

Letter of Invitation/Explanatory Statement

Safer Drivers Course Evaluation Study: Non-SDC Provisional 1 Drivers.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is the government agency that has developed the Safer Drivers Course, and together with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) they are responsible for the delivery of the course. TfNSW has asked Monash University to conduct the Safer Drivers Course Evaluation on its behalf.

You are invited to take part in this study. Please read this Letter of Invitation/Explanatory Statement and TfNSW's Privacy Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this research, you are encouraged to contact the Chief Investigator via the phone number or email address listed below.

What is the Safer Drivers Course Evaluation?

The Safer Drivers Course (SDC) aims to help those who complete the course to drive more safely when they get their P1 licence. It's very important that we understand whether or not the course is working and find out how we can improve it. The evaluation is a research study that helps us do this.

Why participate?

An important part of the evaluation is to hear feedback from people like you who did not participate in the course. Understanding the reasons why some Learner Drivers do not register for the course will help to improve the course and you will be helping to reduce the number of crashes on the roads involving P drivers.

What does SDC evaluation involve?

If you choose to participate you will be asked to complete an online survey about your driving patterns, accident and infringement history, Learner driver experiences, reasons for not choosing to complete the SDC.

How do I sign up?

You need to read and understand this information first. If you agree to take part in the Study you need to complete the Consent Form and answer a couple of questions about yourself.

Can I withdraw from the Study?

Yes, participation in the study is voluntary and you can withdraw at any time before completing the survey, but you need to let us know that you would like to withdraw by notifying the Research Team (muarc.sdc@monash.edu). When you withdraw, your contact details will be destroyed. Your anonymous survey responses will be retained for the data analysis unless you tell us you would like these deleted also.

What happens to my information?

Your survey data will be securely stored at Monash University. In addition to your survey responses, and with your permission, RMS will provide Monash University with the following de-identified driving history information: the date you got your P1 Licence, and any accidents/infringements/fines reported to police. An authorised researcher from Monash University will link your survey data to your RMS driving history data via your licence number. No identifying information will be reported.

How will my data be kept confidential?

Your individual survey responses will not be released to anyone, including RMS, TfNSW or any other Government agency. Your driving history information will be de identified and kept in strictest confidence and will adhere to the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee guidelines.

Your contact data will be held in the Monash University evaluation study database and will be subject to security protocols required by the State Government. Only authorised members of the SDC Project will have access to the contact data. Your survey responses and driving history will be de-identified and will be held on the Monash University database. Only authorised members of Monash University will have access to your survey data which will be held by law for at least five years.

No names or individual responses will be used in any published studies such as scientific journals or reports. Data will only be published in a combined format across all participating P-plate drivers.

Your data will be destroyed after a 5 year period unless you consent to it being used in future research.

How do I get more information?

For any questions please contact the Research Team at muarc.sdc@monash.edu or go to the SDC website – <http://www.monash.edu.au/iri/research/research-areas/transport-safety/safer-driver-course/index.html>

When will the research results be available?

As the study is large and run over 2 years, it will be a couple of years until the research results will be available.

What if I have a complaint about how the study is conducted?

If you have a complaint about the way in which the research is being conducted, please contact the Executive Officer of the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC) quoting project number **CF14/3513 2014001807**

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Thank you,

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Privacy Notice

Transport for NSW is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW) and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002* (NSW). We collect, hold and use personal information for specific purposes relevant to our functions. On this occasion, we have asked Monash University to collect your personal information so that we can understand whether or not the Safer Drivers Course is working and find out how we can improve it. Monash University will keep your information on our behalf at Monash University. You can ask the University to access or amend your personal or health information at any time during business hours.