteer Induction Program with any of our participating partner organisations
- You have undertaken the iDrive Volunteer Mentor Induction Program

The iDrive program operates out of various locations within metropolitan Adelaide. Depending on your location, you will be required to drive to the nearest location to pick up the iDrive vehicle and then travel to the Learner Driver's home address to commence the mentor driving session. You will not be required to drive for more than 30mins to the Learners Drivers location.

Mentor session will be 2hrs in duration (maximum) and will include a mid-way break at the nearest Community Centre with the Learner.

## **Are there any mandatory clearances or checks required for this role?**

Yes. Checks will be required to ensure you are fit to be a Volunteer iDrive Mentor. These are:

- Working with Children Check
- Working with Vulnerable People (as part of the National Police Check)
- National Police Check
- A Drivers Licence History Report MAY also be requested if more information is required by the iDrive team.

## **How is the volunteer mentor supported?**

iDrive volunteers will be provided with an induction to the program, information and coaching to prepare them for the role of Volunteer Mentor. This will include:

- Revision of the most up to date road rules and safety
- Driver training behind the wheel with a professional driving instructor along with observational opportunities to listen and learn during instruction
- Your role and responsibilities as a Volunteer iDrive Mentor
- Communication and mentoring skills
- Cultural sensitivity and trauma-informed practice
- Ongoing opportunities to connect with a professional driving instructor

This IS NOT accredited training and will not provide you with professional qualifications.

## **What are mentor commitments?**

- A commitment to participate in the program for 6 months
- At least one volunteer 3-hour shift a week, which includes providing one supervised session across either a morning shift or an afternoon shift
- A commitment to ensure attendance where possible at Mentor Induction and Information Sessions
- A commitment to comply with iDrive Program protocols
- A commitment to comply with CCSA guidelines regarding the Covid-19 risk management (taking temperature, signing in with QR code in the vehicle, wearing a face mask, sanitising the vehicle after each driving session)

The initial iDrive Induction and Information Sessions will take place over 2 days as Volunteers are recruited. Your attendance is compulsory.

All costs associated with iDrive induction, information sessions and additional processes are covered for you.

## **Why be a Volunteer iDrive Mentor?**

Being an iDrive mentor is a valuable way to help learner drivers gain their independence and connect within their community. For many, achieving their 75 hours behind the wheel and

graduating to their Provisional driver's licence is a life-changing achievement.

One of the most significant barriers to gaining employment can be the lack of a driver's licence. A driver's licence for many people can also mean personal independence, safety and the ability to progress in many aspects of life. Thank you for considering volunteering your time for this very important program.

To speak with someone further about iDrive, please contact:

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