

Owning a 4WD vehicle can open up a world of enjoyment for your family, venturing into remote and seldom explored parts of this great country. However things can go wrong very quickly and terrain and weather conditions can conspire to test your skills and knowledge. This can lead to some nervous moments, costly damage or even becoming stuck a long way from civilization.

Since there is currently no “special” licence or training for those driving 4WD vehicles we offer a 1-day introductory course in 4WD operation in an off-road environment.

THIS COURSE COVERS:

- 4WD Limitations and Risks Associated
- Seating position and cabin safety (inc. Load security)
- Wheel Change Procedure
- Four wheel drive systems (part-time/ full-time)
- Manual and Free-wheeling hubs
- Low risk driving on unsealed roads
- Correct operation of Low Range
- Vehicle recovery techniques (operations and dangers)
- Ascending/Descending slopes
- Driving on soft terrain (mud/sand)
- Using Diff locks
- Vehicle technology when off-road (pro's and con's)
- Pre-start vehicle inspections and maintenance
- Communication Protocols
- Correct operation of High Range
- Transmission wind-up
- Dealing with animal strikes (ie kangaroos)
- When four wheel drive should be employed
- Water Crossing Procedures (do's and don't)
- Stall Recovery from steep terrain
- Driving on rough terrain (logs/rocks)
- Tyre pressures for off-road driving
- Hill Descent Control

This training is conducted at suitable venues across Australia. In South-east Queensland, we maintain our own private off-road training facility inside a working cattle stud south-west of Brisbane (90 minutes from CBD) which has been purpose built to facilitate this training. This venue includes a classroom, steep descents, water crossings, muddy terrain, sand pit, log and rock obstacles.

During the day you will learn from classroom, demonstration and hours of hands-on practical off-road driving. Our terrain is challenging but not damaging to your vehicle. We will demonstrate recovery techniques such as stall recovery, snatch-em strap and winching.

Duration: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Location: Scenic Rim Region near Boonah (directions will be sent once booked). Training can be conducted for groups in Cairns, Townsville, Emerald, Roma, Armidale, Sydney, Goulburn, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

Group Size: Maximum 14 drivers per course

Cost: **\$275** per driver (inc GST) using own 4WD
 +\$165 (inc GST) if 2nd person sharing your 4WD (friend, family, partner)
 +\$66 (inc GST) per person if using our 4WD vehicles (covers fuel and cleaning)
\$395 per person for accredited training with 4WD vehicles included

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Do I use my own 4WD vehicle?

Yes we encourage you to use your own 4WD, so you learn its capabilities and limits. Apart from getting dirty the training should not damage your vehicle.

Can my partner attend and share the vehicle?

Yes we encourage husbands/wives or boyfriend/girlfriend to attend and both complete the training, afterall when off-roading you probably will share the driving, so it would be wise to both get the skills and knowledge

Can I hire a 4WD vehicle?

Yes we can supply a 4WD vehicle for your training. This costs an additional \$66 per driver to cover fuel, insurance and cleaning costs. Please note when hiring a vehicle other participants might also share the use of the same vehicle for their driver training.

Do you supply catering?

Yes the course is fully catered (morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea). All our gourmet food is sourced from local farm-fresh suppliers. Please advise if you have special dietary requirements (vegetarian, gluten-free etc) upon booking into the course. A fridge and microwave are also available at the venue should you wish to bring extra food.

Is the training accredited (ie Mine-spec training)?

This course is a certificate of attendance course for the public. It can be modified to comply to nationally recognized competency standards that are commonly sought by mining and LNG gas companies. Participants seeking accreditation will be trained in small groups and undergo formal assessment (written and practical). If deemed competent participants can receive Statements of Attainment for the following course codes

RIVEH201D, RIVEH305E, TLC1051, TLC2025, PMA SUP236

Some qualifications require a 2nd day of training for High Range Gravel Defensive driving. Please contact our office if you wish to undertake accredited training. Additional charges apply for accredited training.

