

User Guide



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### 1. Introduction & Program Overview

myDRIVESCHOOL<sup>®</sup> is dedicated to making the roads safer by improving driver competency. This program is structured into multiple training stages, each aimed at strengthening essential driving skills.

**Program Effectiveness:** 

- Improves driving competence by 48%.
- Reduces driver anxiety by 17%.
- Simulates challenging road scenarios to prepare drivers for real-life situations.



### Stage 1: Basic Skills – Pre L

### Module 1: Steering, Acceleration & Braking

- **Objective:** Learn the basics of vehicle control—smooth steering, effective acceleration, and controlled braking.
- **Progression:** Users begin with simple manoeuvres, building familiarity with the steering wheel and pedals. This module includes straight-line driving and easy turns.

### Module 2: Road Navigation & Intersections

- **Objective:** Introduce fundamental road navigation techniques, including yielding, merging, and approaching intersections.
- **Progression:** Users move from simple navigation to understanding right-of-way rules, practising turns, and managing intersections safely.

### Module 3: Emergency Braking

- **Objective:** Develop skills for stopping safely at different speeds and on varied road surfaces.
- Progression: This module progresses through emergency braking at low and high speed as well as wet bitumen. Showing the user the importance of reaction times and stopping distances required.

Stage 2: Advanced Scenarios & Hazard Awareness Pre P

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- **Objective**: Refreshing Stage 1 at higher speeds and with more traffic congestion.
- **Progression:** This module introduces raised speeds, more traffic and greater degree of difficulty to previous learnings.

### Module 5: Impairment, Distractions & Fatigue

- **Objective:** Teach the risks associated with in-cabin and on-road distractions while encouraging focused driving.
- **Progression:** Users experience simulated distractions to learn how they affect vision, reaction times and promote better decision making.

### Module 6: Free Drive

- **Objective:** Practice driving without any set tests.
- **Progression:** Users put into practice all the skills and behaviours they have learnt throughout the program.

### Step 1. Downloading & Installation



Step 1: Log In to Launch Portal

Access the portal at: <u>https://launch.mydriveschool.com/login</u>

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## Step 2. Adding Users in the Admin Dashboard (image on page 9)

Adding users is a crucial step to enable access to the myDRIVESCHOOL® platform.

Here's how you can create user accounts efficiently:

- 1. Log in to the myDRIVESCHOOL<sup>®</sup> Admin Portal.
- 2. Navigate to the Admin section from the Main Menu.

Creating a User

- 1. Select the Create User option within the Admin panel.
- 2. Enter the required user details.
  - Mandatory Field: The username is the only required field.
  - Optional Fields: Additional details (e.g., age) can be entered for better user tracking and communication.
- 3. Click Save to finalise the creation of the new user account.

Verifying User Creation

After saving, the new user will appear in the Active Users list.

You can review and edit user information at any time by selecting the user's profile.





## Step 3. Downloading & Installation

To access and use the myDRIVESCHOOL® platform users must follow these steps to complete the installation process:

#### Downloading the Software

- 1. Visit the MDS portal and download official software here:
- 2. Click download from the launch portal. File will download, then double click .exe and install. This file will download to your browser download location.

#### Unzipping the File

- 1. Locate the downloaded file.
- 2. If the file is compressed (e.g., a .zip file), right-click and select Extract All.
- 3. Choose a destination folder for the extracted files and click Extract.



Minimum Computer Specifications:



We recommend using myDRIVESCHOOL<sup>®</sup> on a PC (NOT MAC COMPATIBLE) with the following minimum specs:

- GRAPHICS: Direct3D®10, Direct3D®11 or Direct3D®12 adapter. Nvidia GTS 860 or Radeon 530 or above
  - Laptops must have a dedicated graphics card (adapter) to be supported
  - Laptops with 'integrated graphics' only are not guaranteed to work
- Quad core CPU eg: Core i5, Core i7
  - Dual core CPU's may also run the program eg: Core2 Duo, Core i3
- CPU: Dual core CUP (e.g: Core2 Duo, Core i3, Core i5, Core i7)
- 2GB system memory (RAM)
- 512MB available hard drive space
- 64-bit Windows 10, 64-bit Windows 8, 64-bit Windows 7, 64-bit Windows
   Vista Service Pack 2

NB: myDRIVESCHOOL<sup>®</sup> may run fine on machines with lower specs than this, though frame rate may be affected. If this is the case, try and close as many programs running in the background as possible.

#### **Internet Connection:**



Each user requires internet connection to log in and use myDRIVESCHOOL<sup>®</sup>. User launches the simulation via a link to an exercise on <u>www.mydriveschool.com</u> and progress is sent to the server during play, therefore an internet connection is always required.

If facilitating the program with multiple students, please ensure you add the following domain to your network's white list : https://mydriveschool.com/ and ensure sufficient bandwidth is available.

#### Download Exe: Simulation Program/Hardware Drivers

To download and install please use this exe: myDRIVESCHOOL version: 1.7

https://www.dropbox.com/s/re6zao89lt8k5oq/SetupMyDRIVESCHOOL\_v1.7.6.exe?dl=0

#### Thrustmaster T80 Driver Installation:

It is important to install the steering wheel/pedal sets driver, they will not work unless you do.

1. Plug in the Thrustmaster T80

2. Download the Thrustmaster Driver from <u>https://support.thrustmaster.com/en/product/t80rw-en/</u>

3. Install the 2018\_FFD\_2.exe

4. Open Thrustmaster Folder on your computer and click Control Panel

5. This will take you to the Game Controllers

6. Make sure the Thrustmaster T80 is selected

If you are using a different steering wheel and pedal set please find the suitable drivers. Be aware myDRIVESCHOOL currently only supports Thrustmaster T80, TMX and Logitech 27, 29,920, 923.

https://support.thrustmaster.com/en/cat-wheels-en/





7. Click Properties and make sure the wheel and pedals are operational, they will be highlighted in this window.



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### Step 4. Launching the Program



After installation, you're ready to launch the myDRIVESCHOOL® simulation and begin the training program.

#### **Opening the Software**

- 1. Locate the myDRIVESCHOOL<sup>®</sup> software on your desktop (shortcut) or in the Start menu. Alternatively, you can navigate to the login page directly <u>myDRIVESCHOOL<sup>®</sup> Login</u>.
- 2. Double-click to open the application.

#### Logging In

- 1. Enter your username and password on the login screen.
- 2. Click Log In to access your account.

#### Using the Platform



- The interface displays all available modules, organised in sequence.
- Click the **Launch** button next to the desired module to start the simulation.



#### Description



- The interface provides clear, clickable options for each module, with buttons to start, resume, or replay modules as needed.
- Training includes realistic scenarios, immediate feedback, and skill progression tracking.

#### Starting the Program

• Active users can select any available module to begin their training. The modules are designed to provide incremental learning experiences, starting with basic driving skills (e.g., steering, braking, acceleration).

#### Continuing the Program

- User progress is automatically saved, allowing them to pause and resume at their convenience.
- Upon re-login, users can pick up right where they left off in the module sequence.

#### Features for Active Users

- Interactive Learning: Modules incorporate simulations and real-time feedback.
- Immediate Skill Assessment: Users are tested on their competency before progressing to advanced modules.
- Progress Tracking: Completion status is updated in real-time, viewable by both the user and administrators.



### Step 5. Awarding users upon program completion

Once a user has successfully completed the program, you can recognise their achievement by awarding them a certificate. Follow these steps to ensure they receive their completion acknowledgment:

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Award User

#### Accessing the Award Function



- 1. Log in to the myDRIVESCHOOL<sup>®</sup> admin portal.
- 2. Navigate to the Manage Users section in the dashboard.

#### Selecting the User

- 1. Locate the user in the Active Users list.
  - Use the search or filter options to quickly find the user.
- 2. Click on the user's name to view their profile and completion status.

#### Awarding the User

- 1. Confirm that the user has completed all required modules.
- 2. Click the Award User button.
  - This action generates a certificate of completion or the equivalent recognition document.
- 3. Notify the user via email or in-platform message that their certificate is available.

#### **Additional Features**

- Certificate Customisation: Check if the platform allows customisable fields (e.g., username, date, achievement level).
- Progress Review: Use the user profile to review detailed progress before awarding.
- Record Maintenance: Award actions are logged in the admin panel for future reference.

### Setup & Seating Position

For safe and effective use, follow these steps:

- Hardware Placement: Set up your steering wheel and pedal securely, ensuring all cables are untangled and connected properly.
- Seating Position: Sit upright with a clear view of the screen, with hands on the wheel spokes at the "9 and 3" positions (on a clock). Adjust your seat so your wrists can rest on top of the steering wheel with arms slightly bent making sure your feet reach the pedals with ease.
- Eye Level: Position yourself so your eye line is at the screen's midpoint for optimal viewing and reaction times.



Hands on the Steering Wheel Spokes at 9 and 3

Never have two hands on one side of the wheel

Arms relaxed and extended with

wrists resting on top of the wheel

- Have your seatback as upright as you can
- Sit as low as possible with your eyeline in the middle of your screen

Legs not at full stretch with pedal pressed to the floor



## Control Guide – Thrustmaster T248



Understanding the wheel and pedal controls is key to mastering the simulation.

#### Buttons & Controls:

- Steering Wheel: Basic functions like turning, indicating and looking left and right.
- Pedals: Right pedal for acceleration, middle pedal for braking.





### Control Guide – Logitech G29



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## **Trouble Shooting**



TIP: If when you log on to myDRIVESCHOOL<sup>®</sup> via www.mydriveschool.com using your login details, and the myDRIVESCHOOL<sup>®</sup> program launches, ie: you get the 'loading page' the software is working! After that any issues are hardware related and should be directed to the appropriate manufacturers.

Q: Windows stopped the installation – click 'more info' and select 'run anyway'



#### Q: The steering wheel isn't working:

Any problems with the steering wheel will be due to either:

- a. Power to steering wheel
- b. Hardware faults
- c. Cables and USB faults
- d. Drivers

#### Power:



Check the power is connected. Adapter is plugged in and power point on

Check with a different adapter

Pedals will work without power, the steering wheel won't. If the pedals are working but the wheel is not, the problem is likely to do with power

#### Hardware Faults:

Check with a different steering wheel and pedal set

Cables & USB Faults:

Check cables are firmly plugged into base of wheel and PC.

#### **Drivers:**

Check the manufacturers properties page, look for common issues (Google if need), refer to set-up instructions.

## FAQ section



#### Q: Frame rate is slow:

Check computer against our recommended specs. Restart computer – this can clear up memory being used/held by previous programs. Close as many programs running in the background as possible.

If running on a laptop, please ensure the laptops is plugged into a power source/check power performance settings (often set let to conserve battery power).

myDRIVESCHOOL® will use more battery power than standard applications.

#### Q: How long is each module?

Each module has between 6-10 exercises in it, therefore depending upon the amount of pass/fails per student.

#### Q: Can the Students take the course again?

Yes, the program is available to the Students for 12 months, and we encourage Students to use it as regularly as possible, and due to the AI (artificial intelligence) each play will be different.

#### Q: What happens if the Student gets logged off for speeding/skidding, etc?

Students get 5 attempts at each exercise, then if the Student fails, log out and log back in to restart the module.

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### **Resources & Support**

For additional help or to answer any questions:

Email Support: support@mydriveschool.com Or visit our website support page: https://mydriveschool.com/support/

Online Resources: Including video tutorials and road safety podcasts https://roadsafetymatters.org/

We'd love you to share your unboxing or first experience with us on social media using #myDRIVESCHOOL.



