

GAINING YOUR INDEPENDENCE

You may be about to apply for your Drivers Licence, leave school, open a bank account, start University or paid employment, move out of home, turn 18 or plan on exploring the world.

You will have to fill out all kinds of forms and for most of these you will require proof of identity. (100 points)

For instance if you are starting paid work you will require a Tax File Number or if you are planning on going overseas you will need a passport. If you have turned 18 you will be required to vote.

In this brochure we have listed Departments and contact numbers to make it a bit easier for you.

If you have any questions or need help please see your school's Youth Support Coordinator.



OTHER FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION

Citizenship Certificate =70 points

Pension/Benefit card = 40 points

**Student card with name
and date of birth** = 25 points

Bank/financial Institution
(bank statement showing address
or Eftpos card with name) = 25 points

YOUNG PERSONS QUICK GUIDE TO INDEPENDANCE



BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages

Ph: 1300 366 430

P O Box 15188 CITY EAST QLD 4002

Application can be downloaded

www.qld.gov.au/law/_deaths_marriages

You will need: Your date of birth, Mothers maiden name, Fathers name, Place of birth, proof of identity (see website), certified by a JP, Commissioner of Declarations, Barrister/Solicitor or Notary Public and pay the fee ID Points = 70

DRIVERS LICENCE

Department of Transport & Main Roads

www.tmr.qld.gov.au or Ph: 13 23 80

You will need: completed application form, proof of identity (see website) pass the eye test, pass the road rules test, pay the road rules test fee and the learner licence fee. If you pass the test you will also need a set of L Plates — these can be purchased at petrol stations, major retailers, automotive outlets or you can download the template from the website (must be printed in the correct colours) ID Points = 40

** Make sure to take advantage of the online practice tests **

ENROL TO VOTE (18 years or over)

Australian Electoral Commission Ph: 13 23 26

www.aec.gov.au/enrol

18+ CARD (If you don't have a Licence/Passport)

Department of Transport & Main Roads

www.tmr.qld.gov.au/ILicensing/Card-18-plus

Must be at least 17yrs 11mths . Complete application and pay fee

PASSPORT

Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade

Australian Passport Information Service Ph: 13 12 32

Application available from Australia Post outlets or can be downloaded

www.passports.gov.au

Email: passports.australia@dfat.gov.au

You will need: completed application, proof of identity (see website) 2 passport photos and the relevant fee

(NOTE: Applications must be personally lodged at Australia Post outlets) ID Points = 70

MEDICARE CARD

If you are 15 or over you can apply for your own card. Visit a Department Human Services Service Centre, fill out medicare copy/transfer application form, supply current medicare card number and you will need to supply your bank account details ID Points = 25

GO CARD

Ph: 13 12 30 24hrs/7days

Can apply online, go card retailers or selected Queensland Railway stations

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Department of Housing

Application can be downloaded:

www.hpw.qld.gov.au

Bond Loan Applications:

www.qld.gov.au/housing/renting/how-to-apply

You will need: completed online application and associated documentation

TAX FILE NUMBER (TFN)

Australian Taxation Office (ATO) Ph: 13 28 61

www.ato.gov.au/Individuals

1. Complete the online application form. 2. Print the online form summary. 3. Book an interview at a participating Australia Post outlet. 4. Attend an interview with your printed online summary and proof identity documents.

Your TFN will be mailed to you within 28 days of attending the interview.