

# Health professional students driving Queensland Health vehicles during their clinical placement

In accordance with the [Queensland Health Motor Vehicle fleet - Management and Use Policy QU-POL-270:2015](#) (Policy), students on placement working under the direction of a Queensland Health supervisor are permitted to drive a Queensland Health vehicle if they are authorised to do so by their Queensland Health supervisor and the local responsible delegate. A Queensland Health vehicle is any official vehicle including any vehicle owned, leased, hired, donated to Queensland Health or registered in the name of Queensland Health.

The Policy is not mandatory for Hospital and Health Services. As such, each Hospital and Health Service will need to consult its own policies and standards regarding use of vehicles when determining whether a student is permitted to drive a non-Queensland Health vehicle.

Students are not covered by the Queensland Health Queensland Government Insurance Fund (QGIF) Insurance Policy. In the event of a student being involved in a motor vehicle accident where the student as the driver is at fault then compulsory third party motor vehicle insurance (CTP) cover will **not** extend to injuries sustained by the student driver. CTP cover will extend to injuries sustained by passengers involved in a motor vehicle accident, including where those passengers are students.

The current Student Placement Deed (Version 3) requires the education institution or body responsible for providing the course or module of study to which the placement relates (Education Provider) to maintain at all times personal accident insurance with a reputable Australian insurer, Unimutual Limited or via self-insurance, on terms and conditions reasonably available in the market to cover Students in respect of injury sustained whilst undertaking their placement, including driving or being a passenger in a Queensland Health vehicle.

The decision regarding whether to authorise a student to drive a Queensland Health vehicle while on clinical placement rests with the individual Hospital and Health Service. Hospital and Health Services should be aware that if an Education Provider is party to a current Student Placement Deed with Queensland Health, the Education Provider has an obligation to meet the insurance requirements of the Student Placement Deed described above with respect to personal accident insurance for Students.

## References:

[Motor Vehicle Fleet – Management and Use QH-POL-270:2015](#)

[Motor Vehicle Fleet –Driver QH-IMP-207-1:2015](#)

Student Placement Deed (Version 3)