

# National Overview Of Driver Education



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# **General Report on Findings**

## **Background:**

In the 1970s, 95 percent of eligible students received driver education coursework in all States and the District of Columbia. In most States, one to five staff support members were put in charge of supervising driver education programs, supporting and monitoring local school districts in the program's delivery. There were funds available to State driver education programs to allow for program delivery and effective monitoring.

Currently, there are minimal or no funds available for effective program management in States and jurisdictions. Of States that offer driver education, there are approximately only 17 State supervisors of driver education programs. The majority of the programs have only one person managing these programs in an entire State.

Due to a decrease in funding and staff, there are few records available regarding the number of students attending or successfully completing driver education programs. The programs often lack monitoring for compliance with State requirements still in effect. Most programs, in whole or in part, have left the public schools entirely, or are offered after school, on weekends, or over the summer. Some programs are offered in commercial schools for a fee, or through parent-taught programs. Subsequently, documents regarding driver education or licensing requirements for each State are often inaccurate or out of date.

## **Approach:**

An investigation was undertaken to collect information from the 50 States and the District of Columbia regarding their driver education requirements, delivery systems, teacher training, and licensing requirements for novice drivers under age 18. When available, information was obtained regarding available funding for the programs. These data were collected through a comprehensive Web-based investigation, through personal interviews, and document collection and review.

## **Method:**

Through the use of the above mentioned Web-based documents, documents received through mailings and electronic means, and personal interviews, approximately 1,475 pages of rough data were collected. These data were then condensed and developed into individual State summaries. Relevant documents were inserted into the summaries and further synthesized into individual State tables.

A document was then developed that comprised four sections. The first contains a General Report on Findings. Section 2 contains one page charts covering various topics for each State. This information is a condensed version of Section 3. Section 3 holds multiple-page summaries about each State's driver education and driver licensing programs.

## Results:

The following chart contains the number of States utilizing driver education programs in a particular manner. For example, it was found that 20 States utilized a 30-hour classroom program and six-hour behind-the wheel program.

### Diver Education Programs

Program Type	Number of States
30 & 6 only*	20
Competency-Based**	2
Not Disclosed	2 (SD, WV)
Other Than 30 & 6 States	27

**30 & 6 Only States, (Observation, Simulation, or Range time can substitute actual behind-the-wheel to some degree, usually specified in a ratio format).\***

Arizona	Maine	Pennsylvania
Georgia	Maryland	Tennessee
Idaho	Minnesota	Utah
Illinois	Mississippi	Vermont
Indiana	Missouri	Washington
Iowa	North Dakota	Wisconsin
Louisiana		Wyoming

\*20 states utilized a 30-hour classroom program and 6-hour behind-the-wheel program.

### Competency-Based Programs\*\*

Alabama  
Kansas

\*\*Competency-programs mean that the student has not successfully completed the approved driver education program unless certain skills are met at a particular level of performance. They are there to show performance competency, not success on an exam. There are minimum class times listed in summaries (Alabama & Kansas).

### Other Than 30 & 6 States

State	Requirements
Alaska	6 hours b/w
Arkansas	30 c/r; 6 b/w; 6 observation
California	30 c/r; 6 b/w; 6 observation
Colorado	30 c/r; 6 b/w; + 4 c/r
Connecticut	30 c/r; 8 b/w; (22 c/r & 8 b/w at home)
Delaware	30 c/r; 7 b/w
DC	40 practice hours + 10 additional at night
Florida	4 hour DATA course
Hawaii	30 c/r; 6 b/w or sim; + 2 additional b/w
Kentucky	30 c/r; 6 b/w + 4 hour course within 1 year of licensure

Massachusetts	30 c/r; 6 b/w; 6 observation
Michigan	Seg I 24 c/r; 6 b/w Seg II 30 of 50 practice hours complete before starting segment II instruction
Montana	42 c/r; 6 b/w; 12 observation
Nebraska	Minimum 20 c/r; 5 b/w
State	Requirements
Nevada	30 c/r; max 5 b/w counting toward classroom hours at a rate of 3:1
New Hampshire	30 c/r; 10 b/w; 6 observation
New Jersey	30 c/r; 15 simulation or 3-6 b/w
New Mexico	33 c/r; 7 b/w
New York	24 c/r; 6 b/w; 18 observation
North Carolina	30 c/r
Ohio	24 c/r; 8 b/w
Oklahoma	30 c/r; 55 b/w – part of the 55 hours falls into at home practice, exact numbers are not given
Oregon	30 c/r; 6 b/w; 6 observation
Rhode Island	33 c/r
South Carolina	30 c/r; 6 b/w; 6 observation – 12 hours of simulation can replace 3 hours of b/w
Texas	32 c/r; 7 observation; 7 b/w
Virginia	36 c/r; 7 b/w; 7 observation

\*Please note under Other, there are 27 States that utilize unique methods of instruction in their State programs. For information on these programs, please refer to the information below:

### Licensing Requirements – Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL)

The table below indicates the number of States utilizing several common GDL requirements.

Requirement	Number of States
Driver Education	31
Minimum Age*	51
Holding Period	47
Supervised Driving	39
Night Restrictions	45
Passenger Restrictions	39

\*Minimum age to start all parts of licensure programs varies from State to State. For example, in one State you may begin the licensure process at 14.5, while in other States you may have to be 16. Please see the State summaries and charts for this information. Similarly, hours of parent practice, night driving and curfew restrictions also vary.

## Information Regarding Other Topics

The following topics are commented on within the overview document for some States. Please note, information on these topics were not reported on for more than half the States through survey, official documents, Web documents, or personal interviews.

- Reimbursement amounts for students in public schools taking and/or completing an approved driver education course
- The number of students under age 18 taking courses or receiving licenses
- The number of credentialed teachers and their credentialing requirements
- Additional funding or funding formulas

According to some respondents during personal interviews, individual States had no real reporting and supervising body. Therefore, there was no true accountability in regard to their driver education programs and no one was truly in the know of what happens in that State.

Information below covers the agency or individual in charge of Educational and Licensure programs in each State. A chart simplifies this information and a key is located below for any acronyms. Following the chart is a verbal- and percentile-based explanation of this information.

### Agency/Individual in Charge of Programs

This information is also contained in State Summaries and State Charts when available and differentiates public school and commercial school supervisory bodies.

State	Education / Public or Commercial (if one agency is listed, its assumed to oversee both)	Licensing	Not Disclosed (X)
Alabama	DOE	DPS	
Alaska	DOE	DMV	
Arizona	DOE/Ed Agency	DOT/DMV	
Arkansas			X
California	P – DOE C – DMV	DMV	
Colorado	DOR	DOT	
Connecticut	DMV	DMV	
Delaware	Secretary of Ed	DMV	
DC	DMV	DMV	
Florida	DMV	DMV	
Georgia	DDS	DDS	
Hawaii	P - DOE C - DOT	DMV	
Idaho	DOE	DOT	
Illinois	P - State Board C - DDS	DDS	
Indiana	P – DOE C- DMV	BMV	
Iowa	P – DOE C - DOT	DOT	
Kansas	SBE	DOT	
Kentucky	Transportation Cabinet	DDL; State Police	
Louisiana	DOE	Dept of Public Safety, Office of MV	
Maine	DE Unit	BMV	
Maryland	MVA	MVA	

Massachusetts	RMV	RMV	
Michigan	DOS	DOS	
Minnesota	DPS	DPS	
Mississippi	DOE; no commercial	DPS	
Missouri	DOE	DL Office	
Montana	Office of Public Inst	Dept of Justice	
Nebraska	DMV	DMV	
Nevada	DMV	DMV	
New Hampshire	P - DOE; C- DPS	DMV	
New Jersey	MVC	MVC	
New Mexico	TSB	TSB	
New York	DMV	DMV	
North Carolina	DOE	DMV	
North Dakota	DPI – Public Highway Patrol – Commercial	DOT	
Ohio	Dept of Public Safety	DPS	
Oklahoma	DOE	DOE	
Oregon	TSD & ODOT	ODOT & DMV	
Pennsylvania	DOE	DOT	
Rhode Island	CCRI	DMV	
South Carolina	DOE	Highway Dept & DMV	
South Dakota		Driver License Office	
Tennessee	DOS	DMV	
Texas	TX Ed Agency – Public Driver Training Div – Commercial	DOS	
Utah	State Board of Ed	Driver License Division	
Vermont	DOE – Public DMV – Commercial	DMV	
Virginia	DOE	DMV	
Washington	P – DOL C – DMV	DOL	
West Virginia	Board of Education	DMV	
Wisconsin	State of WI, OPSI	BDS/DMV	
Wyoming	DOE	DOT	

**Key:**

DOE: Department of Education  
DOT: Department of Transportation  
DMV: Department of Motor Vehicles or Division of Motor Vehicles  
DOR: Department of Revenue  
DOS: Department of State  
MVA: Motor Vehicle Association  
BMV: Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
RMV: Registry of Motor Vehicles  
DPS: Department of Public Safety  
SBE: State Board of Education  
TSB: Traffic Safety Bureau  
DOL: Department of Licensing  
BDS: Bureau of Driver Services  
DPI: Department of Public Instruction

## **Educational Program Administration**

Not all States specify a difference in administration of public and commercial school programs within the literature interview materials condensed. It is assumed in most cases that the same entities supervise both.

In terms of the number of educational agencies overseeing driver education programs, 30 are overseen by an educational entity. Driver licensing or motor vehicle entities oversee 24 programs. In four cases educational programs are overseen by some other type of agency such as law enforcement, a department of revenue or a legislative body. Only two States did not note this information.

## **Curriculum Guide Information**

When available, official documents, electronic survey or personal interviews indicate that 33 States utilize some type of curriculum guide in conducting their driver education programs. In two instances, it is specifically noted on summary charts that a State prepared curriculum is utilized. In at least 11 States, the ADTSEA Curriculum Guide is utilized.

## **Licensure Program Administration**

In 47 States, a licensing entity oversees licensure programs. In Oklahoma, an educational entity oversees licensure. In two States, some other type of agency oversees licensure. Only one State did not note this information.

Again, the number of agencies or entities controlling this area exceeds the number of States because it was found, as stated earlier in this report, that some States do have one entity overseeing public schools, and another overseeing commercial schools. In 19 States it was found that one agency oversaw both educational and licensure programs.

## **Conclusions:**

Significant information has been collected concerning driver education in the United States. This data will serve as a basis for providing information to stakeholders on driver education. Individuals can refer to the summary pages or directly to the State-specific descriptions to help answer questions concerning driver education.

To assist with continued collection of information, staff will continue to collect information by placing these materials on the ADTSEA Web page and encouraging States to review and update material in their States. As a component of the State administrators' workshop, these materials will be available to participating States to update their State-specific material.

# State Summary Charts

State summary charts summarize the information collected about each State’s driver education and licensing program.

Column one lists questions about each area. The second column lists answers that were determined from a variety of sources. The third column provides extra explanatory information.

## ALABAMA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 Hours Classroom 12 Hours Simulation; 3 Hours in Car	98% of public schools offer DE Performance-based curriculum for in car
Curriculum Guide	State DOE Prepared Guide	Also note that a respondent from the State commented that CR and BTW were competency-based.
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	State DOE offers two-week certification class	DOE Supervises
Number of Required Courses	Two	The University of Montevallo offers certification in driver education
Number of Credits	40 hours, six credits, & two years teaching experience	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	DPS Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None if taking driver education; 30 if not taking	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight-6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 4, including parent	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

# ALASKA

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Six hours b/w training	No classroom instruction listed
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Not Noted	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	Division of Motor Vehicles Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	1 a.m.-5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None under 21 except siblings	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# ARIZONA

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Not Noted	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w or equivalent	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	Motor Vehicle Division Oversees
Number of Required Courses	Three with Lab	
Number of Credits	Not noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE/Local Education Agency DOE/Local Education Agency	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 7m	DOT DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	5 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	No intermediate stage	
Parent/Guardian Practice	Completed driver ed course or certify 25 hours with 5 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	None	
Passenger Restrictions	With permit, must be accompanied by licensed driver	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

# ARKANSAS

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom (must not complete in less than 15 days)	6 hrs b/w with at least 2 on street 6 hrs observation
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	ADE/ADWE Oversees
Number of Required Courses	Three	
Number of Credits	Six credits and exam	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Not Noted	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	14	
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	No intermediate stage	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	None	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# CALIFORNIA

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom instruction	6 hrs obs; 6 hrs driving (cannot be contracted to commercial sch)
Curriculum Guide		
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	DMV Oversees
Number of Required Courses	Available at Fresno State only	Courses not listed
Number of Credits	No long-distance programs permitted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept of Education DMV	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers under age 20 for first 6 months; except immediate family	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# COLORADO

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	4 hour course required	
Hours of Instruction & Type	4 hour awareness course, 30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	25 years old and appropriate training	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of Revenue Department of Revenue	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers first six months, only one permitted for next six	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

# CONNECTICUT

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Commercial or secondary=30 hrs classroom and 8 hrs b/w	home school=22 hrs classroom, 8 hrs b/w
Curriculum Guide	Resources listed in summary	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of Motor Vehicles Department of Motor Vehicles	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	16	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months; 4 months with DE	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 4m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	Up to 20 hours	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None for the first 6 months other than parent/guardian	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# DELAWARE

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom; 7 hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	Secretary of Education
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Secretary of Education Secretary of Education	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 10 m	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 4 m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	10 p.m.- 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than two passengers; cell phone use prohibited	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 10 m	

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	40 Practice Hours and certificate of eligibility are all required	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Not Noted	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DMV DMV	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	16	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours in permit stage, 10 additional at night in inter/jr license stage	
Nighttime Restrictions	Varies by months; 11 p.m. – 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers, first six months; after, no more than two	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# FLORIDA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes, DATA Course	
Hours of Instruction & Type	DATA = a four-hour course; but driver education is recommended	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	DOE Oversees
Number of Required Courses	3	
Number of Credits	(2) 9 semester hours in driver ed	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of Motor Vehicles Department of Motor Vehicles	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	Licensing Exam is on line
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 6 a.m. (16y) 1 a.m. – 5 a.m. (17y)	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# GEORGIA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	No; Reduces Parent Practice if taken	In 2007 you must have driver education prior to licensing
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom; six hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes: to teach public school for elective credit	
Number of Required Courses	Three courses	No requirements if outside of school day
Number of Credits	Nine credits	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept of Driver Services Dept of Driver Services	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept. of Driver Services
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	With driver ed., 20 hrs with 6 at night; without, 40 hours with 6 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None for the first 6 months; no more than three under 21	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# HAWAII

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours of classroom and 6 hours of behind the wheel, or a simulator course and 2 hours driving	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	ADTSEA Curriculum
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	120 Contact Hours	State-approved CDRE instructors provide training
Number of Required Courses	Two courses	Training course certified by DOE
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOT	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6 m	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	none	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one under 18, unless household family	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

# IDAHO

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Not Noted	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom; 6 hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes; in Public Schools	SDE Teacher Cert. Dept Oversees
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	See summary, requirements are multi-stepped
Number of Credits	4 Semester Credits; DE I & II	
Recertification Requirements	15 Hours every two years	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	14y, 6 m	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	4 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	15	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Sunset to sunrise	
Passenger Restrictions	None noted	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

# ILLINOIS

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom; 6 hrs b/w, 3 hrs b/w must be on street	Simulators supplement 6 hr at 4:1 Range time supplemented at 2:1
Curriculum Guide	Yes, required	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	If teaching High School must be a certified teacher with a Driver Education Endorsement	
Number of Required Courses	Four courses	
Number of Credits	16 semester hour credits in the field	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	State Board Dept of Driver Services	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y	Dept of Driver Services oversees
Minimum Holding Period	3 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	25 hours With log but no certification needed	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 6 a.m. (Sun-Fri) Midnight – 5 a.m. (Sat-Sun)	
Passenger Restrictions	First 6 months, no more than one passenger under 20	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# INDIANA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w	Simulators or range time can supplement part of 6 hrs at 4:1
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Exam	DOE Oversees
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DMV	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y	Bureau of Motor Vehicles Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	2 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 1m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m. (Sun-Fri) 1 a.m. – 5 a.m. (Sat-Sun)	
Passenger Restrictions	First 90 days, no passengers	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# IOWA

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom (<180 min per day), 6 hrs.b/w (3 hrs of b/w highway driving)	Not to be completed more than 30 days after classroom completed
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	Hold a valid license to teach in pub sch; 25 years old and valid license for b/w	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOT	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	14	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	20 hours, with 2 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	10 p.m.- 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None noted	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

# KANSAS

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes, age 15	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Not less than 8 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w: equaling not less than 20 hrs total	Some Documents Note: Competency based, how ever long it takes
Curriculum Guide	Modeling standards with ADTSEA national standards	Virtual Learning also accepted
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Endorsement required from accredited college	Out of state courses are required, Philosophy, lab, class content
Number of Required Courses	Three	DOE Oversees
Number of Credits	Nine Semester Hours	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	State board of education State board of education	(Assumed)
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	14	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	Certificate of completion in driver education waives the licensing tests
Minimum Intermediate License Age	n/a	
Parent/Guardian Practice	25 hrs in learner stage, 25 hrs before age 16, 10 of which must be at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	n/a	
Passenger Restrictions	n/a	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16; at age 15 you can get a license if you complete driver education	

# KENTUCKY

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>		
Required for Licensing	Yes, 4 hour GDL Course	
Hours of Instruction & Type	4 hr GDL course within 1 yr of license or high school courses at 30 and 6	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>		
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes, See requirements in Summary	
Number of Required Courses	“	
Number of Credits	“	
Recertification Requirements	“	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	The Transportation Cabinet The Transportation Cabinet	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>		
Minimum Permit Age	16	Division of Driver Licensing and State Police Oversee
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	n/a	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight - 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	n/a	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# LOUISIANA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w or 12 hrs of simulator training required	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	10 hrs of training in 5 topics	
Number of Credits	5	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept of Public Safety Office of Motor Vehicles oversees
Minimum Holding Period	3 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None; at permit stage only one licensed adult	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

# MAINE

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes, at age 16	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	Bureau of Motor Vehicles oversees
Number of Required Courses	1 from Red Cross or Safety Council & pass examinations	
Number of Credits	5 courses if applying for a class A cert	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Driver Education Unit Driver Education Unit	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	BMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	35 hours with 5 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers for first 180 days	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16, if completed DE	

# MARYLAND

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes; all new drivers	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	Home training is not permitted
Curriculum Guide	Yes	ADTSEA Based
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	No College Degree 68 Hours formalized training offered by licensed trainers	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	Must pass test given by MVA
Recertification Requirements	Licensed every two years	Complete two professional development courses provided by MVA
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	MVA MVA	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 9m	MVA Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 3m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	60 hrs with 10 at night, cell phones prohibited	Must sign it to certify they've provided the practice
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	First 5 months, no passengers younger than 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17y, 9m	

# MASSACHUSETTS

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w, 6 hrs obs	
Curriculum Guide	Yes; Minimum required stated	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 3. Public Schools 4. Commercial Schools	Registry of Motor Vehicles Registry of Motor Vehicles	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	16	Registry of Motor Vehicles oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	12 hrs, 6 hrs observation	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	First 6 months, no passengers under 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# MICHIGAN

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes; for those under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Seg 1:24 hrs class, 6 hrs b/w; Seg 2:6 hrs class, 30 of required 50 hrs before Seg 2	2 Segment Approach
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Public school; hold a Michigan teaching certificate plus 8 semester credits	
Number of Required Courses	Everyone must have 8 semester credits	
Number of Credits	8	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of State Department of State	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	14y, 9m	Secretary of State/Dept of State oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	Level 1: 30 hrs w/10 at night (30 of which must be done in seg 1)	To move to Level 2: Must have 50 total with 10 at night
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# MINNESOTA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes; for those under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Minimum 30 hrs classroom, no more than 3 hrs/day, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	In public schools, must be a licensed teacher	Commercial school requires 40 hours of instruction and exam by Public Safety
Number of Required Courses	Standards based program that meets ADTSEA nine semester credits	
Number of Credits	9	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of Public Safety Department of Public Safety	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept of Public Safety oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 total hours: 30 hrs w/10 at night plus additional 10 hrs at intermediate stage	
Nighttime Restrictions	None	
Passenger Restrictions	None, all passengers under 18 must be belted	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

# MISSISSIPPI

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	No	\$125.00 per student
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w w/ 2:1 ratio obs time toward b/w	12 hours simulator; state provides 40 mobile simulator units
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Must be a licensed teacher	
Number of Required Courses	12 hrs of course work	
Number of Credits	Endorsement in Driver Education Additional credits for simulation needed, but not specified.	
Recertification Requirements	Same as other teachers in the state	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE Doesn't have Commercial schools	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	14 (if in de) 15 if not in de	Dept of Public Safety oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	14y or 15y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	10 p.m. – 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

# MISSOURI

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	No; But required by school districts	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 12 hrs obs, 6 hrs b/w w/a 2:1 ratio of obs toward b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	Driver License Office oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	20 hours	
Nighttime Restrictions	1 a.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# MONTANA

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes, if under 16	
Hours of Instruction & Type	42 hrs classroom, 6 b/w, 12 obs = 60 hours of structured learning	Not in less than 25 days
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Teaching certificate with a 20 hour minor	Montana State University
Number of Required Courses	Foundations course with two additional courses	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Additional four hours every five years for renewal of teaching certification	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Office of Public Instruction Office of Public Instruction	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	14y, 6m	Department of Justice
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	15	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	1st 6m no more than 1 younger than 18; 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6m no more than 3 younger than 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

# NEBRASKA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Minimum 20 hours classroom instruction with five hours of B/W	Range time can substitute B/W time at a ratio of 2:1; Sim 4:1
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	9 credit hours	
Number of Credits	9	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of Motor Vehicles Department of Motor Vehicles	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept of Motor Vehicles oversees
Minimum Holding Period	None	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours (none required with de)	
Nighttime Restrictions	12 a.m. – 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

# NEVADA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, b/w counts at a 3:1 ratio toward class hrs	b/w max is 5 hrs w/15 classroom hrs
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Nevada DMV *many county/pop prov Nevada DMV *many county/pop prov	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	Nevada DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	90 days	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	15y, 9m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hrs w/10 at night, if de is not offered w/in a 30 mile radius, 100 hrs required	
Nighttime Restrictions	10 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers under 18	1 <sup>st</sup> 90 days for drivers under 16 1 <sup>st</sup> 60 days for drivers who are 16 1 <sup>st</sup> 30 days for drivers who are 17
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Required for 16-18 year olds	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 10 hrs b/w, 6 hrs obs	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	2 w/75% grade or higher w/4 additional after 2 years	
Number of Credits	Available at Keene State	
Recertification Requirements	60 hrs classroom teaching w/ 240 hrs b/w	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	New Hampshire DOE New Hampshire DPS	Driver Ed Unit
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DMV
Minimum Holding Period	None	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	20 hours	
Nighttime Restrictions	1 a.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	For first 6 months, no more than 1 under age 25	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17y, 1m	

## NEW JERSEY

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 15 hrs sim or 3-6 hrs b/w training	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Public School: Yes Commercial: Exam	MVC Oversees
Number of Required Courses	6-8 hour National Safety Defensive Driving Program	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	MVC MVC	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	16	MVC oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	17	
Parent/Guardian Practice	6 months supervised practice driving	
Nighttime Restrictions	12:01 a.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 1 passenger, excluding household members	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# NEW MEXICO

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	33 hrs classroom, 7 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Traffic Safety Bureau Traffic Safety Bureau	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	Traffic Safety Bureau oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	15y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one under 21	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

## NEW YORK

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	24 hrs classroom, 24 hrs b/w which includes 6 hrs actual b/w & 18 hrs obs	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	DMV oversees
Number of Required Courses	12 credits over 3 years	
Number of Credits	12	
Recertification Requirements		
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	New York DMV New York DMV	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	16	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	Up to 6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	20 hours	
Nighttime Restrictions	9 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than two under 21	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# NORTH CAROLINA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	Dept of Public Instruction oversees
Number of Required Courses	80 hr community college course or accredited de w/Dept of Pub Inst or pass commercial de exam w/ 80 or higher	East Carolina University
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Commercial School: 68 contact hours every four years	Certified teachers; no requirements
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	12 mos of supervision by a parent/guardian or supervising driver	
Nighttime Restrictions	9 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one under 21, excluding family	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

# NORTH DAKOTA

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w instruction	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	ND Legislative Branch oversees
Number of Required Courses	6 semester or 8 quarter hrs for CR 10 semester or 16 quarters for B/W	
Number of Credits	See summary for breakdown	
Recertification Requirements	Renew every five years	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept of Public Instruction Highway Patrol	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	14	DOT
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	n/a	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	n/a	
Passenger Restrictions	n/a	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

# OHIO

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes, if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	24 hrs classroom, 8 hrs b/w instruction	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	40 hr basic training course Then they can conduct 40 hr teacher course	
Number of Required Courses	One noted	
Number of Credits	Not noted	
Recertification Requirements	Train managers, 8 hours every 3 yrs Nothing for basic teachers	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept. of Public Safety Dept. of Public Safety	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DPS oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	1 a.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None, must be buckled under 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

# OKLAHOMA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing		
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 55 hrs b/w	Consistent for public, Commercial or home school students
Curriculum Guide		
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required		
Number of Required Courses		
Number of Credits		
Recertification Requirements		
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DOE
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	(part of the 55 hours of b/w falls here)	True amount required not noted
Nighttime Restrictions	Daylight only	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one, excluding household members	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

# OREGON

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w; 6 hrs obs	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Three	
Number of Credits	10 semester credits	
Recertification Requirements	Yearly – license verification Recert every two years	See summary for specifics
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	TSD & ODOT TSD & ODOT	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	ODOT & DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	100 hrs without de, 50 with de	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	1 <sup>st</sup> 6 mos, no passengers under 20; 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 mos, no more than 3 under 20	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

# PENNSYLVANIA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes; Public School	DOE oversees
Number of Required Courses	4	East Stroudsburg and IUP
Number of Credits	10	
Recertification Requirements	Yes	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	16	DOT oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17 with driver ed	

## RHODE ISLAND

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	33 hr classroom	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	CCRI's Division for Life Long Learning CCRI's Division for Life Long Learning	(Community College of RI)
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	16	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	1 a.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17y, 6m	

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w, 6 hrs obs (12 hrs sim can replace 3 hrs of b/w)	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	DOE & Highway Dept
Number of Required Courses	2	Erskine College & Costal Carolina
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 5. Public Schools 6. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight -6 a.m. (unless parent in front seat)	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 2 under 21, excluding family to and from school	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Can receive restricted license sooner with course and at least an 80% on exam	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Specific requirements not noted	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Not Noted	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	14	DL office oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months, 3 with driver ed	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	14y, 6m (14y, 3m with de)	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	10 p.m. – 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

# TENNESSEE

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	No Only required prior to getting an inter. license if one gets a 2 <sup>nd</sup> moving violation	
Hours of Instruction & Type	State board of ed requires that it be a semester course, 30 & 6 at minimum	
Curriculum Guide	State curriculum guide revised every five years	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Must have a license in a major teaching area	
Number of Required Courses	Basic and advanced driver ed School safety Health and first aid	
Number of Credits	12 credit endorsement in driver ed	
Recertification Requirements	Normal recert for teacher licensing	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	State board of education & State department of safety	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one passenger	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# TEXAS

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes, but can be parent taught for those under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	32 hrs classroom, 7 hrs obs w/7 hrs actual b/w, sim can be used at a 4:1 ratio	Minimum 70% grade required
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes; Public School	See Summary
Number of Required Courses	See Summary	
Number of Credits	9 credit hours	
Recertification Requirements	4 hours per year	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	C - Driver Training Division P --Texas Ed Assn	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	DOS
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one under 21	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# UTAH

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Can receive instruction permit early with course	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	See Summary	
Number of Credits	28 Semester Hours	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	SBE SBE	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	Driver Licensing Division oversees
Minimum Holding Period	None	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers for the first 6 months	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

# VERMONT

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes, if under 18	Every high school must offer for free
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	Most are 35 c/r, 6 b/w, 6 obs
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Must be a certified teacher	DOE, DMV and VDTSEA oversee
Number of Required Courses	5 courses; public and commercial	Commercial school instructors don't have to be certified teachers
Number of Credits	15 graduate credit hours; all teachers in public school must have 9 credits every 7 years	See summary for additional
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DMV	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	None	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers for the first 3 months; only family for second	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

# VIRGINIA

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes; under age 19	
Hours of Instruction & Type	36 hrs classroom, 14 hrs b/w where actual b/w takes up 7 hrs and 7 hrs obs	Minimum; 96% go through public c/r; 60% through b/w; 40% go through commercial
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Licensed teacher with an endorsement in driver education	
Number of Required Courses	Two	
Number of Credits	Six semester hours	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	Commercial school teachers are only required to have the endorsement
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	9 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 3m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 4 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 1 passenger under 18 during 1 <sup>st</sup> 12 mos; after that no more than three passengers under 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 3m	

# WASHINGTON

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Enrollment allows permit application at age 15 instead of 15.5	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept of Licensing DMV Program	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept of Licensing oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	1 a.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers under 20 for the 1 <sup>st</sup> 6 mos; no more than 3 passengers under 20 for 2 <sup>nd</sup> six mos	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

# WEST VIRGINIA

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	With an approved course, practice driving is not required	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Not Noted	
Curriculum Guide	Standards listed without time-frame	
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	WV Board of Ed/DOE WV Board of Ed/DOE	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	Division of Motor Vehicles oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None with driver education; 30 without	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 3 passengers under 19	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

# WISCONSIN

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Yes, under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	Sim can be substituted at 4:1, but 3 hrs b/w is required. Range can be sub at 2:1, 4 hrs b/w required
Curriculum Guide	Yes; state specific and using some of ADTSEA curriculum	Must teach on slow vehicles, railroads and 30 min on organ donation
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Those teaching in public school must be licensed by DPI	Commercial; training prgm approved by DOT; 40 hrs
Number of Required Courses	1 - commercial 5- public school	
Number of Credits	15 semester credits	General safety Basic DE & Advanced DE Behavioral asp & alcohol/drugs
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	Univ of Wisconsin, Whitewater and South
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	OSPI OSPI	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	Bureau of Driver Services/DMV oversee
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	30 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one passenger	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

# WYOMING

Questions	Responses	Notes
<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education Specifics</b>	<b>Driver Education</b>
Required for Licensing	Not Noted, GDL requirements indicate no	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w with simulation replacing b/w at 4:1	
Curriculum Guide		
<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>	<b>Teacher Preparation</b>
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Each District/DOE Each District/DOE	
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	<b>Licensing</b>
Minimum Permit Age	15	DOT oversees
Minimum Holding Period	10 days	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one passenger under 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

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**Alabama**

### **Educational Requirements:**

Driver education is an elective class at high schools in Alabama. Currently, 98 percent of school systems offer driver education as part of their curriculum.

No learner's license is required for students who are enrolled in a State-approved driver education program, who are driving as part of their educational program or who are accompanied by a certified driver education instructor.

Classroom instruction minimum required content states that the goal of the program is to learn the fundamentals of safety and responsibility within the driving environment. Behind-the-wheel instruction requires that students gain actual driving experience under the supervision of a certified instructor.

### **Instructor Requirements:**

Since 1998, the Department of Education has offered preliminary certification courses in driver education. The prerequisite for this class is to already hold a valid Alabama teaching certificate in any field.

The course consists of two, 40-hour classes of basic and advanced driver education. Once an individual successfully completes these courses and has a teaching position in driver education, the local school system's superintendent can request preliminary certification through the SDE's Teacher Certification Section. After the individual has satisfactorily taught driver education for two years in the same school system, the local school system's superintendent can request professional certification for that individual. A professional certificate, with a G-3 endorsement, would then be issued. The course is offered through universities throughout Alabama who award six graduate credit hours for the courses.

The University of Montevallo also offers certification in Driver and Traffic Safety Education.

### **Licensing Requirements according to the Alabama's Department of Education**

State GDL requirements do not apply to individuals 18 years of age or older. They do apply to individuals 17 years of age or older who have had a valid driver's license for 6 months or longer, but not to individuals who are 16 years of age or older who are married or the head of household, or to individuals that have been legally relieved of minority status (the state or period of being below the legal age).

A person under the age of 18 may not apply for an unrestricted driver's license until that person has held a learner's license for at least a six-month period with no violations of the restrictions.

Sixteen-year-olds must have parental or legal guardian permission to receive a license and to drive without supervision.

Fifteen-year-olds with a valid learner's license are authorized to drive while accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or a person who is 21 years of age or older who is a licensed driver and occupies the front seat next to the driver or when accompanied by a licensed or certified driving instructor occupying the front seat by the driver.

The student must also have a verification form provided by the Department of Public Safety (DPS), signed by a parent or legal guardian or certified driving instructor verifying that the applicant has COMPLETED a minimum of 30 hours of behind-the-wheel (BTW) practice. Or, the student must submit a completion form supplied by the State Department of Education (SDE) verifying that the applicant has COMPLETED an SDE approved Driver Education course.

#### OUTLINE OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE LICENSE OF A PERSON WHO IS 16 YEARS OF AGE OR AGE 17 WITH A LICENSE LESS THAN SIX MONTHS:

1. The student may not operate a vehicle between midnight and 6:00 a.m. unless:
  - a. Accompanied by a parent or legal guardian;
  - b. Accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older who is duly licensed and has the consent of the licensee's parent or legal guardian;
  - c. Going to or from their regular workplace;
  - d. Going to or from a school-sponsored event;
  - e. Going to or from a religious-sponsored event; or
  - f. Driving for the purpose of a medical-, fire-, or law enforcement-related emergency.
2. May not have more than four occupants in the vehicle excluding a parent or legal guardian of licensee. (Three friends, driver, and parent maximum in intermediate stage).

AND

The student must have a verification form provided by the Department of Public Safety (DPS), signed by a parent or legal guardian or certified driving instructor verifying that the applicant has COMPLETED a minimum of 30 hours of behind-the-wheel (BTW) practice.

OR

The student must submit a completion form supplied by the State Department of Education (SDE) verifying that the applicant has COMPLETED an SDE approved Driver Education course.

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1. The student may not operate a vehicle between midnight and 6:00 a.m. unless:
  - a. Accompanied by a parent or legal guardian;
  - b. Accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older who is duly licensed and has the consent of the licensee's parent or legal guardian;
  - c. Going to or from their regular workplace;
  - d. Going to or from a school-sponsored event;

- e. Going to or from a religious-sponsored event; or
  - f. Driving for the purpose of a medical-, fire-, or law enforcement-related emergency.
2. May not have more than four occupants in the vehicle excluding a parent or legal guardian of licensee. (Three friends, driver, and parent maximum).

[http://www.alsde.edu/html/doc\\_download.asp?id=1079&section=63](http://www.alsde.edu/html/doc_download.asp?id=1079&section=63)

## **Learner's License**

Learner's License (15 years old) – Any person 15 years of age may obtain a restricted Learner's License for the purpose of learning to safely and effectively operate a motor vehicle. The examination for the license is taken from information in the Alabama Driver's Manual. Upon passing the required examination, the applicant will be issued a Class D Alabama driver license with a "Y" restriction. The "Y" restriction indicates that the holder may operate a motor vehicle while accompanied by a person who is 21 years of age or older and who is duly licensed in this State or a licensed or certified driving instructor occupying the seat beside the operator. After the holder's 16th birthday, the holder may operate a motor vehicle with any licensed driver occupying the seat beside the driver. This Learner's License is valid for four years, and can be renewed once.

Learner's License (16 years old) – Any person 16 years of age or older who, except for his lack of instruction in operating a motor vehicle, would otherwise be qualified to obtain a driver's license, may obtain a Learner's License upon passing the required examination. The examination for this license is taken from information in the Alabama Driver Manual. After passing the required examination, the applicant will be issued a Class D Alabama driver license with a "Y" restriction. The "Y" restriction indicates that the holder may operate a motor vehicle with a licensed driver occupying the seat beside the driver. This license is valid for four years.

A Learner's License may be suspended or revoked in the same manner and for the same cause as a driver license and may also be revoked for any violations of the terms and conditions on which it was issued

**Driver's License** – Any person 16 years of age but under 18 years of age who has held a Learner's License for six months or until their 18th birthday and has developed the necessary skills to safely operate a motor vehicle may present himself to his local driver license examiner for the road test. He must surrender his Learner's License at the time of the road test. Upon passing the road test, the applicant will be issued a new regular license with the "Y" restriction removed for the remainder of the four-year period. This will be at no cost to the applicant.

## **Requirements**

### Written Test

Information on the written test can be found in digital format on the DPS Web site at – <http://www.dps.state.al.us>.

## Road Test

The road test is the final step toward qualifying for the privilege of driving on public streets and highways. A Department of Public Safety driver license examiner will administer the road test. Sixteen-year-old applicants must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. A 17-year-old applicant doesn't have to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The examiner will check the vehicle before the test begins. It must be in safe operating condition and have the required equipment or the road test will not be administered.

Oral examinations are available for applicants that are unable to comprehend the written tests. Oral Examinations may be administered using our automated testing equipment where available or by the use of a cassette player with headphone or by an examiner reading the questions to the applicant.

## Alabama Works Cited

Driver License Manual [www.dps.state.al.us/public/driverlicense/](http://www.dps.state.al.us/public/driverlicense/)

[www.dps.state.al.us](http://www.dps.state.al.us)

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**Educational Requirements:**

Six hours of behind-the-wheel experience is all that is listed within documentation.

**Examinations**

The examinations conducted by the Division of Motor Vehicles are designed to aid in the determination of the applicant's mental and physical competence; also, to determine whether or not the applicant has acquired the knowledge and technical skills to safely operate a motor vehicle.

**Vision:** A test is required of each driver to determine visual acuity before any license or permit is issued. This includes original, renewal, and duplicate licenses. A telebinocular device or Snellen chart checks vision. If you normally wear corrective lenses, bring them with you when you apply for any type of license. In lieu of the vision test, you may submit a certified statement from a licensed physician or optometrist stating that your vision meets or exceeds the department's standards.

The standards are as follows:

1. To qualify you must have, in each eye or with both eyes together, at least 20/40 vision.
2. If you need corrective lenses in order to qualify, you must wear them while driving.
3. If you fail to qualify for a license because you are unable to see well, you will be denied a license or permit until you are able to qualify.

**Written:** The written test is required for applicants not currently licensed in Alaska or whose driving privileges have been expired for over five years, or whose driving privileges have been revoked. The written test covers only information found in this manual, including traffic laws, safe driving practices, and highway sign recognition.

If failed, the test may be retaken the following day. If failed a second time, you must wait at least one week to retake the test.

**Driving:** The driving test is required for applicants who have never been licensed, or who have not had a valid license for the past 5 years, or whose driving privileges have been revoked.

**Licensing Requirements:**

**Instructional Permit**

The applicant will be required to pass the written knowledge test, a vision test and pay a fee prior to being issued a learner's or instruction permit. The learner's permit is valid for two years from the date of issuance. Even if a driver has a learner's permit from another State, they must obtain an Alaska learner's permit before driving in Alaska.

An applicant for a learner's or instruction permit must be at least 14 years of age. If the applicant is under 18 years of age, he must have **parental consent** to obtain an original permit. (Parental consent is not required for a duplicate or renewal, unless the parent has withdrawn consent since the last permit

was issued.) The applicant is required to furnish two pieces of identification, one to prove date of birth and one to prove identity.

The applicant will be required to pass the written knowledge test, a vision test, and pay a **fee** prior to being issued a learner's or instruction permit. The learner's permit is valid for two years from the date of issuance. Even if a driver has a learner's permit from another State, he must obtain an Alaska learner's permit before driving in Alaska.

In order to drive with a permit, you must be accompanied by a person age 21 or older that has a minimum of 1 year driving experience. This person must have a valid driver license and occupy the passenger seat next to the driver at all times.

### **Provisional License** According to the Alaska DMV:

An applicant will be required to pass the written knowledge test (or present a valid Alaska learner's permit), a road test, and a vision test prior to being issued a driver license. The license is valid for approximately five years, expiring on the applicant's birthday.

- You must have held a valid instruction permit for a minimum of six (6) months before obtaining your provisional driver's license.
- While practicing with your valid instruction permit, the adult with you must have been licensed for 1 year and must be 21 years of age or older.
- If you receive traffic citations which total 6 or more points in a 12-month period or 9 or more points in a 24-month period, you must take a nationally certified defensive driving course.
- Your parent, legal guardian, or employer must provide proof that you have had at least forty (40) hours of driving experience. This must include at least ten (10) hours of driving in challenging circumstances such as inclement weather and nighttime driving.
- You must NOT have been convicted of a violation of a traffic law within the six months before you apply for your provisional driver license.
- Once you obtain your provisional license, you must wait for at least six months in order to graduate to a regular driver license. If you are convicted of violating a traffic law or of violating AS 04.16.050 (c) (repeat minor consuming alcohol) while holding a provisional driver license, you must wait an additional six months from the action before you would be eligible for a regular driver license. A new parental consent form (signed in front of a DMV representative or notary public) must be submitted in order to receive a regular license.
- Parental consent is required to graduate from a provisional license to a regular license.

### **Provisional License Restrictions** (Minimum of six months - up to the age of 18)

You may NOT carry passengers under the age of 21, except siblings.

You may NOT operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., unless:

- accompanied by a person who is at least 21 years of age who is licensed to drive the type or class of vehicle being driven, or
- driving to or from place of employment or within the scope of employment. All driving must be along the most direct route.

NOTE: Once you reach the age of 18, these restrictions no longer apply to you. You are not required to obtain a regular license at that time. If you choose to obtain a regular license at that time, you would be subject to the vision test and replacement license fees.

- A parent, legal guardian, or employer must provide proof that you have had at least forty (40) hours of driving experience. This must include at least ten (10) hours of driving in challenging circumstances such as inclement weather and nighttime driving.
- Applicants must NOT have been convicted of a violation of a traffic law within the six months before you apply for your provisional driver license.

Once a provisional license is obtained a driver must wait for at least six months in order to graduate to a regular driver license. If one is convicted of violating a traffic law or of violating AS 04.16.050 (c) (repeat minor consuming alcohol) while holding a provisional driver license, the driver must wait an additional six months before being eligible for a regular driver license.

- You may NOT carry passengers under the age of 21, except siblings.
- You may NOT operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

### **Driver's License Requirements:**

Following is information concerning a driver's license.

1. A license may be issued to an applicant who is at least 16 years of age.
2. The license must be in the licensee's possession at all times while driving.
3. A license must be signed by the licensee to be valid.
4. Separate tests are required for the operation of a motorcycle, motorscooter, or moped.
5. A license is renewed every five years on or before the birthday expiration. The fee for an original license or renewal is \$20.00.
6. As a result of physical conditions, some drivers are restricted to driving with corrective lenses, special equipment, or otherwise.
7. A license will not be issued to an applicant whose privilege to drive is suspended or revoked in Alaska or in another State.
8. An applicant holding an out-of-State license is required to surrender that license before an Alaska license will be issued.
9. Dependents of military personnel who plan to drive in this State must obtain an Alaska license.
10. Conviction of driving while license is cancelled, suspended, revoked, or in violation of a limited license will result in a jail sentence of not less than 10 days.
11. Social Security Numbers are mandatory for all permits and licenses.
12. Applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age must have had a valid instruction permit for at least 6 months before they can be issued a license.

### **Other Important Information**

New Law - Effective January 1st, 2005

Your parent, legal guardian, or employer must provide proof that you have had at least forty (40) hours of driving experience. This must include at least ten (10) hours of driving in challenging circumstances such as inclement weather and nighttime driving.

You must NOT have been convicted of a violation of a traffic law within the six months before you apply for your provisional driver license.

Once you obtain your provisional license, you must wait for at least six months in order to graduate to a regular driver license. If you are convicted of violating a traffic law or of violating AS 04.16.050 (c) (repeat minor consuming alcohol) while holding a provisional driver license, you must wait an additional six months before you would be eligible for a regular driver's license.

You will be issued a Learner's Permit. This Learner's License is valid for two years from the date of issuance.

When driving, the person with the Learner's Permit must be accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age, with at least one year of driving experience. The licensed driver must occupy the seat beside the driver.

If the applicant is under 18 years of age, he must have parental consent to obtain an original permit.

To be eligible to take your driving test you must: Be 16 years old.

An applicant who is under 18 years of age must have had a valid instruction permit for at least 6 months before he can be issued a license. The applicant is required to furnish an appropriate currently registered vehicle for the test. The vehicle will be checked for required equipment. Driving tests are given at permanent driver license offices and may require an appointment. The test fee is \$15. Vehicle registration and proof of insurance must be presented when you check in for your road test appointment.

A notarized Parent Consent form is required prior to issuance of a license for applicants under 18. If your parent or guardian will not be accompanying you to the DMV for your appointment, you must obtain the form ahead of time and bring it with you in order to obtain your license. The form must be completed in ink.

#### Step 6 - After the Driving Test

Upon passing the road test, the applicant will be issued a new regular license.

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**8/8/2006  
Arizona**

**Licensing Data:**

Of the 3,638,692 licensed drivers in Arizona, 1.5 percent are under the age of 18, 4 percent are 18-20 years old, and 6.5 percent are 21-24 years old. Approximately 40.7 percent of all drivers in Arizona are between the ages of 25 and 44, 32.7 percent are between 45 and 64, and 14.6 percent of all Arizona drivers are over the age of 64.

The 3,638,692 licensed drivers in Arizona were comprised almost equally of men and women. There were 1,844,440 licensed males (50.7%) and 1,794,252 licensed females (49.3%).

**Education:**

School Effectiveness  
School Safety & Prevention  
Driver Education Program  
Program Description

The local education agency (LEA) may participate in the Arizona Department of Education's Driver Education Program provided the LEA meets the following requirements:

- Students receive 30 hours of classroom instruction;
- Students receive 6 hours (or the equivalent) of behind-the-wheel instruction (BTW);
- The class and BTW is taught by a certified teacher with a driver education endorsement;
- The principal or superintendent verifies the school information.
- Under Arizona's new graduated driver's license law, minors no longer qualify for class D driver's licenses. They are eligible to receive a class G license if they successfully complete an approved driver education program or have a parent or guardian certify that they received 25 hours of supervised driving practice, 5 of those at night, and have had a learner's permit for five months. Completing an ADE-approved program satisfies the driver education requirement of the graduated driver's license law.

**Instructor Requirements:**

It is required that educators have a valid Arizona Teaching Certificate with one course in each of the following: safety education, driver and highway safety education, and driver education laboratory experience to receive a driver education endorsement. They must also have a valid Arizona Driver's License, an Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card, a driving record with less than seven violation points, and no revocation or suspension of driver's license within the two years preceding application (available from Motor Vehicle Division).

The Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), allows driver education teachers in participating schools to issue Certificates of Completion to their students who successfully complete the training. MVD waives the behind-the-wheel portion of the driver's license test for

students with Certificates of Completion, although they reserve the right to administer tests to any applicant if the field station representatives believe doing so would be in the interest of public safety.

### **Licensing:**

If you are at least 15 years and 7 months of age you may be issued a graduated and/or a motorcycle instruction permit. You must be at least 18 for an operator permit. With a graduated or operator permit you must be accompanied by a class A, B, C, or D licensed driver, who occupies the seat beside you. These permits are valid for 12 months. A graduated driver license is issued to an applicant who is at least 16, but less than 18 years of age and is valid to operate any vehicle that does not require a motorcycle or commercial license. An applicant for a graduated license must have held an Arizona instruction permit for at least 5 months. The permit must be valid at the time of application. An applicant must also have satisfactorily completed an Arizona driver's education program approved by MVD, or the parent or guardian must certify completion of at least 25 hours of supervised driving practice, including at least 5 hours at night. An applicant holding a current and valid out-of-State driver license is exempt from the driver education/ driving practice and instruction permit requirements. The holder of a graduated license is not required to obtain an operator license at age 18, but may choose to obtain one.

For teens under age 18, the steps of becoming a new driver look like this:

#### Class G

Beginning at 15 years and 7 months: Mandatory Class G Instruction permit (Must pass written test to be eligible and Class A, B, C or D driver required to be in front passenger seat)

Drivers under age 18 must hold Class G Instruction Permit for 5 months.

Beginning at age 16: Class G Driver License. Must hold valid instruction permit and pass road test to be eligible. Additionally, you must have completed driver education or have a parent/guardian certify that you have completed 25 hours supervised driving practice, which includes 5 hours of nighttime driving.

With a Class G Driver's License, you are able to drive anywhere, with anyone in the car, at anytime of the day or night (within curfew applicable by city code), and a licensed driver is not required to be in the car with you.

#### Beginning at age 18: Class D Driver License

- Teens with a Class G driver license are not required to have an adult driver in the car with them
- No passenger restrictions
- No nighttime driving restrictions
- Not required to graduate from high school before obtaining a Class G License
- Penalties affect everyone under 18, regardless of what license they hold

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**8/23/2006**  
**Arkansas**

**Education:**

Within Arkansas, you may obtain a driver's license if you:

- Are at least fourteen years of age (restricted license).
- Are at least eighteen years of age (non-restricted license).
- Are under the age of eighteen and submit the appropriate documents from your school.
- Are able to submit proof of name, residential address, and date of birth.
- Possess parental/guardian consent if under age eighteen.
- Pass a regular driver license test.
- Submit a valid driver's license issued by another recognized licensing authority.
- Are not currently under any suspension, revocation, or denial in whole or in part by this or any other State, or one year has passed since any revocation.
- If you legally reside within the United States.
- Have not been judged by a court to be mentally incompetent, an alcoholic, or a habitual user of illegal drugs.
- Have no judgments pending for a moving traffic violation.

Educational requirements include:

Thirty (30) hours of Classroom Instruction which cannot be completed in less than 15 instructional days, with no more than two hours of instruction in a 24 hour period. This segment must not include more than five hours of films, and a class can contain no more than 30 students.

Six hours of Behind-the-Wheel Instruction cannot include more than one hour of instruction per day. It must also include at least two hours of training on public streets and roadways.

Six hours of In-Car Observation that must be delivered by an ADE/ADWE Licensed Instructor with a valid license.

Students receiving instruction must be at least 14 years old and have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade prior to the start of classroom instruction.

To take part in the Behind-the-Wheel Training, students must have a valid learners permit in their possession when receiving instruction on public streets and highways.

**Instructor Requirements:**

Instructors shall not render any driver education instruction after having taught six hours in a 24 hour period. They must possess a valid teaching license by attending an approved Arkansas Department of Workforce Education College giving credit in Driver Education. They must complete at least six credit hours in this area with the following:

Driver Education I    (2 semester hours)

Driver Education II	(2 semester hours)
First Aid	(2 semester hours)

They must also complete the Principals of Learning and Teaching 7-12 Test with a minimum score of 164.

### **Licensing Requirements and Types of Graduated Driver Licenses**

Before an individual who does not possess an Arkansas driver’s license may begin to learn to drive, an instruction permit must first be obtained, even if it is to merely practice driving while with a parent, guardian, or other authorized licensed driver.

Instruction Permits (except Motorcycle Permits), Learner’s Licenses, Intermediate Licenses and Class D Licenses authorize an individual to operate an automobile or any other four-wheel vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) under 26,001 pounds, provided the vehicle is not designed to transport 16 or more passengers (including the driver), and the vehicle is not transporting material defined as “hazardous material.”

For information concerning driver licensing for persons who may operate vehicles with a GVWR over 26,000 pounds, designed to transport 16 or more passengers or transport “hazardous material,” please refer to the Arkansas Commercial Driver License Manual.

Instruction Permit – This permit allows a driver to operate a motor vehicle when accompanied by a licensed driver, 21 years of age or older, who is occupying a seat beside the driver, except in the event the permit holder is operating a motorcycle. The applicant for an instruction permit must be at least 14 years of age. To obtain the instruction permit, an applicant must pass the knowledge test and vision test. If the applicant is under the age of 18, you must also have a consent form signed by your parent or legal guardian and possess the proper school forms (see page 10). The permit is issued for six months and can be renewed for an additional six-month period if the applicant has not been at fault in an accident or been convicted of a serious traffic violation within the last six months. All passengers riding in a motor vehicle being operated by a person with an Instruction Permit must wear seat belts at all times.

Learner’s License – This license is a restricted license issued to persons between 14 and 16 years of age. The applicant must possess a valid Instruction Permit indicating successful completion of the required knowledge, vision, and skills tests. The applicant must not have been at fault in an accident or been convicted of a serious traffic violation within six months prior to application. A person operating a motor vehicle with a Learner’s License must be accompanied by a licensed driver over 21 years of age. All passengers riding in a vehicle being operated by a person with a Learner’s License must wear seat belts at all times.

Intermediate License – This license is a restricted license issued to persons between 16 and 18 years of age. The applicant must possess a valid Instruction Permit indicating successful completion of the required knowledge, vision, and skills tests or a Learner’s License: The applicant must not have been at fault in an accident or been convicted of a serious traffic violation within a six month period prior to application. All passengers riding in a vehicle being operated by a person with an Intermediate License must wear seat belts at all times.

Class D License – This license is a non-restricted license issued to persons eighteen years of age or older. The applicant must possess a valid Instruction Permit indicating successful completion of the

required knowledge, vision, and skills tests or an Intermediate License. The applicant must not have been at fault in an accident or been convicted of a serious traffic violation within the last 12 months.

Class M License – This license is a non-restricted license issued to persons 16 years of age or older to operate a motorcycle on public roadways. The applicant must possess a valid Instruction Permit indicating successful completion of the required knowledge, vision, and skills tests. The motorcycle skill tests can be waived for an applicant successfully completing a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Riders Course within 90 days prior to application.

Proof of legal documents may also serve as proof of identification in the appropriate primary or secondary category. Additional documentation may be required if the documentation submitted appears to be questionable or if the issuing agency has reason to believe the applicant is not who the individual claims to be.

#### Applicants Under Eighteen Years of Age

In addition to proof of legal presence and identification documents, a parent (if either is living) of an applicant younger than 18 years of age is required to sign the application requesting an Instruction Permit and must be willing to assume all legal and financial responsibilities associated with the applicant. A stepparent or legal guardian may sign the application provided court documents are presented confirming legal custody of the applicant.

The applicant must present a high school diploma, GED certificate, or a form provided by the school where the applicant is in attendance, certifying the applicant meets the necessary requirements relative to Arkansas statues. Such forms are provided to local school districts by the Arkansas Department of Education and must be completed by school district officials and bear the seal of the district. Report cards are not accepted documents in lieu of the special forms, and any form that appears to have been altered will not be accepted.

Adult education students must furnish proof of enrollment and regular attendance.

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**8/23/06**  
**California**

**General Information:**

Driver Education and Driver Training courses must be conducted as prescribed by the Department of Education. Driver Education must consist of at least 30 hours or 2 1/2 semester periods of professional classroom instruction. Driver training must consist of at least six hours of behind-the-wheel professional instruction. Professional schools and instructors in California are licensed by the DMV

**Education:**

Good driver education (classroom instruction) and driver training (actual behind-the-wheel instruction) are important because they lay the foundation for the skills and attitudes a minor driver will use for the rest of his or her life. The knowledge, skills, and attitudes drivers learn in driver education/training classes will help them to avoid tickets, lower their chances of being involved in accidents, and will also make them safer drivers.

Students may take driver education or driver training at a public or private high school, or at a State-licensed driving school.

The relevant education codes sections that pertain to drivers education in the State of California are 512201(j), 51220.1 and 51850-51854.

The Education Code Section 51220(j) states in part that: "The adopted course of study for grades 7-12, inclusive, shall offer courses in the following areas of study . . . (j) Automobile driver education." While driver education is required to be offered, the local school district governing board may, pursuant to Education Code Section 51225.3, determine if it is a required course for graduation. A driver education elective course may be applied toward meeting minimum graduation credits without requiring driver education for graduation. At no time may a student be charged for driver education that is required to be offered by the school district regardless of when and where it is offered.

Driver education should be offered as a 10th grade course since this usually matches most students' licensing age. Many districts are offering driver education instruction along with health education, since some course topics, such as alcohol, drugs, and driver fatigue, are discussed in both courses. Understanding this interrelationship is important since the leading health and safety issue among teens is associated with traffic collisions, the number one killer of teens in the State. The Education Code has several sections providing guidance. Education Code Section 51851 states: "A course of instruction in automobile driver education shall . . . (B) Provide the opportunity for students to take driver education within the regular school day . . . Additional classes may be offered . . . to accommodate those who have failed or those who cannot enroll in the regular school day program. Education Code Section 41912 states in part: "The express purpose of the Legislature is that . . . this instruction properly belongs in the high school curriculum on a basis having comparable standards of instruction, quality, teacher-pupil ratio and class scheduling as in other courses in the regular curriculum in the regular academic program."

School districts **may not** contract out for Driver Education. For Driver's Training, Education Code Section 41913 states that the governing board of any school district maintaining secondary schools

according to sections 41913 to 41919, inclusive, may enter into contracts with approved driver training schools to provide to any eligible enrolled students of the district, the automobile driver training as provided pursuant to section 51852. Section 51852 pertains to behind-the-wheel driver education. A course on instruction in automobile driver education shall be at least two and one-half semester periods and taught by a qualified instructor. A semester period is 30 hours. Driver Education may only be provided by a qualified instructor. Twelve hours of behind-the-wheel instruction is required. This consists of six hours of actual driving with a qualified instructor and six hours of observation. Education Code Section 51852 provides other options for meeting this requirement. While the Department of Education has the authority to approve driving simulators, a school district is prohibited by law, and the Department cannot legally allow, the use of driving simulators of any kind in place of behind-the-wheel instruction in any driver training plan included in Education Code section 51852.

### **Instructor Requirements:**

A public school teacher must have either a certificate to teach driver's education or in lieu of a certificate, a wavier issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). The certificate course work is 12 units. Only Fresno County Office of Education with Fresno State University and the University of California at Riverside are currently offering the certificate program in Driver Education. As a consequence, teachers seeking to teach driver education may obtain a wavier on a case-by-case basis from CTC. For further information, contact [CTC](#) (Outside Source). Out-of-State "long-distance" college or university programs for Driver Education certification are not acceptable. It is highly recommended that CTC be consulted before embarking on a certification program.

### **Driver Licensing Information:**

Applying for a provisional permit in a State of California, a driver must be 15½ to 17½ years of age, and needs to provide proof that he has completed driver education or is taking driver training. If a driver is 17½ but under 18 years of age, he may get a permit without the driver education and driver training certificates however, he will not be able to take the driving test until age 18. Once a driver passes his written test, he will be issued a provisional permit. Once he has passed the written exam, a parent, guardian, spouse, or adult age 25 or older, who has a valid California driver's license, must be with the provisional permit holder when he drives. The parent, guardian, or adult age 25 or older must sit in a position close enough to take control of the vehicle, if necessary. Transporting passengers under the age of 20 is prohibited for the first six months. Also driving between midnight and 5 a.m. is prohibited during the first year. It is illegal for you to drive alone at any time. Before being eligible to take the driver's test, provisional permit holders must be 16 years of age, have held a permit for a minimum of six months, have completed driver's education, have completed six hours of professional driver's training, and have completed 50 hours of training (10 of those hours at night) with a licensed adult age 25 or older. After passing the driving test, a provisional permit holder is issued an interim license valid for 60 days until he receives his new photo license in the mail. If a provisional permit holder fails the driving test, the individual must wait two weeks before he can take the test again. The provisional permit holder has three chances to pass.

**Provisional Instruction Permits:** If a teen is under 18 and at least 15½ he or she can get a provisional license or instruction permit. The provisional instruction permit will have several restrictions. A teen driver must:

- Obey the traffic laws
- Drive without a collision
- Drive with a parent, guardian, spouse, or an adult age 25 or older, who has a valid California driver license.
- Hold a permit for six months before he can take the driving test to get his driver’s license.

NOTE: New Driving Restrictions for Persons Under 18 Years of Age

As of January 1, 2006, a new law changes the length of time for two restrictions on a California driver’s license; if you are under 18 years of age:

For a period of 12 months, teen drivers may not transport passengers under age 20 unless they are accompanied by a parent, guardian, instructor, or licensed driver over the age of 25, and they may not drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

### **Minor's Permit Requirements**

A minor is a person under the age of 18. Minors must have their application for a driver’s license or any change of license class signed by their parents or legal guardians.

Minors must practice with a parent, guardian, spouse, or adult age 25 or older, who has a valid California driver license. The person must be close enough to take control of the vehicle at any time. A provisional permit does not let you drive alone—not even to a DMV office to take a driving test. If they have an M1 or M2 permit, minors cannot carry passengers, must ride during daylight hours only, and cannot ride on the freeway.

To get a permit, minors must:

- Be at least 15½, but younger than 18 years of age.
- Complete the application requirements.
- Have parents’ or guardians’ signatures on the DL 44.
- Pass a traffic laws and road signs test.

### **Minor's License Requirements:**

Minor drivers must:

- Be at least 16 years old.
- Prove they have finished both DE and DT. (DL 387, DL 388, DL 388A, OL 237, or OL 238)
- Have had a California instruction permit for at least six months.
- Provide a parent’s signature on their instruction permit stating they have completed the 50 hours of supervised driving practice (10 hours must be night driving).
- Pass the behind-the-wheel driving test.

When a provisional driver turns 18 years old, the “provisional” part of the license ends.

During the first 12 months after a driver is licensed, he cannot drive between 11 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. and a driver cannot transport passengers under age 20 unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, a licensed driver age 25 or older, or a licensed or certified driving instructor.

### **Driver Education Schools and Operators**

Whenever it is necessary for a driving school or independent driving instructor to be certified by the Department of Education, or any agency thereof, in order to participate in any State or Federal program directed at training or retraining persons in occupational skills, licensing, or certification by the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to this chapter may operate to fully qualify such school or instructor to participate in the program.

Costs incurred by the department in exercising its functions pursuant to this section shall be borne by the applicant for licensing or certification.

11102.5. (a) A driving school operator shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) Within three attempts, pass an examination that the department requires on traffic laws, safe driving practices, operation of motor vehicles, teaching methods and techniques, driving school statutes and regulations, and office procedures and recordkeeping.
  - (2) Pay the department a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100), which shall entitle the applicant to three examinations
  - (3) Be 21 years of age or older.
  - (4) Have worked for an established licensed California driving school as a driving instructor for a period of not less than 2,000 hours of actual behind-the-wheel teaching and, on and after July 1, 1973, have satisfactorily completed a course in the teaching of driver education and driver training acceptable to the department, except that the operator, including an owner who is also the operator, of a driving school that exclusively teaches motorcycle driving may, in lieu of the behind-the-wheel teaching requirement, have worked for an established licensed California driving school as a motorcycle driving instructor for not less than 300 hours of actual motorcycle range and street teaching, have taught 300 hours of actual motorcycle range and street instruction under the guidance of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, or have given comparable training instruction that is acceptable to the department. This paragraph does not apply to any person who is certified by the State Department of Education as fully qualified to teach driver education and driver training and has taught those subjects in the public school system for not less than 1,000 hours.
- (b) The qualifying requirements referred to in this section shall be met within one year from the date of application for a license, or a new application, examination, and a fee shall be required.

### **Requirements for a Driving Instructor**

11104. (a) Every person, in order to qualify as a driving instructor, as defined in Section 310.4, shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) On and after July 1, 1973, have a high school education or its equivalent and have satisfactorily completed a course in the teaching of driver education and driver training acceptable to the department.
- (2) Within three attempts, pass an examination that the department requires on traffic laws, safe driving practices, operation of motor vehicles, and teaching methods and techniques.

- (3) Be physically able to safely operate a motor vehicle and to train others in the operation of motor vehicles.
- (4) Hold a valid California driver's license in a class appropriate for the type of vehicle in which instruction will be given.
- (5) Not be on probation to the department as a negligent operator.
- (6) Have a driving record that does not have an outstanding notice for violating a written promise to appear in court or for willfully failing to pay a lawfully imposed fine, as provided in Section 40509.
- (7) Be 21 years of age or older.
  - (a) If an applicant cannot meet the requirements of paragraphs (3) and (4) of subdivision
  - (b) because of a physical disability the department may, at its discretion, issue the applicant a driving school instructor's license restricted to classroom driver education instruction only.
  - (c) The qualifying requirements referred to in this section shall be met within one year from the date of application for a license, or a new application, examination, and a fee shall be required.
    - (a) The director may prescribe rules and regulations for driving schools regarding the conduct of courses of driver education and driver training, including curriculum, facilities, and equipment. The rules and regulations regarding curriculum shall require both of the following:
      - (1) A component relating to the dangers involved in consuming alcohol or drugs in connection with the operation of a motor vehicle
      - (2) A component examining driver attitude and motivation that focuses on the reduction of future driving violations, with particular emphasis on aggressive driving behavior and behavior commonly known as "road rage."
    - (d) The director may also prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct of driving instructor training courses required by Sections 11102.5 and 11104, including curriculum, facilities, and equipment. The department shall monitor instruction given by driving schools.

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## COURSE CORE TOPICS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

### **Approved Driver Education Program**

#### Introduction:

- A. The Driver Education Course should include a minimum of thirty (30) periods of fifty (50) minutes each of classroom instruction. Breaks may range from 5 to 10 minutes.
- B. Each student may receive a maximum of seven (7) hours of instruction per day.
- C. The course shall utilize at least five contemporary (5) films or video tapes which are approved by the department. All those used must be listed by title and producer (source). The length of each presentation must be shown, along with a short description of its subject matter. Films should comprise no more than 180 minutes of the total class time.
- D. The course shall make use of contemporary textbooks that are approved by the department.
- E. Each lesson plan submitted for department approval shall provide sufficient detail and content to allow the department to adequately review the course for content, method of instruction, and amount of instruction time. It should be balanced as to provide a good overview of the subject matter pertinent to Driver Education. Commonly available traffic safety publications may be used

as supplemental materials. The bulk of the course should be a program of original composition. It is inappropriate to substitute copied material for detailed course content.

- F. A lesson plan should contain enough detail to explain WHAT will be covered, WHY it needs be covered, HOW it will be covered, and WHEN it will be covered. The attached lesson plan outline provides the recommended framework, or structure, for your lesson plan. You need to develop the details.
- G. The lesson plan shall either follow the format of this outline or include a detailed index indicating where each topic and sub-topic can be found.

WHAT will be covered is the content of the course and sets forth what is to be taught in sufficient detail for an inexperienced instructor to conduct a thorough class. This information is usually in outline form, but other formats may be used.

WHY is the learning objective for the students. This is easier to understand if stated at the beginning of each segment of instruction.

HOW the material will be covered will enable the department to determine, to some degree, the effectiveness of the course. The intent is to ensure against situations where the student is left to read, with little other direction. The use of a variety of techniques, using a variety of supplemental materials is encouraged.

The following are some common ways of covering the material:

Lecture (normally the predominant portion). Films and review. Student reading. Reviewing of Tests and reviewing of Guest speaker. Demonstration and Discussion.

WHEN each topic is covered; indicating the time devoted to each topic. All topic and sub-topic areas listed on the attached class outline are to be thoroughly discussed.

#### RECOMMENDED TIME FOR TOPIC AREAS

##### I. Driving is Your Responsibility

2 hours

##### II. The Driver

3 hours

##### III. Natural Forces Affecting Driving

2 hours

##### IV. Signs, Signals, and Highway Markings

2 hours

##### V. California Vehicle Code and Rules of the Road

6 hours

VI. Major Causes of Accidents

3 hours

VII. Differences in Urban and Rural Driving

3 hours

VIII. Critical Vehicle Systems and Maintenance

3 hours

IX. Pedestrian Safety

1/2 hour

X. Effects of Alcohol and Drugs

4 hours

XI. Motorcycle Safety

1/2 hour

TOTAL: 30 hours

**Curriculum Resources:**

The Department of Motor Vehicles is currently producing videos for each chapter of the California Driver Handbook. Each video is approximately 15 minutes in length and will be provided to driving schools, free of charge, upon request. Please contact the department's Audio Visual Section at (916) 657-6582.

**Other training resources:**

- The California Vehicle Code (current version)
- The California Driver Handbook (current revision)
- The California Parent Teen Training Aide (current revision)
- A textbook for driver education
- Appropriate films or videos that relate to driver education
- Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices

**Resources:**

Textbooks or videos are available for purchase through the vendors listed below. This list is not all inclusive.

**Textbooks:**

*License to Drive in California*, Delmar Publishing 800-998-7498

*Drive Right and Responsible Driving*, Glencoe McGraw Publishing 800-334-7344

*How to Drive*, AAA

**Videos:**

Aims Multi Media, 800-367-2467

AAA

Northern California, 414-565-2308

Southern California, 661-948-7661

Delmar Publishing, 800-998-7498

Disney, 800-621-2131

Glencoe, 800-423-9534

**Curriculum Purpose:**

This model curriculum is to be used as an aid by an instructor in imparting the applicable laws and rules of the road in California and safe driving behavior to new drivers. The curriculum includes learning objectives for each required subject area that shall be imparted to new drivers, and are consistent with the Department of Education Guidelines for driver education. Driving school instructors are required to complete at least 60 hours of instructor training and have substantive knowledge in the teaching techniques of driver education prior to teaching driver education classes. The instructor is also expected to utilize training resources in conjunction with this model curriculum to provide driver education to new drivers. A list of possible resources is included in the curriculum. The instructor's classroom instruction should be tailored to emphasize to students the critical need for driver safety. This is largely due to two statistical facts that are relevant to new drivers under the age of 18:

1. The accident rates for new drivers are extremely high and are not reduced until an individual has driven for at least 3 years.
2. The judgment of young drivers is undeveloped and results in excessive risk-taking. The course material must be presented in a manner that utilizes educational methods that have been demonstrated to work for new drivers. This may include the following:
  - Lecture
  - Films and review
  - Student reading and review
  - Tests and review
  - Guest Speaker
  - Demonstration
  - Discussion

Class instruction time shall be a minimum of 1,500 minutes (25 hours). Breaks may range from 5 to 10 minutes.

Each student may receive a maximum of seven (7) hours of instruction per day.

Films, at least five (5), utilized for instruction shall comprise no more than 100 minutes of the total class time. The focus of the films must be on educating students in the safe operation of motor vehicles, and must be appropriate for students between the ages of 15 and 18.

Textbooks must be written solely for the purpose of imparting the fundamentals of driving and the rules of the road in a practical and realistic manner. A textbook must be provided to each participating student.

#### California Works Cited

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**Educational Requirements:**

A four-hour awareness course, followed by 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel training is required. This is overseen by the Department of Revenue.

**Instructor Requirements:**

Commercial school instructors must be 25 years of age or older and gather appropriate instruction.

**Licensing Requirements:**

At age 15, one can gain an instructional permit and must hold it for 12 months. An intermediate permit can be obtained at age 16. Applicants must complete 50 hours of practice with a parent, with 10 hours of that at night. Driving is not permitted between midnight and 5 a.m., and passengers are restricted for the first six months. After that, there is only one passenger permitted for the next six months.

Starting July 1, 2005, Colorado's GDL law has new restrictions on the number of passengers young drivers can have in their vehicles. Cell phone use for young drivers is also restricted.

Until July 1, 2005, the information below was the current GDL law. Colorado's GDL law took effect on July 1, 1999 and was updated with new provisions in 2004.

Minors (under age 18) can apply for an instruction permit as follows:

- If they are 15 years old and enrolled in a driver's education course;
- If they are 15 years old and six months and have completed a four-hour pre-qualification driver awareness program; or
- If they are 16 years old.
- Minors must have instruction permits for a minimum of 12 months to apply for a driver's license.
- Instruction permits are valid for three years.

Technically the driving age has not been changed if minors get their permits at age 15. If they do not, and they wait until they are 16, then they are not eligible for a license until they are 17 due to the new requirement of holding the permit for 12 months.

Restrictions are as follows:

- Minors driving with permits issued at age 15 can only drive with their driver education instructor or the person(s) signing the Affidavit of Liability and Guardianship until they are 16.
- Minors driving with permits issued at age 15 and six months can only drive with the person(s) signing the Affidavit of Liability and Guardianship until they are 16.

- Minors driving with permits issued at age 16 can drive with any licensed driver 21 years of age and older.

Other provisions of the GDL law are listed below:

- First-time driver's license candidates must have 50 hours of driving including 10 hours of nighttime driving under adult supervision.
- Drivers under 17 cannot drive between midnight and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by an adult or have a note signed by an employer, parent, guardian, or other responsible adult stating the time that the driver arrives and leaves his or her employment. The only exception to the nighttime driving restriction is in the case of a medical or other type of emergency.
- Drivers under age 17 are restricted to only one passenger in the front seat and may only have as many passengers in the back of the car as there are seat belts. The driver and all passengers must be buckled up.
- Violations of the nighttime driving, seat belt, and passenger restrictions in the GDL law are Class A traffic infractions, and upon conviction carry a \$35 fine, a \$5 surcharge, and two points for each offense against the minor's driving record.

When can a teen get a learner's permit?

Laws for Drivers Under Age 18:

- Minimum age 15, if enrolled in a State-approved driver's education program.
- Minimum age 15½ after successfully completing a 4-hour driver awareness course.
- Minimum age 16 if none of the above.
- All new drivers under age 18 require a parent/legal guardian's signed affidavit to obtain a learner's permit.

What does a teen under 18 with a learner's permit need to do before applying for a driver's license?

- Hold a learner's permit for at least one year.
- Log 50 hours of supervised driving time with a responsible, licensed adult (10 of those supervised hours must be nighttime driving).
- A teen under age 16 with a learner's permit may not drive with anyone except their driving instructor, parent, or legal guardian.
- Teens age 16 and older with learners' permits may drive with any licensed driver 21 years of age and older.
- No cell phones while driving.\*

What rules apply to licensed drivers under age 18?

- No passengers under age 21 until the driver holds a valid driver's license for at least six months (siblings and passengers with medical emergencies excepted).\*\*
- No more than one passenger under age 21 until the driver holds a valid driver's license for at least one year (siblings and passengers with medical emergencies excepted).\*\*

- No more than one passenger in the front seat of a vehicle driven by a person under age 17, and the number of passengers in the back seat must not exceed the number of seat belts. All passengers with drivers under 17 must wear seatbelts.
- No driving between midnight and 5 a.m. until the driver holds a valid driver's license for at least one year, unless accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.
- No drinking and driving
- Obey all traffic Laws
- Carry proof of insurance

\*\* Exceptions:

- Driving to a school or school-authorized activity and the school does not provide transportation (signed statement from school required)
- Driving to/from work (signed statement from employer required)
- Medical emergency
- Driver is an emancipated minor

Note: Newer Changes: \*Effective August 10, 2005 \*\*Effective July 1, 2005

### **Graduated Licensing:**

Governor Bill Owens and Colorado Legislators have added important features to Colorado's graduated licensing laws by limiting the number of young passengers a new teen driver may carry, having a curfew through the first year of a new driver's license, and prohibiting cell phone use while driving with a learner's permit. Each of these factors limits dangerous situations and distractions, allowing new teen drivers to focus on the task at hand: Driving safely between point A and point B.

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws are designed to give young, novice drivers more experience behind the wheel and limit driving in high-risk situations while they are in the learning stages. States began enacting GDL laws in the 1990s. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, effective GDL laws require a learner's permit stage of at least six months with 30-50 hours of supervised driving, and an intermediate stage with limits on night driving and passenger restrictions. Colorado's first parts of graduated driver licensing went into effect July 1, 1999. The law required teens to drive supervised for a minimum of six months with their instructional permits, log 50 hours of driving time with parents or driving instructors (including 10 nighttime hours), not drive (for drivers under age 17) between midnight and 5 a.m., and limit passengers to the number of seat belts in the car.

In 2004, Colorado strengthened the law by raising the minimum learner's permit age to 16 unless a driver takes a drivers education course at age 15 or passes a 4-hour driver awareness course at age 15 years 6 months. The new law also lengthened the permit period to 12 months.

Graduated licensing laws around the country appear to be making a difference. The overall number of 16-year-old drivers fell from 1,084 in 1993 to 938 in 2003 despite an 18-percent increase in the 16-year-old population.

Beginning July 1, 2005, regardless of when you got your license, if you are under 18 you cannot drive a vehicle carrying a passenger under 21 unless you have held your Driver's License for at least 6

months. And you cannot drive a vehicle carrying *more than one* passenger under 21 unless you have held your Driver's License for at least one year.

Exceptions to carrying passengers:

- If your parent or guardian is in the car with you.
- If there is an adult passenger in the vehicle, 21 years of age or older, who has a valid license and has held a Driver's License for at least one year.
- If the passenger under 21 needs emergency medical assistance.
- If the passengers under 21 are members of your immediate family and are all wearing seatbelts.

If you were issued your license on January 1, 2005, on July 1, 2005, you would be able to carry only one passenger under 21 but no more than one until January 1, 2006, unless you meet one of the exceptions above.

There are also new restrictions on the time of day that you can drive. If you are under 18 you cannot drive between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. unless:

- you have held your Driver's License for at least one year; or
- your parent or guardian is in the car with you;
- there is an adult passenger, 21 years of age or older, in the vehicle who has a valid license and has held a Driver's License for at least one year;
- you are driving to school or a school-authorized activity and the school doesn't provide transportation. You will need a signed statement from the school official showing the date of the activity;
- you are driving because of employment; you must carry a signed statement from your employer verifying your employment;
- you are driving because of an emergency; or
- you are an emancipated minor but your parent(s) or guardian(s) have not canceled your license.

MINOR AGE GROUP – Ages 15 to 21

DRIVER EDUCATION PERMIT – Available to customers age 15 years to 15 years and 6 months.

- Expires 3 years after issuance.
- Must present a completed Affidavit of Liability and Guardianship (DR2460) and a completed Affidavit of Enrollment in Driver Education.
- While holding this type of permit, you may only drive with your driver education instructor or the person(s) who signed the Affidavit of Liability (DR2460) until you are age 15 years and 6 months. At 15 years and 6 months, you may drive only with the person(s) who signed the affidavit of Liability (DR 2460) until you are 16. This restriction is automatically lifted when you reach 16 years of age.

DRIVER AWARENESS PERMIT – Available to customers age 15 years and 6 months to age 16 years.

- Expires 3 years after issuance.

- Must present a completed Affidavit of Liability and.
- Guardianship (DR2460) and documentation indicating completion of an approved Driver Awareness Program.
- While holding this type of permit you may only drive with the person(s) who signed the Affidavit of Liability (DR 2460). This restriction is automatically lifted when you reach 16 years of age.

MINOR INSTRUCTION PERMIT – Available to customers ages 16 to 21.

- Expires 3 years after issuance.
- Minors under 18 must present a completed Affidavit of Liability and Guardianship (DR2460).

MINOR LICENSE – Expires 20 days after the 21st birthday.

- Minors under the age of 18 must hold an instruction permit for at least TWELVE MONTHS and be at least 16 years of age before obtaining a Driver License.
- Minors under 18 must present a completed and signed Drive Time Log sheet when applying for their Driver License.
- Minors 18 and older do not have to hold an instruction permit for any required amount of time but do have to first purchase an instruction permit before taking a drive test.

ADULT AGE GROUP – 21 years of age and older

INSTRUCTION PERMIT – Expires 3 years after issuance.

Adults do not have to hold an instruction permit for any required amount of time but do have to first purchase an instruction permit before taking a drive test.

ADULT LICENSE - Expires on the birthday 5 years after the year of issue.

TEMPORARY DOCUMENT: Driver License offices no longer have instant photo equipment. Driver License offices will issue a paper temporary license, permit, or ID card, which is valid for 30 days, while your photo is processed. Because you will receive your photo document in the mail, it is important that your address is correct. If you do not receive your photo document in the mail after 30 days, you should report it to the office where you originally applied.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS: Any Colorado resident not holding a valid license may apply for a Colorado Identification Card. See Resident, § 1.1.) Per C.R.S. 42-2-114 and 42-2-302, Colorado law prohibits a person from holding both a valid driver license and an identification card.

- You must present at least two (2) documents of identification. (See proof of identity listed under Obtaining a Colorado Driver License § 1.3)
- If you are 60 or older, there is no charge for the ID card.
- Expiration:
  - Minor ID cards expire on the 21st birthday.
  - Adult ID cards expire on the birthday, 5 years after the year of issue.

### 3. NEW RESIDENT / RENEWAL

Some offices in the metro area are limited service offices. If you do not have to take any tests, you may be able to save time by going to one of these offices. Check the list of offices in the Service Center Guide in the back of this handbook for locations, services provided, and hours of operation.

#### 3.1 NEW RESIDENT WITH A VALID LICENSE

- If you are 16 years of age or older and have a valid license in your possession which was issued by another U.S. State, territory, or possession, you will normally not be required to take the written test or the drive test.
- The driver license employee has a responsibility to require a drive test, even if you turn in a valid license, if there is a problem with your physical aptitude analysis or vision screening.
- You must surrender your valid out-of-State driver's license (C.R.S. 24-60-1106) and present identification showing proof of lawful presence in the United States along with your surrendered out-of-State driver's license.
- If you are under the age of 18, an Affidavit of Liability must be signed. (See Parent Consent for Minors, §1.5)

#### 3.2 RENEWAL OF A COLORADO DRIVER LICENSE OR INSTRUCTION PERMIT

- To renew a Colorado driver license or instruction permit, you will need to present your old license or permit, pass a vision test, pay the required fee and be fingerprinted and photographed.
- Once you obtain a Colorado Driver License or Instruction Permit, you will not normally have to repeat the written or driving test.

Beginning July 1, 2005, regardless of when you got your license, if you are under 18 you cannot drive a vehicle carrying a passenger under 21 unless you have held your Driver's License for at least 6 months. And, you cannot drive a vehicle carrying *more than one* passenger under 21 unless you have held your Driver's License for at least one year.

Exceptions to carrying passengers:

- If your parent or guardian is in the car with you
- If there is an adult passenger in the vehicle, 21 years of age or older, who has a valid license and has held a Driver's License for at least one year
- If the passenger under 21 needs emergency medical assistance
- If the passengers under 21 are members of your immediate family and they are all wearing seat belts

In summary, if you were issued your license on January 1, 2005, on July 1, 2005, you would be able to carry only one passenger under 21 but no more than one until January 1, 2006, unless you meet one of the exceptions above.

There are also new restrictions on the time of day that you can drive. If you are under 18 you cannot drive between midnight and 5 a.m. unless:

- you have held your Driver's License for at least one year;
- your parent or guardian is in the car with you;
- there is an adult passenger, 21 years of age or older, in the vehicle who has a valid license and has held a Driver's License for at least one year;
- you are driving to school or a school-authorized activity and the school doesn't provide transportation. You will need a signed statement from the school official showing the date of the activity;
- you are driving because of employment; you must carry a signed statement from your employer verifying your employment;
- you are driving because of an emergency; or
- you are an emancipated minor but your parent(s) or guardian(s) have not canceled your license.

#### Colorado Works Cited

<http://www.coloradodrivetime.com/laws.cfm>

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**Driver Education:**

All applicants for a driver's license under 18 years of age must show proof of driver training at the time of the driver's test. Commercial or secondary require 30 hours of classroom and 8 hours of behind-the-wheel training. Home school students require 22 hours of classroom and 8 hours of behind-the-wheel training.

**Commercial or Secondary School:**

Classes offered through a commercial or secondary school consist of 30 hours of classroom instruction and at least eight hours of behind-the-wheel on-the-road training. After successful completion of the courses, the school will issue applicants a Driver Training Certificate. This certificate is required in order for you to be eligible for the actual license exam.

**Home Training:**

If trained at home, the applicant must hold the learner's permit for six months prior to being able to test for a driver's license. Applicants who receive classroom and behind-the-wheel training at a commercial driving school or secondary school must hold a permit for four months.

Applicants may be trained at home by one of the following: a parent, foster parent, legal guardian, grandparent, or spouse (of a married minor applicant).

Note: Instructor must be at least 20 years of age and have held a license for four or more years prior to training.

One of the above must sign a statement at the time of the test, which states that the applicant has obtained a learner's permit and successfully completed at least 22 hours of a course of study which covers all of the material in the Connecticut Driver's Manual, and such other information on driver education that is deemed necessary for a person to know in order to safely operate a motor vehicle under present-day driving conditions. Parents should also read a training guide for those teaching teens to drive, *How Parents Can Help Their Teens Become Safe Drivers*.

The student driver must also be given at least eight hours of behind-the-wheel, on-the-road instruction. It is advisable for the home training instructor to use the Connecticut Driver's Manual as a reference for on-the-road training. You can also view the *Guide to Passing Your Driving Test* brochure for additional on-the-road training tips.

Home-trained applicants must also show evidence of completing an eight-hour course that includes a minimum of four hours on the nature and the medical, biological, and physiological effects of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the operator of a motor vehicle; the dangers associated with the operation of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drug abuse; and the penalties for alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations.

## **Licensing Requirements:**

If you are under the age of 18, you must obtain a Learner's Permit and hold it for 180 days (120 days if completing a commercial or secondary driver training course) prior to being able to test for a driver's license.

The permit allows the student to practice for up to 20 hours with a licensed driver who is at least 20 years old and has held a license for a minimum of four consecutive years. Driving without a permit is a violation of State law and could extend the waiting time necessary to apply for a Connecticut operator's license. You cannot drive between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.

### Learner's Permit Requirements:

Applicants must wait until their 16th birthday before they can apply for a Learner's Permit. Applicants must pass a vision test and a 10-question knowledge test in order to obtain the learner's permit. The latest edition of the Connecticut Driver's Manual should be studied prior to testing.

A parent, court-appointed legal guardian (certified court documentation must be presented), or spouse over 18 years of age must accompany the applicant in person or provide the applicant with a notarized Certificate of Parental Consent (form 2D).

- The teenager may always drive alone. The law limits passengers.

### Rules on passengers:

- During the first three months, only one passenger may be in the vehicle with the driver and that passenger CAN ONLY BE: ONE parent or legal guardian (The parent or legal guardian must be at least 25 years of age), OR ONLY ONE licensed driver instructor OR ONLY ONE person at least 20 years of age who has held a license for four years and has not been suspended.
- During the second three months, which is between three and six months after the license is issued, the ONLY passengers allowed are members of the teenage driver's immediate family, a licensed driving instructor, or person at least 20 years of age who has held a license for four years and has not been suspended. In addition, until reaching their 18th birthday, teenage drivers may not transport more passengers than the number of seat belts installed in the vehicle.
- The restrictions concerning passengers will carry a penalty for a violation, which will be an infraction and fine. In the case of a driver who is convicted of a second violation, the new law permits the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend the license of the driver until he or she is 18 years of age.
- Until his or her 18th birthday, a driver may not operate any vehicle that requires a public passenger transportation permit, or a van pool vehicle.
- Until his or her 18th birthday, a driver may not transport more passengers than the number of seat belts installed in the vehicle.

### Minors Registering a Vehicle: According to the DMV:

Connecticut law allows minors to register vehicles if they are at least 16 years of age with parental consent.

### Learner's Permit (for 16- and 17-year-olds):

If you are under the age of 18, you must obtain a Learner's Permit and hold it for 180 days (120 days if completing a commercial or secondary driver training course) prior to being able to test for a driver's license.

The permit allows the student to practice with a licensed driver who is at least 20 years old and has held a license for a minimum of four consecutive years. Driving without a permit is a violation of State law and could extend the waiting time necessary to apply for a Connecticut operator's license.

### Required Consent:

A parent, court-appointed legal guardian (certified court documentation must be presented), or spouse over 18 years of age must accompany the applicant in person or provide the applicant with a notarized Certificate of Parental Consent (form 2D).

### Required Documents:

To acquire the learner's permit, the applicant must provide the following:

- Residence address verification, such as a postmarked letter dated within 90 days (P.O. Box is not acceptable).
- Certified Birth Certificate (hospital-issued certificates are not acceptable) or valid Passport, in addition to one form of identification from list of acceptable forms of identification. Photocopies of documents are not acceptable.
- In accordance with the Social Security Act 42 U.S.C. 666 (a) (13), it will be required that the social security number of any applicant applying for a new Connecticut Driver's License or Learner's Permit be recorded on the application for a Non-Commercial Driver's License and/or Learner's Permit. If you do not have a social security number, you must obtain a letter from the Social Security Administration that states you are ineligible for a social security number. This letter must be submitted to DMV when applying for your driver's license, learner's permit, or ID card.
- Complete an Application for a Learner's Permit (form B-307).

### Test Requirements:

There are two parts to the permit test. First, a vision test is administered, followed by a knowledge test consisting of 10 questions.

#### Vision Test:

Minimal vision is evaluated for at least 20/40 in the better eye with or without glasses or contact lenses. Peripheral vision (sight to either side while looking straight ahead) must be 140 degrees or 100 degrees for persons with one eye.

#### Knowledge Test:

In order to pass the knowledge portion of the test, you must answer at least eight questions correctly. The test is based on the latest edition of the Connecticut Driver's Manual for New Drivers. If the applicant fails the knowledge test, he/she must wait at least until the next business day before re-testing. There will be an \$18 fee collected each time the applicant tests.

### Driver Training:

Classes offered through a commercial or secondary school consist of 30 hours of classroom instruction and at least 20 hours of behind-the-wheel on-the-road training. After successful completion of the courses, the school will issue you a Driver Training Certificate. This certificate is required in order for you to be eligible for the actual license exam.

If you plan to be home trained, please see Requirements for Home Training for additional information.

Parents should also read How Parents Can Help Their Teens Become Safe Drivers, which explains how parents should train their teens to drive.

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### Obtaining a Connecticut License for the First Time (18 Years of Age or Older)

Applicants 18 years of age or older are not required to provide proof of driver training. However, it is recommended that you study the Connecticut Driver's Manual and read the Guide to Passing Your Driving Test (Z-17) prior to your scheduled appointment.

If you have not previously had a Connecticut license suspended or revoked, you may receive on-the-road instruction provided you are accompanied by a licensed operator who is at least 20 years of age and has held a license for the past four years without suspension.

Prior to beginning your training you may want to schedule an appointment for the driver's license test as the applications and fees for the appointments need to be made in advance of the test date. At the time of your driver's license test appointment, you must show the following:

Identification: You must present your certified Birth Certificate (hospital-issued certificates are not acceptable) or valid Passport, in addition to one form of identification from the list of acceptable forms of identification. Photocopies of documents are not acceptable. Note: If an applicant has been issued a Connecticut Identification Card (ID), it must be surrendered when the driver's license is issued.

The test to receive your license is given in three parts. The first part is the eye test, the second part is the law test (16-question knowledge test), and the third part is the road test. The following is a brief explanation of each of these parts:

#### Eye Test:

The eye test evaluates:

- a. acuity (how clearly you see)
- b. peripheral vision (how far you can see to either side while looking straight ahead)
- c. depth and color perception.

The minimal vision requirements for all classes of license is at least 20/40 in each eye with or without glasses or contact lenses. But if the applicant is blind in one eye, the other eye must be at least 20/30.

#### Law (Knowledge) Test

The law test consists of 16 questions; answering 12 correctly is considered passing. The test is based on the information contained in the Connecticut Driver's Manual.

## Road Test (Behind-the-Wheel Evaluation)

This test is given after the applicant has successfully passed the eye and 16 question knowledge test. You must supply a vehicle for the road test. This vehicle must: be appropriate for the license class for which you are applying, be mechanically safe, and have a proper registration and insurance card. There is no limit to the number of individuals who can be tested in the same vehicle; however, driving schools are limited to four per vehicle. A non-licensed operator cannot drive to the test location unless accompanied by a licensed operator.

Individuals using an out-of-State registered test-vehicle must bring a copy of the vehicle's insurance policy (meeting Connecticut minimum requirements for insurance):

\$20,000 bodily injury per person  
\$40,000 bodily injury per accident  
\$10,000 property damage per accident

If the test vehicle is found to be in an unsafe operating condition, no behind-the-wheel evaluation will be conducted; the owner may be issued a warning ticket for defective equipment and the applicant will be given a no-fee card for a retest at a future date. Road tests may be conducted if minor defects are found, even if a warning ticket is issued.

The road test generally takes 15 to 20 minutes and evaluates:

Safe condition of the test vehicle.

Ability to properly adjust seat, mirror, seat belts ("preparing to drive").

Response to traffic control signs and signals, signaling, interaction with other motorists (yielding right-of-way, response to emergency vehicles).

Backing and/or parking.

Proficiency in basic driving skills such as turns.

Other driver maneuvers at the direction of the inspector.

## **Restrictions for Newly Licensed 16- and 17-Year-Old Drivers**

### Passenger Restrictions

The teenager may always drive alone. The law limits passengers.

During the first three months, the only passengers that may be in the vehicle with the driver are:

- ONE licensed driver instructor;
- ONE person at least 20 years of age who has held a license for the previous four years and has not been suspended during that four-year time frame; or
- ONE or BOTH parents or legal guardians (The parent or legal guardian must be at least 25 years of age)

During the second three months, which is between three and six months after the license is issued, the ONLY passengers allowed are:

- members of the teenage driver's immediate family
- a licensed driving instructor
- a person at least 20 years of age who has held a license for the previous four years and has not been suspended during that four-year time frame.

The restrictions concerning passengers will carry a penalty for a violation, which will be an infraction and fine. In the case of a driver who is convicted of a second violation, the new law permits the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend the license of the driver until he or she is 18 years of age.

Restrictions for Newly Licensed 16- and 17-Year-Old Drivers:

- Until the age of 18, a driver may not operate any vehicle that requires a public passenger transportation permit, or a vanpool vehicle.
- Until 18 years old, a driver may not transport more passengers than the number of seat belts installed in the vehicle.
- Any person issued a motorcycle endorsement may not transport any passenger on a motorcycle for the first six months after obtaining the endorsement.
- Drivers who are 16 and 17 years of age are restricted from using any type of cell phone or mobile electronic device while driving a moving vehicle, including those with a hands-free accessory.
- Drivers 16 and 17 years old are prohibited from driving between midnight and 5 a.m. unless they are traveling for employment, school, religious, or medical-related reasons.
- The nighttime driving and passenger restrictions do not apply to members of volunteer fire, ambulance, or emergency medical service organizations who respond to emergency call.

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**8/23/2006**  
**Delaware**

**Educational Requirements:**

It is noted that 30 hours of classroom instruction and 7 hours of behind-the-wheel training is required.

Commercial driver training school or "school" means a business enterprise conducted by a person for the education and training of persons, either practically or theoretically, or both, to operate motor vehicles or to prepare an applicant for an examination given by the State for a driver's license or learner's permit and charging a consideration or tuition for such services.

**"Instructor"** means any person, whether acting as operator of a commercial driver training school or for any such school for compensation, who teaches, conducts classes of, gives demonstrations to, or supervises practice of persons learning to operate or drive motor vehicles or preparing to take an examination for a driver's license or learner's permit, and any person who supervises the work of any other such instructor.

The Secretary shall adopt and prescribe such regulations concerning the administration and enforcement of this chapter as are necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter and to protect the public. The Secretary or the Secretary's authorized representative shall inspect the school facilities and equipment of applicants and licensees and examine applicants for instructor's licenses.

The Secretary shall administer and enforce this chapter, and may call upon the Secretary of Education for assistance in developing and formulating appropriate regulations.

**Licensing Requirements:**

On July 1, 1999, Delaware implemented a Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program. The GDL program is designed to provide young drivers with more on-the-road driving experience during the safest times of the day, before issuing them an unrestricted driver's license.

Note: Teens must be at least 15 years and 10 months old to begin the GDL program. After completing the GDL program, they must be at least 16 years and 10 months to obtain their Class D unrestricted license.

Four steps to earning a license:

**Step One:**

Successfully complete a State-approved driver education program and receive your blue certificate. Take the blue certificate, original birth certificate, and social security card to the DMV and apply for the Level One Learner's Permit

**Step Two:**

Practice driving with supervision at all times with your Delaware Level One Learner's Permit for 6 months

### Step Three:

Drive with a Delaware Level One Learner's Permit for 6 months unsupervised during daytime hours and supervised during night hours (10 p.m.-6 a.m.)

### Step Four:

Removing class D license from sealed packet 12 months after the issue date

The role of the sponsor.

- The sponsor who signs the Level One Learner's Permit application has the final authority to determine if the minor is capable of operating a motor vehicle.
- The sponsor will designate who can supervise the minor driver. The sponsor may also be the supervisor.
- The sponsor can withdraw their endorsement at any time, thereby canceling the license of the minor driver, until the driver reaches the age of 18.
- The sponsor's role is important in the development of the driver's skills and their ability to avoid accidents and injury.

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### **GDL**

Level One Learner's Permit Applicant's eligibility requirements:

- Must be at least 15 years and 10 months old, and less than 18 years of age.
- Must present a Delaware Driver Education Certificate (Blue Certificate) as proof that you passed a certified Delaware Driver Education Course. If you passed a course in another State, your out-of-State certificate must be approved by the Department of Education; this approval must be presented to the Division of Motor Vehicles.
- Minors who require specialized evaluation, training, or equipment to operate a motor vehicle because of a physical or mental disability will be identified by the driver education teacher and tested by the Division.
- All minor's driver license applications must be signed by a sponsor. The sponsor is held jointly liable with the minor for any damages resulting from the minor's negligence.

### Eligibility for a Class D Operator's License

A permit holder who is at least 16 years and 10 months old, but less than 18 years old, may obtain a Class D operator's license when the driver has held a Level 1 Learner's Permit for at least 12 months, the sponsor has not withdrawn his/her endorsement, and the applicant's driving privileges are not suspended, revoked, or canceled.

### Permit Restrictions:

- Permit must be in the possession of the permit holder when driving a motor vehicle.
- When the permit holder is under mandatory supervision, the supervisor must be a properly licensed parent, guardian, or licensed driver (approved by the sponsor) who is at least 25 years of age and has held a Class D license for at least 5 years. The supervising driver must be seated beside the permit holder in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion. No person other than the supervising driver can be in the front seat.
- For the first six months after issuance of a Level One Learner's Permit, the permit holder may only drive when supervised. This is the mandatory supervision period.
- After the first six months after issuance, the permit holder may drive:
  - Unsupervised between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
  - The permit holder may drive between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. only when under supervision. Exception: The permit holder may travel without supervision during those hours when going directly to and from religious activities, work activities, and the permit holder's school.
- No passengers other than the adult supervisor and two or fewer other passengers may be in the vehicle during the first year. During the second six-month-period of unsupervised driving when a supervisor is not present, only two other passengers in addition to the driver may be in the vehicle. This passenger limit does not apply to immediate family members.
- The use of a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited. A conviction for violating this law will result in a one-month driver license suspension for a first offense and a three-month suspension for each subsequent offense.
- Persons who violate the Level One Learner's Permit restrictions are considered as driving without a license which will result in a two-month suspension for the first offense and a four-month suspension for subsequent offenses.

### Graduated Driver's License For First Time Applicants Under Age 18:

- All minor's driver license applications must be signed by a sponsor. The sponsor is held jointly liable with the minor for any damages resulting from the minor's negligence. The sponsor has the final authority to determine if the minor is capable of handling the responsibility of operating a motor vehicle and the authority to designate who may supervise the minor driver. The sponsor may withdraw his/her endorsement at any time until the minor reaches age 18, thereby canceling the minor's driving privileges. The following sponsors are listed in order of preference:
  - Either father or mother of the minor if both parents are living together within this State and the minor resides with both parents.

- OR -

- Father of the minor, if the father is living within this State, and the minor resides with the father only. Mother of the minor, if the mother is living within this State and the minor resides with the mother only. Father or mother, if the father or mother lives within this State, and the minor resides with neither parent and the minor has no legal guardian within this State. (Note: Stepparents can not act as sponsors unless appointed the minor's guardian or the minor is adopted.)

- OR -

- Legal guardian or court-appointed custodian of the minor, duly appointed as such under the laws of this State.

- OR -

- Employer of the minor, or by any suitable person acceptable to the Secretary of Public Safety or the Chief of Driver Services, (302) 744-2561.
- The sponsor must sign the minor's drivers license application in the presence of a Division licensing employee. However, the parent, guardian, or court-appointed custodian acting as a sponsor can have his/her signature notarized on the application and have it forwarded to the Division.
- The applicant must pay \$12.50 Class D license fee and pass an eye screen at the time of application.
- Minors who require specialized evaluation, training, or equipment to operate a motor vehicle because of a physical or mental disability will be identified by the driver education teacher and tested by the Division.

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**District of Columbia**

**Educational Requirements:**

Not noted

**Licensing Requirements:**

GRAD Program:

Gradual Rearing of Adult Drivers (GRAD) Program permits novice drivers (16 - 21 years of age) to safely gain driving experience before obtaining full driving privileges. Many driver education programs are barely sufficient to learn basic vehicle control skills; most do not take into account complexities such as driving at night. GRAD addresses these complexities.

There are three stages in the graduated licensing program:

1. Supervised learner's phase.
2. Intermediate phase in which you earn a provisional license.
3. Full license - depending on age, there may be conditions.

The GRAD program places the responsibility on the young driver to maintain his or her right to drive. If you violate traffic laws or GRAD program requirements, there are penalties.

**Learner's Permit**

For age 16 – 21; Requirements

- Minimum age of 16.
- You must have valid proof of birth, social security number, and DC residency or a valid DC identification card.
- A Notarized Parental Consent Form (if under the age of 18) with a copy of parent's or legal guardian's DC driver's license or DC identification card.
- You must pass the knowledge and vision test.

**Restrictions**

- You CANNOT drive alone.
- You must be accompanied by and under the instruction of a driver who is 21 years old or older, has a valid full driver's license, and is seated next to you in the passenger front seat.
- Driving hours are restricted for learner's permit holders between the ages of 16 and 21.
- You and your passengers must wear seat belts at all times.
- You may not operate a motor vehicle for compensation.
- You may not operate a commercial vehicle.

## Enforcement

- If you have a learner's permit, your parent/legal guardian is notified of any pointable or GRAD violations by you, until you are 18 years of age.
- Any pointable traffic violation for which you admit to, have been found liable for, or convicted of will extend the amount of time you must wait to apply for a provisional license. You must be free of any pointable traffic violation for which points were or could have been assessed for six (6) consecutive months before graduating to the Provisional license stage.
- During your learner's permit stage, if 8 points or more have been assessed against you or you have violated any GRAD program restrictions, you will be subject to a 90-day suspension of your learner's permit and payment of a reinstatement fee.

## Renewal

- If your learner's permit expires before you are able to move to the Provisional license stage, you must renew your learner's permit within 90 days after expiration to avoid taking knowledge test again.

## Next Steps

- You must practice driving for at least 40 hours with an experienced driver (21 years or older who has a valid driver's license). Log your hours on the 40 hours Certification of Eligibility for Provisional License form.
- After you have held your learner's permit for at least 6 consecutive months pointable-violation-free and have logged your 40 hours driving experience, you are eligible to schedule a road test appointment.

## Provisional License

For ages 16 1/2 – 21; Requirements

- Minimum age of 16 years and 6 months.
- You must have held valid learner's permit for at least 6 months pointable-violation-free.
- You must provide a signed 40 hours Certification of Eligibility for Provisional License form certifying that you have at least 40 hours of driving experience accompanied by a licensed driver(s) who is 21 years old or older and who has a valid full driver's license. A photocopy of the supervised driver(s) license must be submitted.
- You must take and pass the Road Skills Test.

## Restrictions / Advantages

- You can drive alone.
- You can drive with one (1) passenger who is the holder of a valid full driver's license who is 21 years of age or older, occupying the front passenger seat next to you and is wearing a seat belt, and any other passenger who is your sibling or parent.
- You and your passengers must wear seat belts at all times.
- Driving hours are restricted for provisional license drivers.

## Enforcement

- Parents/legal guardians are notified of any pointable traffic violation and violations of GRAD program restrictions by Provisional License holders until you are 18 years old.
- Any pointable traffic violation that you admit to, have been found liable for, or convicted of will extend the amount of time you must wait to apply for a full license. You must be violation-free for twelve (12) consecutive months before graduating to the Full License with conditions stage.
- During your Provisional License stage, if you violate any GRAD program restrictions, you will be subject to a thirty- (30), sixty- (60) or ninety- (90) day suspension of your Provisional License depending upon whether it is your first, second, or third or more violation of GRAD program restrictions. These penalties are in addition to any other penalty that may be applicable. Additionally, like any other driver, you will be automatically suspended if your point total reaches 10. After suspension, you will be required to pay a reinstatement fee to reinstate your provisional license.

## Renewal

- If your Provisional license expires before you are able to move to the Full License with conditions stage, you may renew your Provisional license within ninety (90) days after expiration.
- If your Provisional license is expired for more than ninety (90) days but less than 180 days and you have been pointable-traffic-violation-free and GRAD-program-violation-free for 12 consecutive months, you will be required to take and pass the knowledge test, submit your 10-hour night driving Certification of Eligibility form and will be issued your full license with conditions.
- If your Provisional license is expired for more than 180 days , you will be required to take and pass the knowledge and road skills test, submit your 10-hour night driving Certification of Eligibility form, and will be issued your full license with conditions (no 6 months permit holding period is required as long as you have been traffic-pointable-violation-free and GRAD-program-violation-free for 12 consecutive months).

## Next Steps

- You must practice night driving for at least 10 hours with a driver who is 21 years of age or older and who has a valid full driver's license. Log your hours on the 10 hours Certification of Eligibility for Full Driver's License with conditions form.
- After you have held your provisional license for at least 6 months pointable-violation-free for 12 consecutive months and have logged your 10 hours night driving experience, you are eligible to obtain your full driver's license with conditions.

## Full Driver's License

For ages 17 – 21; Requirements

Minimum Age of 17.

- You must have held a valid Provisional License for at least 6 months.
- You must not have admitted to, been liable for, or convicted of an offense for which points may be assessed for at least 12 consecutive months.
- You must provide a signed 10 hours Certification of Eligibility for Full License with Conditions form certifying that you have practiced night driving skills for at least 10 hours accompanied by a driver who is 21 years or older and has a valid full driver's license. A photocopy of the supervising driver's license must be submitted.

#### Restrictions / Advantages

(Under age 18 only)

- You can drive alone.
- If you are under 18 years old, you can drive with no more than two (2) passengers under age 21. This restriction does not apply to passengers who are your siblings.
- If you are under 18 years old, you can not operate a motor vehicle other than a passenger vehicle or motorized bicycle used solely for the purposes of pleasure and not for compensation.
- You and your passengers must wear seat belts at all times.
- Parents/legal guardians are notified of any traffic pointable violation or violations of GRAD program restrictions of Full License with condition holders until the driver is 18 years old.
- Driving hours are restricted for Full license drivers between the ages of 17 and 18 years old.

#### GRAD Permissible Driving Hours

##### Learner's Permit

September - June

Sunday - Thursday, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

July & August

Everyday, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Full-license drivers between the ages of 17 and 18 years old \*

September - June

Sunday - Thursday, 6 a.m. – 10:59 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, 6 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.

July & August

Everyday, 6 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.

There are no driving hours or passenger restrictions for holders of Full Licenses once you turn 18 years old.

##### Provisional License\*

September - June

Sunday - Thursday, 6 a.m. – 10:59 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, 6 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.

July & August

Everyday, 6 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.

\* You can operate a motor vehicle after GRAD restricted hours if you are driving to or from work, a school- or religious-sponsored activity, an athletic event, or a related training session in which you are a participant, sponsored by the District of Columbia, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or if accompanied by the holder of a valid driver's license who is 21 years of age or older, wearing a seat belt, and occupying the passenger seat beside you.

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Florida**

**Educational Requirements:**

All first-time drivers in the State of Florida are required to take the Drug Alcohol Traffic Awareness (DATA) course before applying for their licenses. The four-hour class is available online, and students may log on and log off as many times as needed to finish the course.

The course covers:

- How alcohol and other drugs affect your ability to drive (traffic law substance abuse education –TLSAE);
- Laws and responsibilities;
- Safe driving techniques; and
- How to increase awareness on roadways.

At the conclusion of the First Time Driver Course, participants now have the opportunity to take the Driver's License exam online.

**Instructor Requirements according to the Florida Department of Education:**

6A-4.0131 Specialization Requirements for the Endorsement in Driver Education – Academic Class.

- (1) A bachelor's or higher degree with certification in another subject, and
- (2) Nine (9) semester hours in driver education to include the areas specified below:
  - (a) Three (3) semester hours in basic driver education,
  - (b) Three (3) semester hours in advanced driver education, and
  - (c) Three (3) semester hours in administration and supervision of driver traffic safety education.

**Licensing Requirements:**

Florida Learner's Permit /Restricted License

To obtain a learner's permit in Florida, applicants are required to take a course that teaches how drugs and alcohol affect driving. Courses offered go by the name of either DATA (drugs, alcohol, traffic, awareness) or TLSAE (traffic law substance abuse education)

For the Florida learner's permit course, it is recommended that either [highschooldriver.com](http://highschooldriver.com) or [123driving.com](http://123driving.com) are utilized. Both offer a State of Florida approved DATA course and the DMV test online to get a learner's permit.

## Shortcuts for Online Learner Permit Courses

- HighSchoolDriver.com - traffic school for restricted license
- 123driving.com – first-time-driver classes

### **Earning a learner's permit – a restricted license summary:**

- Complete the DATA course – one must be 14 1/2 years old
- Study the Florida Drivers handbook to prepare for the DMV test
- Take the DMV test - applicants must be 15 years old
- Take a vision test at the local DMV office and get a learner's permit

Note: Applicants can take the DMV test at their local DMV office or online at both of the sites recommended above if the DATA course is completed on their system.

### **Learner's Permit Restrictions:**

A Florida learner's permit is also known as a restricted license. This is because it has specific restrictions and requirements as follows:

- Drivers must be accompanied by a licensed driver 21 or older in the front passenger seat at all times
- For the first 3 months only drive between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- After the first 3 months drive between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- You must hold your Learner's License for 12 months with no convictions

Drivers with a Learner's license are ineligible for a motorcycle endorsement.

<http://www.firn.edu/doe/rules/6a-45.htm>

### **Instruction permits and temporary licenses: laws and provisions**

- (1) Any person who is at least 18 years of age and who, except for his or her lack of instruction in operating a motor vehicle, would otherwise be qualified to obtain a Class E driver's license under this chapter, may apply for a temporary instruction permit. The department shall issue such a permit entitling the applicant, while having the permit in his or her immediate possession, to drive a motor vehicle of the type for which a Class E driver's license is required upon the highways for a period of 90 days, except when operating a motorcycle or moped.
- (2) The department may, at its discretion, issue a temporary permit to an applicant for a Class E driver's license permitting him or her to operate a motor vehicle of the type for which a Class E driver's license is required while the department is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to such applicant's right to receive a driver's license. Such permit must be in his or her immediate possession while operating a motor vehicle, and it shall be invalid when the applicant's license has been issued or for good cause has been refused.
- (3) Any person who, except for his or her lack of instruction in operating a commercial motor vehicle, would otherwise be qualified to obtain a commercial driver's license under this chapter, may apply for a temporary commercial instruction permit. The department shall issue such a permit entitling

the applicant, while having the permit in his or her immediate possession, to drive a commercial motor vehicle on the highways, provided that:

- (a) The applicant possesses a valid driver's license issued in any State; and
- (b) The applicant, while operating a commercial motor vehicle, is accompanied by a licensed driver who is 21 years of age or older, who is licensed to operate the class of vehicle being operated, and who is actually occupying the closest seat to the right of the driver.

The department may issue a learner's driver's license to a person who is at least 15 years of age and who:

- (a) Has passed the written examination for a learner's driver's license;
- (b) Has passed the vision and hearing examination administered under s. 322.12;
- (c) Has completed the traffic law and substance abuse education course prescribed in s. 322.095; and
- (d) Meets all other requirements set forth in law and by rule of the department.

(2) When operating a motor vehicle, the holder of a learner's driver's license must be accompanied at all times by a driver who:

- (a) Holds a valid license to operate the type of vehicle being operated;
- (b) Is at least 21 years of age; and
- (c) Occupies the closest seat to the right of the driver of the motor vehicle.

(3) A person who holds a learner's driver's license may operate a vehicle only during daylight hours, except that the holder of a learner's driver's license may operate a vehicle until 10 p.m. after 3 months following the issuance of the learner's driver's license.

(4) A licensee who violates subsection (2) or subsection (3) is subject to the civil penalty imposed for a moving violation as set forth in chapter 318.

<http://www.firn.edu/doe/rules/6a-45.htm>

### **Requirements:**

- Be at least 15 years old
- Pass vision, road signs, and road rules tests
- Have the signature of one parent (or guardian) on the consent form if under age 18
- Completion of Traffic Law and Substance Abuse Education Course
- Two forms of identification (see Identifying Yourself)
- Social Security Number
- Must be in compliance with school attendance

\*\*The 2000 Florida Legislature amended section 322.05, Florida Statutes, changing the requirements to obtain a Class E license for a driver under the age of 18 holding a learner's license. The following requirements must be met in order to obtain a regular Class E license if a learner's license is issued on or after October 1, 2000:

- Must hold a Learner's License for at least 12 months or until the 18th birthday
- Must have NO convictions 12 months from the issue date of the learner's license
- May have one traffic conviction within 12 months from the issue date of the learner's license if adjudication is withheld

### **Operator's License for 16- and 17-year-old drivers**

To earn an operator's license, you must be at least 16 years old AND have held a learner's license for at least one year without any traffic convictions.

Additional requirements include:

- Completion of 50 hours of driving experience with a learner's permit
- At least 10 hours of driving must be at night

With an Operator's License:

- 16-year-olds – only drive between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m., unless accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old and occupies the front passenger seat, or you are traveling to or from work.
- 17-year-olds – only drive between 5 a.m. and 1 a.m., unless accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old and occupies the front passenger seat, or you are traveling to or from work.

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**Georgia**

**Educational Requirements:**

Educational requirements include 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel practice.

**Licensing Requirements:**

Georgia has in place a three-step educational process that allows the young driver to gain more experience behind the wheel:

**Step 1 - INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT** is granted to 15-year-olds upon successfully passing a written examination.

The driver with this permit must be accompanied by a passenger who is at least 21 years old and who possesses a valid Class C driver's license at all times while driving.

The permit is good for 24 months, and must be held for 12 months.

You may not apply or keep a driver's permit or license if you withdraw from school (if you are under age 18), have a total of 10 unexcused absences, or have certain conduct infractions.

**Class C: Instructional Permit**

Applicant must be at least 15 years old and be able to pass the eye and knowledge test. When driving, there must be a licensed driver at least 21 years old in the front seat with him or her at all times. The permit is valid for 24 months. Parental consent is required for applicants under 18 years of age.

**Class M: Instructional Permit**

The applicant must be at least 16 years of age and have parental consent if under 18. Applicant must pass an eye and knowledge test. The permit is valid for 6 months and will allow the applicant to operate motorcycles and motor-driven cycles with the following restrictions: no passengers, no expressways, daylight hours only, and/or certain other applicable restrictions.

**Class A and B Instructional Permits**

The applicant must be 18 years old, already possess a Class C license, and must pass visual acuity and knowledge tests. The minimum passing score for each knowledge test is 80 percent correct.

**Step 2 - INTERMEDIATE LICENSE (Class D)** The license is granted to drivers between 16 and 18 years of age who have held an Instructional Permit for 12 months and passed a driving test. The Intermediate License has the following restrictions:

1. No driving between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. No exceptions.
2. No driving with any non-family passengers for the first six months. After the first six months, no more than three non-family passengers who are under 21 years of age.

3. On or after January 1, 2002, anyone who obtains an initial Class D license must have completed:
  - a) An approved driver education program and, in addition, a cumulative total of at least 20 hours of supervised driving (6 hours at night),OR
  - b) A cumulative total of at least 40 hours of supervised driving (6 hours at night).

*\*\* These requirements also apply to an applicant for an initial Class C driver's license who has not previously been issued a Class D license.*

**Step 3** - A FULL LICENSE (Class C) driver's license is granted to drivers age 18 and older who hold the class D license and have incurred no major traffic convictions during the previous 12 months. The following violations must not occur during this period:

1. DUI
2. Eluding a police officer
3. Drag racing
4. Reckless driving
5. Hit and run
6. Any violation that assesses four or more points on the driver's license

**\*\* Drivers under the age of 18 years in a 12-month license suspension period must not incur a violation point count over four points**

**\*\* Georgia has zero tolerance for underage drunk driving. Convicted drivers with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter (g/d/L) or higher will face a 12-month license suspension on the first offense.**

**Note: Effective January 1, 2007 there will be new requirements for class D driver's licenses**

Joshua's Law is a bill that changes the requirements that teen drivers must meet in order to obtain a Class D driver's license starting on January 1, 2007.

To get a Class D driver's license at age sixteen (16):

- You must have completed a driver education course approved by the Department of Driver Services, and
- You must have completed a cumulative total of at least forty (40) hours of other supervised driving experience, including at least six (6) hours at night.
- If you have not completed an approved driver's education course, you cannot get your Class D driver's license until you reach age seventeen (17). Remember, forty (40) hours of driving experience, including six (6) hours of driving at night, is always required for a Class D driver's license.

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/news/newsdetail.aspx?id=31>

For more information, visit the DMVS website: [www.dmv.ga.gov](http://www.dmv.ga.gov).

## Driver's License

### Part 1 – The Vision Test

Your eyes will be tested by means of a mechanical device. The minimum acceptable vision is 20/60 in one eye, with or without corrective lenses, and a field of vision of at least 140 degrees.

### Part 2 – The Road Sign Test

A set of questions on the meaning of standard highway signs will be given. You will be asked to identify certain signs, signals, and markers. In order to pass, it is necessary to get 15 out of 20 answers correct.

### Part 3 – The Road Rules Test

The road rules test consists of a set of questions about driver responsibility, knowledge of laws and safe driving practices, applicable to the class of license applied for. To pass the test, the applicants must answer at least 15 out of 20 questions correctly.

The road rules tests are available in some non-English languages, but all drivers must show ability to read and understand simple English such as is used in highway traffic and directional signs. Road signs and actual driving tests must be taken in English.

### Part 4 – The Driving Test (Class C or D)

All road test vehicles must be covered by liability insurance, (you must show a valid insurance card), pass a safety inspection, and if the vehicle is not equipped with turn signals, you must know your hand signals. You may not take the test in a rental vehicle.

### Part 5 – Class A & B Non-Commercial

There is no driving test for Classes A & B Non-Commercial; however, the applicant must present an affidavit of skill (DS-36), establishing their ability to operate the vehicles within the particular class, and pass a knowledge test for that particular class.

## **Teenage & Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TADRA)**

TADRA is a graduated driver's license program for young drivers ages 15 to 18.

It was established in Georgia by a collaborative effort of highway safety advocates, legislators, law enforcement officials, educators, businesses, and media in the wake of a high number of fatal vehicle crashes involving young, inexperienced drivers.

This act directly addresses the leading killer of our young people – traffic crashes. The law significantly changes the way young motorists earn and maintain the privilege of driving by providing a controlled means for new drivers to gain experience, and by reducing high-risk driving situations. While the law does focus on young drivers, it also contains important provisions that affect drivers over 21, particularly in the area of DUI prevention and enforcement.

### Three-Step Process in TADRA

TADRA involves an intense, three-step educational process that allows the young driver to gain more experience behind the wheel:

**STEP ONE - INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT** is granted to 15-year-olds upon successfully passing a written examination. The driver with this permit must be accompanied by a passenger who is at least 21 years old and possesses a valid Class C driver's license at all times while driving.

**STEP TWO - INTERMEDIATE LICENSE (Class D)** The license is granted to drivers between 16 and 18 years of age who have held an Instructional Permit for 12 months and passed a driving test. The Intermediate License has the following restrictions:

No driving between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. No exceptions.

No driving with any non-family passengers for the first six months. After the first six months, no more than three non-family passengers that are under 21 years of age.

On or after January 1, 2002, anyone who obtains an initial Class D license must have completed:

a) An approved driver education program and, in addition, a cumulative total of at least 20 hours of supervised driving (6 hours at night),

OR

b) A cumulative total of at least 40 hours of supervised driving (6 hours at night).

\*\* These requirements also apply to an applicant for an initial Class C driver's license who has not previously been issued a Class D license.

**STEP THREE - A FULL LICENSE (Class C)** driver's license is granted to drivers ages 18 years of age and older who hold the class D license and have incurred no major traffic convictions during the previous 12 months. The following violations must not occur during this period:

- DUI
- Eluding a police officer
- Drag racing
- Reckless driving
- Hit and run

Any violation that assesses four or more points on the driver's license

\*\* Drivers under the age of 18 years in a 12-month license suspension period must not incur a violation point count over four points

\*\* Georgia has a zero tolerance for underage drunk driving. Convicted drivers with a blood alcohol concentration level of .08 grams per deciliter (g/dL) or higher will face a 12-month license suspension on the first offense.

## **WHY TADRA?**

- In 2000, one out of five fatal crashes in Georgia involved speed, with drivers ages 16-17 having the highest rate of motor vehicle fatalities (based on the total number of drivers per age group).
- Young, inexperienced drivers ages 16 to 24 have a higher rate of crashes, injuries, and fatalities than drivers over age 24.

- The Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TADRA), enacted on July 1, 1997, led to a 44.5-percent decline in teenage speed-related crashes in 18 months, which was five times less than the rate of drivers over age 24.

#### Helpful Tips for Teens Behind the Wheel

- Do not speed
- Do not drink alcohol nor take drugs and drive
- Wear your seat belt and insist that your passengers wear theirs
- Do not eat, use a mobile phone, operate a car stereo loudly, entertain friends, nor put on makeup in your car while driving. These or any other distractions could easily cause a serious vehicular crash.

In the event of a crash:

- a) Remain calm
- b) Ensure everyone in all vehicles involved are OK
- c) Contact local authorities immediately
- d) Note the name of the law enforcement officer and the name of the agency that responded
- e) Exchange information with other driver(s) involved, including name, address, telephone number, and automobile insurance information

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/teens/DLdata.aspx?con=1748259861&ty=ten>

#### School and Your Driver's License

##### School Attendance Required!

Any applicant who is younger than 18 years of age must be enrolled in and not under suspension from a public or private school for a period of one academic year prior to application for an instruction permit or driver's license.

The DDS will suspend the license of a minor who:

- Has dropped out of school without graduating and has remained out of school for ten consecutive school days.
- Has more than ten school days of unexcused absences in any semester or combination of two consecutive quarters.
- Has been suspended from school for:
  - Threatening, striking, or causing bodily harm to a teacher or other school personnel.
  - Possession or sale of drugs or alcohol on school property.
  - Possession or use of a weapon on school property.
  - Any sexual offense prohibited under Chapter 6 of Title 16.
  - Causing substantial physical or visible bodily harm to or seriously disfiguring another person, including another student.

Any infraction of the above conduct offenses will be a one-year suspension or shall be suspended until the minor's eighteenth birthday, whichever comes first.

## Temporary Driving Permit

A student can obtain a temporary driving permit from the Department of Driver Services to drive to and from work with a suspended license, if he or she has demonstrated the need for the permit. The permit would only be granted if the driver's license has been suspended for a school-related infraction or for dropping out of school.

A driver education program is designed to teach new drivers fundamental skills and basic knowledge about driving a motor vehicle. All driver education programs are required to use Department of Driver Services-approved standardized curriculum with Department of Driver Services licensed instructors.

The program consists of 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. Young drivers may qualify for a driver's license, but they're still learning to drive. They tend to overestimate their abilities behind the wheel. And, as we all know in Georgia, speed limits fluctuate, traffic gets heavy, and rain and snow are hazards.

## Georgia Works Cited

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/teens/DLdata.aspx?con=1740477406&ty=dl>

Georgia Department of Driver Services

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**Hawaii**

**Education:**

After January 1, 2001, persons under the age of 18 wishing to obtain a Class 1, 2, or 3 driver's license, must present a Driver Education Student Completion Certificate and a Behind-the-Wheel Student Completion Certificate to the Examiner of Drivers prior to scheduling a road test.

A Driver Education Student Completion Certificate will be given to a student who has successfully completed all requirements for a driver education course through:

- Thirty hours of classroom instruction.

A behind-the-wheel student completion certificate will be given to a student who has successfully completed all requirements for a behind-the-wheel driving course or a certified driving simulator curriculum through:

- Six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction; or
- A simulator course and two hours of behind-the-wheel driving instruction.

Drivers must be 15½ years of age to obtain a learners permit, but they have to be 16 years of age to receive their driver's license. A student will need to obtain a driver education student completion certificate and a behind-the-wheel student completion certificate before signing up for a road test. To obtain a driver education student completion certificate, a student must complete a 30-hour classroom course. To obtain the behind-the-wheel student completion certificate, a student may choose six hours of behind-the-wheel training with a DOT-certified instructor, or a DOT-certified simulator driver education course and two hours of behind-the-wheel training with a DOT-certified instructor. A parent or person over the age of 18 must spend at least 50 hours (40 during the day and 10 at night) riding with the student driver before the student can obtain a driver's license.

The Department of Transportation has set maximum fees that can be charged for driver education classes through the administrative rule process. Students are responsible for paying all fees. The Department of Education currently charges \$10 for its course which includes 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. These courses are available at most public high schools on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fees charged by commercial driving school instructors, who have been certified by the Department of Transportation to teach driver education courses, are expected to be competitive. All fees must cover their cost of doing business (i.e., taking courses required for certification, carrying liability and automobile insurance, providing specially equipped vehicles for behind-the-wheel classes, fuel, record keeping, and other costs of running a small business).

The maximum fees that an instructor can charge each student cannot exceed:

- \$250 per person for driver's education classroom instruction;
- \$50 per hour for behind-the-wheel driving lessons; and
- \$250 per person for a simulator course

## **Instructor Requirements:**

To be certified by the Department of Transportation as a Driver Education Instructor, a person must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Possesses a valid Hawaii driver's license with the classification and endorsements required for operation of the class and type of motor vehicle used in driver education.
- Has completed a training course certified by the department. Instructors who have been certified by the Department of Education within five years prior to the effective date of the original version of the Hawaii Administrative Rules, will be considered to have successfully completed a department certified course.
- Has not had more than one moving traffic violation within one year prior to obtaining certification; not more than two moving traffic violations within three years prior to obtaining certification; and not more than three moving traffic violations within five years prior to obtaining certification.
- Has no driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs conviction within five years prior to obtaining certification.
- Has no driver's license suspension, revocation, cancellation, or disqualification within three years prior to obtaining certification.
- Is at least 21 years of age.
- Possesses the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- Has had a valid driver's license recognized by the State of Hawaii for at least five years.
- Possesses no criminal record that would make them unsuitable to work with children.
- Has effective communications skills.
- Is capable of assessing and observing appropriate student behavior and engaging students in meaningful driver education activities.
- Models positive driving behaviors.

## **Licensing Requirements:**

If under the age of 18, you must show proof you have completed an approved driver education program and behind-the-wheel training course. An individual can obtain an instruction permit at age 15 years and 6 months, and can obtain a license at age 16, providing the individual completed 50 hours of practice driving with someone over the age of 18 (10 of those hours must have been at night).

### Graduated Driver License (GDL) Program

**ATTENTION TO ALL MINOR APPLICANTS, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE LAW MAY AFFECT YOU IN OBTAINING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE**

The State of Hawaii will initiate a new Graduated Driver License (GDL) Program pursuant to Act 72, 2005 Hawaii State Legislature. Changes to the current licensing procedures are being implemented to comply with this new law.

- The minimum age to obtain an Instruction Permit remains at 15½ years.
- A Provisional License may be issued at 16 years of age.
- A Driver's License may be issued at 17 years of age.

- Applicants between the ages of 15½ and 17 must possess a valid Hawaii Instruction Permit for a period of 180 days, and while operating a motor vehicle be seated next to a person who is at least 21 years of age and licensed to operate the same type of motor vehicle. However, between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., the supervising parent or guardian must be seated next to the minor driver.
- Applicants must not have any pending violations that may result in suspension or revocation of either the Instruction Permit or Provisional License.
- To obtain a Driver's License at 17 years of age, you must have held a Provisional License for a period of six months.
- Upon reaching the age of 18, you have until your 19th birthday to convert your Provisional License to a Driver License. Failure to do so will subject you to be processed as a new applicant.

## **Driver Education**

Hawaii's new mandatory driver education program for persons under the age of 18 wishing to obtain a Class 1, 2, or 3 driver's license went into effect on January 1, 2001.

The new law, Act 175, SLH 1999, requires that persons under the age of 18 shall provide proof that the person has completed a driver's education program and a behind-the-wheel driver training course certified by the Director of Transportation before receiving a driving license.

The Act also increases the age to be eligible for an instruction permit to 15 years and six months, and a driver's license to 16 years. Persons under the age of 18 holding instruction permits on January 1, 2001, will be subject to the new driver education requirements to receive a driving license. Persons under the age of 18 holding driving licenses on January 1, 2001, will not be subject to the driver education requirements.

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### Driver Education Requirements

After January 1, 2001, persons under the age of 18 wishing to obtain a Class 1, 2, or 3 driver's license, must present a Driver Education Student Completion Certificate and a Behind-the-Wheel Student Completion Certificate to the Examiner of Drivers prior to scheduling a road test.

A Driver Education Student Completion Certificate will be given to a student who has successfully completed all requirements for a driver education course through:

- Thirty hours of classroom instruction.
- A behind-the-wheel student completion certificate will be given to a student who has successfully completed all requirements for a behind-the-wheel driving course or a certified driving simulator curriculum through:
  - Six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction; or
  - A simulator course and two hours of behind-the-wheel driving instruction.

### Driver Ed Fees

The Department of Transportation has set maximum fees that can be charged for driver education classes through the administrative rule process. Students are responsible for paying all fees.

The Department of Education currently charges \$10 for its course which includes 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. These courses are available at most public high schools on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fees charged by commercial driving school instructors, who have been certified by the Department of Transportation to teach driver education courses, are expected to be competitive. All fees must cover their cost of doing business, i.e., taking courses required for certification, carrying liability and automobile insurance, providing specially equipped vehicles for behind-the-wheel classes, fuel, record keeping, and other costs of running a small business.

The maximum fees that an instructor can charge each student cannot exceed:

\$250 per person for driver's education classroom instruction;  
\$50 per hour for behind-the-wheel driving lessons; and  
\$250 per person for a simulator course.

### Requirements for Driver Education Instructors

To be certified by the Department of Transportation as a Driver Education Instructor, a person must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Owns a valid Hawaii driver's license with the classification and endorsements required for operation of the class and type of motor vehicle used in driver education.
- Completes a training course certified by the department.
- Instructors who have been certified by the Department of Education within five years prior to the effective date of the original version of the Hawaii Administrative Rules, will be considered to have successfully completed a department certified course.
- Has not had more than one moving traffic violation within one year prior to obtaining certification; not more than two moving traffic violations within three years prior to obtaining certification; and not more than three moving traffic violations within five years prior to obtaining certification.
- Has no driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs conviction within five years prior to obtaining certification.
- Has no driver's license suspension, revocation, cancellation or disqualification within three years prior to obtaining certification.
- Is at least 21 years of age.
- Holds the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- Has had a valid driver's license recognized by the State of Hawaii for at least five years.
- Possesses no criminal record that would make work with children unsuitable.
- Communicates effectively.
- Assesses and observes appropriate student behavior and engaging students in meaningful driver education activities.
- Models positive driving behavior.

### Duties & Responsibilities of Driver Education Instructors:

The duties and responsibilities of driver education instructors and other providers are as follows:

- Conduct instruction in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 19-122, HAR;
- Maintain records of all students taught for five years. Each record must include:
  - Student's complete name, address, and birth date;
  - Student's permit or driver license number;
  - Dates the student took and completed the course and attendance record;
  - A copy of the written contract, if applicable, with any person being taught, including amounts charged for the course(s); and
  - A notarized statement from a parent or guardian received by the driver education instructor or provider prior to the issuance of the behind-the-wheel student completion certificate, stating that the applicant has completed 40 hours of day-time, and 10-hours of night-time driving supervised by a licensed driver over the age of 18. Applicants for a Class 1 or 2 license are exempt from the 10 hours of night-time supervised driving.
- Issue a driver education student completion certificate or behind-the-wheel student completion certificate, or both, when all requirements have been met.
- Be in full compliance with all department rules.
- Cooperate fully with the department in the investigation of any complaint relating to their certification as an instructor under the Hawaii Administrative Rules. Failure to do so will result in the termination of the driver education instructor certificate as required in section 19-122-165
- Participate in professional development courses, including driver education courses, workshops, and seminars.
- Notify the department of any changes that would disqualify them from meeting the requirements of section 19-122-160, HAR. Failure to do so shall result in termination of the driver education instructor certificate as required in section 19-122-165, HAR.
- Utilize a vehicle for behind-the-wheel driver training that meets the requirements of Chapter 19-122-166, HAR.

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**Idaho**

**Educational Requirements:**

30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel.

**Instructor Education from the Idaho Department of Education:**

[www.sde.state.id.us/drivered](http://www.sde.state.id.us/drivered)

To be certified to teach driver education and training in Idaho, instructors must complete four semester credits (Driver Education I and Driver Education II). These classes help prepare instructors in classroom and in-car methods and are offered, based upon demand, at Idaho's three Universities. In addition to the driver education courses, the following requirements must be met.

Public School Instructors

The four semester credits described above are required for a driver education endorsement on the Idaho teaching certificate.

Within 90 days after completing the course, submit a copy of the driver education course transcript to the State Department of Education (SDE), Teacher Certification Department using the endorsement request form provided by Teacher Certification. Include a \$25 processing fee.

In addition to the four semester credit classes, new instructors must:

- Pass the ITD Skills test, administered by a certified Skills Tester within the past 12 months, with no more than 7 penalty points.
- Pass a comprehensive knowledge test with a grade of 80 percent or higher.
- Submit proof of having completed a medical examination equivalent to the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Regulations (CDL) within 3 months prior to the application.
- Have a good driving record (see information below).
- All public school teachers who want to teach within a school district must first be approved by the SDE before they may teach driver education. The process for approval includes:
  - The District submits the teacher's information on the "Instructor Authorization Form" to the SDE.
  - The SDE checks the teacher's teaching certificate to ensure it is valid.
  - The SDE checks the driver license record.
  - Once approved, the teacher is sent a confirmation letter along with an identification card and the school district is sent a confirmation letter.
  - Approval is valid for one fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).
  - Each school district employing the driver education teacher must individually submit the "Instructor Authorization" form.
  - Public School Teachers Annual Approval Renewal Required
  - Instructor authorizations are required every fiscal year (July 1 – June 3). The authorization form must be received and approved by the SDE prior to teaching classes in the new fiscal year.

- Public school instructors are required to complete a minimum 15 hours of professional development every two years in programs that support teaching driver education and training.
- The medical certificate must be renewed every two years.
- During the renewal process the SDE checks your driving record to ensure your driving record qualifies for renewal.

### Commercial Driving School Instructors

#### Commercial Driving School Instructor License Application

1. Complete the same four semester credits for driver education teachers as described above.
2. In lieu of a teaching certification, complete eight semester credits of coursework designed to prepare you to be a teacher. Examples of such courses include: introduction to teaching, teaching methods, education technology, educational psychology, etc. (Additional course information is provided at the end of this document.) The coursework must be on an official college transcript.
3. Complete a medical exam, preferably one that is comparable with the federal Department of Transportation's requirement for a Commercial Driving License (CDL).
4. Complete the Commercial Driver Training Instructor License Application and send it to the SDE along with your check for \$10.00. Include a copy of your transcripts for coursework described above and a copy of your medical certificate.
5. Complete a Federal background check. The Department of Education's background check form must be used.

#### Commercial Driving School Instructor License Renewal

All instructor licenses expire on December 31st. To teach in the new year the renewal application must be submitted along with the \$10 fee.

### Good Driving Record Requirement

A good driving record is required of all public school and commercial school driver education instructors:

1. No conviction for traffic violations carrying a mandatory suspension or revocation of the license within the preceding thirty-six (36) months.
2. Not more than one (1) conviction for any moving traffic violation within any twelve (12) month period of the previous thirty-six (36) months. In other words, only one conviction every twelve months is acceptable. The clock starts the day of the conviction.
3. The driving record must be free of involvement in any fatal traffic accident resulting in a conviction for any moving traffic violation.
4. A driving record must be free of any conviction for driving while the license is revoked or suspended.

### Professional and Foundation Courses for Commercial Driving Schools Instructors

Applicants for a commercial driver education license must have completed eight (8) semester credits in professional education courses documented on an official college or university transcripts. Professional and foundational courses provide theory and practice in instructional strategies and the acquisition of teaching competencies.

Professional preparation also emphasizes the study of the child and an understanding of historical, philosophical, and psychological foundations of teaching and learning.

Examples of qualifying courses include, but are not limited to:

#### Foundations of Education

A general introductory course in education that provides the student familiarity with the teaching profession. Components of the class include social, cultural, philosophical, and historical perspectives of education. In addition, an attempt is made to inspect current educational issues and problems, as they relate to the four basic components.

#### Educational Psychology

Provides an introduction to educational psychology, emphasizing the application of selected principles of psychology to instruction. Specific topics include theories of learning, cognitive development, motivation and self concept, and educational measurement.

#### Educational Technology

Preparation for the use of a variety of educational technologies, including audio-visual equipment or computers. Students learn to prepare visual materials. Lab typically included.

#### Classroom Management

Focuses on factors that contribute to a positive classroom atmosphere, including the teacher, the student, the school, and the parents. Emphasis is on desirable behaviors for individuals and groups of people.

#### Instructional Strategies

Problems and methods of teaching common to all subjects and grade levels.

### **Licensing Requirements:**

The minimum age for entering into the licensing process is 14 years and 6 months. Applicants must hold an instructional permit for at least four months. Upon gaining an intermediate license, they must complete 50 hours of parent-guided practice with at least 10 hours of it occurring at night. Other restrictions include no driving from sunset to sunrise.

- No passenger restrictions are noted.
- Restrictions may be noted at age 16.

### **SIP**

Under the GDL Program, student drivers will be required to complete a minimum four-month, violation-free supervised instruction period, during which the student must:

- be accompanied by a supervising person at least 21 years old with a valid driver's license who is occupying the seat beside the student (no other passengers are allowed in the front seat);
- assure that all occupants are wearing seat belts or in child restraints if required;

- have the Supervised Instruction Permit (SIP) in the student's immediate possession while driving;
- observe all laws regarding alcohol and other intoxicating substances; and
- accumulate at least 50 hours of supervised driving time, ten hours of which must be at night.

Note: If a young driver is convicted of traffic violations (moving or non-moving), violates any restrictions, or has driving privileges suspended by the department or the courts while operating under the Supervised Instruction Permit (SIP), the permit will be canceled and the young driver must apply for a new one. The minimum four months of supervised driving begins all over again with the issuance of a new permit.

If students have successfully met the requirements of the GDL, and are at least 15 years of age, they will be required to take and pass the skills test and the written knowledge test before receiving a driver's license. The skills test and the knowledge test may NOT be taken sooner than four (4) months from the date they complete the driver's training course. If they fail the written and/or the skills test, they must wait three days before retesting for each failure.

### GDL Traffic Violation Penalties

As part of the Graduated Driver's License Program all drivers under the age of 17 are subject to the following moving traffic violation penalties:

First violation - Warning letter

Second violation - Minimum 30-day suspension

Third violation - Minimum 60-day suspension

These penalties are in addition to the cancellation of a Supervised Instruction Permit (SIP) during the four-month instruction period, or any other suspensions that may be ordered by a court or the department because of a traffic violation. For further information regarding suspensions and Idaho's Point Violation System, refer to the Violation Points section.

NOTE: If the SIP or driver's license gets suspended, they must pay all applicable reinstatement fees before driving privileges can be reinstated. If the SIP has been canceled, a new SIP will have to be purchased if the driver is under 17 years old.

### Driver Training

Completing and passing a driver-training program is required for anyone under 17 years old who is applying for an Idaho driver's license. An approved Idaho driver training program consists of a required 30 hours (1,800 minutes) of classroom instruction, six hours (360 minutes) of in-car observation in a driver-training car, and six hours (360 minutes) of behind-the-wheel driving with a driver training instructor. The minimum training period for students attending driver education classes through a public school is 42 days (30 days when school is not in session). Students taking driver education classes from a commercial school may complete classes over a minimum period of 10 days.

The Department of Education provides approved courses through commercial and public schools. Most Idaho school districts offer driver training programs in cooperation with the Department of Education. The courses are open to all Idaho residents between the ages of 14½ and 21, even if they are not public school students.

### Driver Training/ Supervised Instruction Permits

Students must have a driver training permit to attend any commercial or public school driver-training program. The documents required to get a driver-training permit are the same as those required for a driver's license and are listed in Chapter One of the Idaho Driver's Manual. The certified original copy of the birth certificate the student provides must show mother/father/guardian for liability signer purposes.

Driver-training permits for public school programs and commercial driver-training programs are different. A public school permit cannot be used for a commercial program nor use a commercial permit for a public school program. It is a good idea to have confirmation of acceptance in a school's driver-training program before purchasing a driver-training permit since the fees are not refundable.

Driver-training permits are valid only to operate a vehicle with a driver-training instructor. The permits expire one year from the issue date. The fee is not refundable.

Once a student successfully completes a driver-training program and the instructor has signed the permit, students will be eligible to begin the supervised instruction period for drivers under the age of 17 as required by Idaho's Graduated Driver's License (GDL) program.

### School Enrollment

If students are under 18 years of age, they will need to provide acceptable proof of enrollment and attendance in or graduation from a recognized high school or equivalent program before an instruction permit, driver-training permit or driver's license can be issued. This proof can be in the form of a verification of compliance (VOC) slip from an acceptable school or program they are attending, a high school diploma, or a general education certificate of completion. Students enrolled in a home-education program must have been enrolled in the program for at least one school year prior to the verification of attendance request unless documentation can be provided of meeting the attendance requirement for the school year immediately prior to the year in which you are enrolled in the home education program.

During the summer when schools are not in session, verification of compliance may be provided by submitting a copy of the last semester's report card. A formal verification of compliance from the school must then be provided before October 1 of the current year or the driver's training permit, SIP, or driver's license will be canceled. When your parents sign the liability statement, they must also sign a statement that you are in compliance with the school attendance provisions of Idaho Code.

### Underage Drivers' Licenses

Drivers under the age of 16 who have valid drivers' licenses or regular instruction permits may drive only during daylight hours unless they are accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older who has a valid driver's license and is sitting in the front seat. No other passengers are allowed in the front section of the vehicle.

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<http://www.xtr4.com/index.html>

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**10/4/06  
Illinois**

**Educational Requirements:**

Any school district which maintains grades 9 through 12 shall offer a driver education course which is defined as both classroom and behind-the-wheel; however, a district has flexibility in offering the course as a graduation requirement. 105 ILCS 5/27-23 of the Illinois School Code mandates what must be taught. Each student must receive a passing grade in at least eight courses during the previous two semesters prior to enrolling in a driver education course. All students must have driver education, and all students under the age of 18 must have driver education to receive a license.

Public schools must offer Driver Education during the regular school day, but they may also offer it before and after school or on Saturdays (Driver).

Each commercial driver training school that desires to offer instruction to those under the age of 18 must be accredited by the Secretary of State through the Department of Driver Services before such instruction can be offered or advertised (Administrative).

The driver education course must consist of 30 clock hours of classroom and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training. The length of each instructional period should not exceed 90 minutes (Administrative). Each student should have a valid instruction permit when “engaged in practice driving instruction” (Administrative). The district may charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed \$50, unless the district has received an approved waiver from the Illinois State Board of Education. If a student is unable to pay for the course, the fee shall be waived per 105 ILCS 5/27-23 of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code (Driver).

Classroom instruction shall include not less than 30 class hours. Instructional periods are to be no longer than two hours daily with meetings distributed regularly throughout the minimum of four complete weeks. The maximum number of students cannot exceed 30 per class for classroom instruction unless the size of the classroom exceeds 350 square feet, then a maximum of 35 students shall be allowed (Administrative).

Required Course of Instruction as outlined by:

TITLE 92: TRANSPORTATION CHAPTER II: SECRETARY OF STATE PART 1060  
COMMERCIAL DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOLS SECTION 1060.180 TEEN ACCREDITATION:

One copy of an outline covering the topics to be taught in the classroom phase of instruction, and 1 copy of an outline of the behind-the-wheel phase of instruction constructed along the lines of the recommended "Illinois Driver Education Curriculum." Said outlines must meet the approval of the Director of the Department.

Accredited teen driver training schools must follow the approved classroom and behind-the-wheel course outlines that are submitted to the Director of the Department at the time of application for certification. The Department shall determine compliance with this provision by unannounced inspections of teen classes and records. At least one such inspection shall take place every 2 months.

If such classroom or behind-the-wheel outlines are substantially changed, revised outlines must be submitted in duplicate to the Director of the Department for approval. A letter shall be sent to the driver training school informing them if their classroom or behind-the-wheel outline has been approved.

Instructional materials shall be available and shall include one of the following: a 16 mm sound projector and screen, video equipment with films processed on video tape, a film strip or slide projector and films; a professional library containing an assortment of reference and textbooks, pamphlets, and other publications which is available for the use of students or teachers.

The base reimbursement amount shall be a weighted calculation by dividing the total State appropriation each year by:

- the number of classroom students times .2, and
- the number of students completing behind-the-wheel training times .8 (Funding).

Simulators cannot be used to complete behind-the-wheel training. They can, however, supplement a portion of the required six hours of behind-the-wheel training. Four hours of simulation equals one hour behind the wheel. Twelve hours of simulation is the maximum that can be counted. Three hours of behind-the-wheel training must take place on the street.

As part of the licensing process, teens are required to drive 25 additional hours with an adult and have a signed statement before they are allowed to drive solo (Driver).

Range time can also be counted toward a portion of behind the wheel training with two hours of range time equaling one hour of on-street practice. A total of twelve hours can be spent on the range in order to complete the required six hours of behind-the-wheel training.

Schools reserve the right to test driving proficiency at any time after students complete three hours of practice driving with an instructor (Administrative).

An instructor can “proficiency” a student out of the required six hours of behind-the-wheel driving after three hours of actual driving, if the instructor believes the student has mastered all necessary skills.

The Illinois State Board of Education is responsible for certifying public school driver education teachers (Driver).

### **Instructor Requirements:**

Driver Education teacher requirements can be found under 23 Admin Code Driver Education Part 252 Section 252.40. To teach driver education in public schools, one must possess a secondary teaching certificate, with an endorsement for Safety and Driver Education. This endorsement includes 16 hours in the field, including preparation in the form of three hours in general safety, five hours in driver education and advanced traffic safety, and eight semester hours in two of four safety-related topics. For non-public schools, a baccalaureate degree or equivalent is necessary. Instructors must also have a valid license in good standing. Instructors in both public and nonpublic schools also must be in good physical health according to Section 24-5 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/24-5] (Driver). According

to the Illinois Administrative Code administrators and teachers of “State-approved high school driver education programs shall not acquire and interest in, teach in, or solicit for a commercial driver education school.”

### **Driver Licensing:**

#### PERMIT PHASE – DRIVERS AGE 15

- Parental consent necessary to obtain permit
- Must be enrolled in approved driver education course and pass vision and knowledge tests
- Permit is valid for two years and must be held for a minimum of three months before a license is granted
- Practice driving must be supervised by parent or adult age 21 or older
- All occupants under age 18 must wear seat belts
- Number of passengers limited to one in front seat and to the number of seat belts in back seat
- 11 p.m. curfew Sunday-Thursday; midnight curfew Friday and Saturday (local curfews may differ)
- Legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is .00 g/dL

#### **Sanctions**

- Limit of one court supervision for serious offenses
- Unlicensed individuals convicted of a serious moving violation must continue to drive on a learner's permit for six months before obtaining license
- Not eligible for a restricted driving permit or a judicial driving permit
- Individuals age 15 and under caught driving without a permit ineligible to obtain license until age 18

#### INITIAL LICENSING PHASE – DRIVERS AGES 16-17

- Parental consent required to obtain license; parent must verify that a minimum 25 hours of behind-the-wheel practice have taken place
- All occupants under age 18 must wear seat belts
- As of January 1, 2004, limited to one passenger under the age of 20 for the first six months following issuance of the license, or until the driver reaches age 18, whichever occurs first. Siblings, stepsiblings, children, and stepchildren of the driver are exempt. Number of passengers limited to one in front seat and to the number of seat belts in back seat.
- 11 p.m. curfew Sunday-Thursday; midnight curfew Friday and Saturday only for 16-year-olds
- Legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit is .00

#### **Sanctions**

- Limit of one court supervision for serious offenses
- Conviction of any moving violation before age 18 generates Secretary of State warning letter to parent and teen
- Conviction of two moving violations in a 24-month period results in a minimum one-month suspension. Suspension length is determined by seriousness of the offenses and the driver's prior driving history.
- Suspended drivers required to attend remedial driver education course, pay \$70 reinstatement fee, and be retested

## FULL LICENSING PHASE – DRIVERS AGES 18-20

- Legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is .00 g/dL

### **Sanctions**

- Limit of one court supervision for serious offenses.
- Conviction of two moving violations in 24-month period results in a minimum one-month suspension. Suspension length is determined by seriousness of the offenses and the driver's prior driving history.
- Suspended drivers required to pay \$70 reinstatement fee.

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**Indiana**

**Educational Requirements:**

Driver and traffic safety education at the secondary level consists of at least 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction, in which part may be undertaken in an equivalent State-approved program utilizing simulators and/or ranges, (simulator practice is substituted for behind-the-wheel practice at a ratio of 4:1, with it replacing no more than three hours).

Driver and traffic safety education at the secondary level consists of classroom and laboratory phases. The laboratory phase is construed to mean on-street instruction in a dual-controlled, DPI-approved vehicle and/or on an approved driving range, and/or instruction in a simulator (Administrative).

The Driver Education course shall be taught as a separate subject and made available to all youth of licensing age (Indiana State Board of Education). A maximum of one credit may be granted to those high school students who satisfactorily complete the equivalent of a full semester of supervised instruction. Student experience shall include a minimum of six (6) hours behind-the-wheel and twelve (12) hours of in-car observation and meet all other standards of Section 5 of this Rule [511 IAC 6-6-5]. (Indiana State Board of Education). A maximum of 1/2 credit may be granted to those high school students who satisfactorily complete the equivalent of one-half semester of supervised instruction. Student experiences will include a minimum of six (6) hours behind-the-wheel and twelve (12) hours of in-car observation and meet all other standards (Indiana State Board of Education; Rule D, Sec 4).

Non-credit, but approved, programs may be offered by public, parochial, private, and commercial school programs using properly licensed instructors, and meeting the following minimum standards:

- (A) No student shall receive less than thirty (30) clock hours of classroom instruction.
- (B) No student shall receive less than six (6) clock hours of behind-the-wheel instruction (part of which may be undertaken in equivalent State-approved programs utilizing simulators and/or ranges).
- (C) No student shall receive more than two (2) clock hours of classroom instruction and one (1) of behind-the-wheel instruction in a practice driving vehicle during any 24-hour period (Indiana State Board of Education; Rule D, Sec 5)

Courses shall be offered at that grade level or age level where students are closely approaching or have recently reached the licensing age. (Indiana State Board of Education; Rule D, Sec 6)

Approved driver education simulators and/or off-street multiple car driving ranges may be employed in the program. When these are used, the following substitution equivalences and limitations for behind-the-wheel experience shall apply:

- (A) Approved simulator experience may be substituted for behind-the-wheel experience on a 4 to 1 basis, but in no case shall it replace more than three hours of behind-the-wheel instruction in an approved dual-controlled vehicle.
- (B) Approved off-street multiple-car driving range experience may be substituted for behind-the-wheel experience on a 2 to 1 basis, but in no case shall it replace more than three hours of behind-the-wheel instruction in an approved dual-controlled vehicle.
- (C) A combination of approved simulator and range programs may be used; however, two clock hours of on-street behind-the-wheel instruction in an approved dual-controlled vehicle must occur (Indiana State Board of Education).

For any approved program the student must complete both phases (classroom and laboratory) of the program in not more than three consecutive semesters (Indiana State Board of Education). Performance-based criteria may supersede the minimum standards when developed by the local education agency (Indiana State Board of Education)

### **Instructor Requirements:**

According to the Indiana Department of Education, there are three main standards for Teachers of Driver & Traffic Safety:

Standard 1: The teacher of Driver and Traffic Safety understands the knowledge and skills necessary to perform the driver task and be able to teach these skills to beginning drivers.

PERFORMANCE The teacher of Driver and Traffic Safety:

1. Applies concepts of sensory perception to the driving task.
2. Performs basic and preventive maintenance.
3. Makes vehicle checks and road condition checks before teaching behind-the-wheel phase.
4. Demonstrates ability to assess beginning driver's skills.
5. Ensures beginning drivers and mentors work together as a team in practicing risk-reduction driving strategies.

KNOWLEDGE The teacher of Driver and Traffic Safety:

1. Understands and can explain how alcohol and other drugs, fatigue, and lack of anger management have negative effects on operating motor vehicles.
2. Can define for beginning drivers the need for trip planning to ensure smooth reduced-risk driving.
3. Knows strategies for partnering to ensure beginning drivers and mentors work as a team while practicing risk-reduction driving strategies.
4. Explains basic maintenance and preventative maintenance of a vehicle.

DISPOSITION The teacher of Driver and Traffic Safety:

1. Appreciates and advocates the value of making the correct choice to eliminate alcohol and other drugs and avoid fatigue and anger while using a motor vehicle.
2. Values professional skills and behavior, and recognizes the risk and potential consequences that result in reduced-risk choices within the Highway Transportation System.
3. Appreciates and advocates the legal and moral obligations relative to using the Highway Transportation System.

Standard 2: The teacher of Driver and Traffic Safety will demonstrate the ability to conduct laboratory instruction in a safe learning environment, using the driving task, skills, and knowledge to assess beginning drivers.

PERFORMANCE The teacher of Driver and Traffic Safety:

1. Demonstrates application of risk management principles in simple driving situations using both off-street and on-street driving lessons.
2. Demonstrates basic driving skills instruction, using an off-street driving environment, to prepare the beginning driver for on-street driving practice (e.g., starting, stopping, backing, steering, parking).
3. Conducts on-street driving lessons that will develop safe driving practices, using pre-selected routes that meet stated instructional objectives.
4. Assesses the beginning driver during both off-street and on-street driving activities.
5. Demonstrates lawful driving habits.

KNOWLEDGE The teacher of Driver and Traffic Safety:

1. Defines scheduling practices and grading policies that will ensure successful reduced risk completion of off-street and on-street driving practices.
2. Understands safe and lawful driving habits (e.g., preparing to drive, pre-drive checks, blind spots).
3. Understands how to apply risk management principles in simple driving situations, both off-street and on-street in all driving situations.
4. Knows how to accurately assess safe driving habits.

DISPOSITION The teacher of Driver and Traffic Safety:

1. Advocates the importance of developing safe driving habits.
2. Maintains a valid driver's license.
3. Appreciates the need for application of risk management principles that will ensure the use of safe driving practices in order to maintain an accident-free environment
4. Appreciates the importance of providing a mentoring process for use by students and adult mentors to use in the completion of the driver licensing regulations.
5. Values the need for continuing curriculum improvement to incorporate new technologies and teaching methods.

Standard 3: The teacher of Driver and Traffic Safety will have the knowledge and skills necessary to provide quality classroom instruction by providing a nurturing learning environment and appropriate student assessment.

PERFORMANCE The teacher of Driver and Traffic Safety:

1. Develops and delivers appropriate classroom lesson plans.
2. Evaluates one's own teaching performance.
3. Demonstrates the ability to evaluate student performance.
4. Identifies students with learning differences and provides necessary classroom and driving interventions.
5. Evaluates updated supplemental curricular materials for classroom use.
6. Integrates current trends into the curriculum.
7. Demonstrates appropriate teaching and learning methodologies in coordinated classroom and laboratory presentations.

**KNOWLEDGE** The teacher of Driver and Traffic Safety:

1. Knows and understands how to access information/resources on alternative technologies and procedures for safe driving to ensure that curricular materials are updated (e.g., professional journals, professional organizations).
2. Understands how to assess students with disabilities for correct adaptations/interventions for operation of a motor vehicle.
3. Understands how to use modifiers that enable a student with disabilities to operate a motor vehicle.
4. Knows how to update curricular materials.
5. Understands various strategies for assessing student performances.
6. Understands teaching and learning methodologies.

**DISPOSITION** The teacher of Driver and Traffic Safety:

1. Supports current National Highway Traffic Safety Administration goals and instructional outcomes to include driver choice to eliminate alcohol or other drug use while using a motor vehicle, usage of occupant protection as a crash countermeasure, and recognition of fatigue factors that contribute to crashes.
2. Values the need for appropriate student assessment.

[www.doe.state.in.us/dps/standards/Driver\\_Traffic\\_Safety.pdf](http://www.doe.state.in.us/dps/standards/Driver_Traffic_Safety.pdf)

### **Licensing Information:**

**Driver Education Learner Permit:** A limited learner permit, issued at the age of 15 for the purpose of allowing a student to enroll in a BMV-approved driver education course, must be held for two months. Applicants must show proof of enrollment of an approved program, and have an appropriate family member/guardian sign for financial responsibility.

With a learner permit, one may participate in practice driving with a certified driving instructor or parent/guardian with a valid driver's license. Once the holder of a learner permit has successfully completed a driver education program, the permit is validated by the instructor, and the holder may participate in practice driving if the seat beside the holder is occupied by a parent, guardian, or relative who holds a valid license.

**Validated Learner Permit:** The validated permit allows the driver to continue practice driving. The applicant must be at least 16 years old, pass a knowledge test, and if less than 18 have appropriate family/guardian sign for financial responsibility. The applicant can only drive while the seat beside the holder is occupied by a parent, guardian, or relative who holds a valid license.

**Operator License:** This type of license gives a holder aged 18 and over full driving privileges. If a driver is age 16 years and 30 days, and if the applicant has held a valid driver education learner permit for 60 days and has successfully completed an approved driver education course, the driver is eligible for an operator license. Without completing an approved course, a driver must be age 16 years and 180 days, and have held a learner permit for 60 days. Applicants must also pass a written and roadway test, and have a family member/guardian sign for financial responsibility (Indiana State Board of Education; Rule D, Sec 1)

An operator license gives a holder 18 years of age or older full driving privileges to operate most standard vehicles on Indiana roads. Operator licenses for persons under 18 years of age are probationary.

An operator license does not authorize the holder to operate a motorcycle. In addition, an operator license does not permit driving for hire or driving as an employee if the driver transports or carries property in any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 16,000 pounds or more or transporting people for hire or as an employee.

To be eligible for an operator license the applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum age of 16 years and 30 days if the applicant has held a valid driver education learner permit for 60 days and has successfully completed a BMV-approved driver education course. Note: The driver education permit must have the classroom and behind-the-wheel grades, school stamp(s) or seal, completion date, and instructor signature(s).
- Minimum age of 16 years and 180 days if the applicant has held a valid Indiana learner permit for 60 days.
- Provide proof of identity and date of birth from the current acceptable ID list if applicable, and successfully complete a written knowledge test based on the information contained in the Indiana Driver Manual.
- Successfully pass a standard vision screening test.
- If younger than 18 years of age, have an appropriate family member sign the financial responsibility agreement portion of the application.
- Unless the applicant qualifies for a waiver, successfully pass a roadway skills test with a BMV driver examiner in a vehicle provided by the applicant.

Note: An individual who holds a learner permit or driver education permit may fail no more than three examinations (i.e., a combination of written and drive tests) when applying for an operator license. In addition, if one of the first two examinations failed is a drive test, then the applicant must wait 14 days before being administered another drive test. Verbal written tests can be arranged at any BMV branch by appointment.

### Financial Responsibility Agreement

An individual under 18 years of age who applies for a permit or license must file a financial responsibility agreement with the application. The financial responsibility agreement is a method whereby a person may agree under penalty of perjury to assume all legal obligations for injury or damage which results from an accident/collision involving the minor applicant while he or she is under 18 years of age. There is a financial responsibility agreement affidavit included on the application form as well as a separate form that can be obtained at the local license branch and must be signed and sworn to before a notary public. The application of an individual younger than 18 years of age (unless emancipated) for a license or permit must be signed as accepting financial responsibility by:

- A parent having custody of the minor applicant; or if there is not a parent having custody of the minor applicant then

- A guardian having custody of the minor applicant; a person having custody or guardianship of the minor may sign financial responsibility regardless of whether he or she resides in Indiana; or
- An employer of the minor applicant; or if there is no parent, guardian, or employer,
- Any other responsible individual who is willing to assume the financial responsibility for the minor.

Note: The person who signs financial responsibility must present proof of identification and age that conforms to the current identification list.

### Termination of Financial Responsibility

Assumption of financial responsibility can be terminated in three ways:

- The minor turns 18 years of age;
- The death of the person who signed the affidavit, in which case the minor must obtain the signature of another qualified person; or
- The person who assumed financial responsibility submits by mail an affidavit, available at all license branches, revoking assumption of financial responsibility.

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**Iowa**

**Educational Requirements:**

Every public school district in Iowa shall offer or make available to all students residing in the school district or Iowa students attending a nonpublic school in the district an approved course in driver education. "Student," for purposes of this section, means a person between the ages of 14 and 21 who resides in the public school district and who satisfies the preliminary licensing requirements of the department of transportation.

The courses may be offered at sites other than at the public school, including nonpublic school facilities within the public school districts. An approved course offered during the summer months, on Saturdays, after regular school hours during the regular terms or partly in one term or summer vacation period and partly in the succeeding term or summer vacation period, as the case may be, shall satisfy the requirements of this section to the same extent as an approved course offered during the regular school hours of the school term. A student who successfully completes and obtains certification in an approved course in driver education or an approved course in motorcycle education may, upon proof of such fact, be excused from any field test which the student would otherwise be required to take in demonstrating the student's ability to operate a motor vehicle. A student shall not be excused from any field test if a parent, guardian, or instructor requests that a test be administered. Street or highway driving instruction may be provided by a person qualified as a classroom driver education instructor or a person certified by the department of transportation and authorized by the board of educational examiners.

An approved course consists of at least 30 hours of classroom instruction with no more than 180 minutes of instruction taking place per day. A minimum of four hours of instruction must concern substance abuse, 20 minutes must include information on rail safety, and there must be instruction on becoming an organ donor.

Six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction are required. Of these hours, at least three must include highway driving. This portion shall not be completed more than 30 days after classroom instruction is completed. This instruction shall be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes per student per session and a maximum of 60 minutes per day. Two or more students shall be scheduled for behind-the-wheel instruction.

634.4(2) Course requirements. Driver education courses must comply with the following:

- a. Schools shall provide for each student a minimum of 1,800 minutes in classroom instruction, plus 360 minutes in supervised laboratory instruction, exclusive of observation time, in a dual control automobile.
- b. Each student shall be scheduled to receive classroom and laboratory instruction each week of the course but in no case shall laboratory instruction finish later than 30 days after classroom instruction is completed.

*Italicized wording is new to allow the driving portion of the course to run longer than class, if necessary, to allow flexibility for scheduling conflicts. The maximum benefit for the students is still to have class and driving concurrent and reinforcing each other.*

*This means that class and driving will start at the same time and run concurrently as much as*

possible. The rule does, however, allow for driving time to run longer than class to allow some flexibility.

- c. Behind-the-wheel instruction shall be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes per student per session and a maximum of 60 minutes in a single day.
- d. Two or more students shall be scheduled for all behind-the-wheel instruction to ensure that appropriate observation time is experienced.
- e. Routine maintenance of motor vehicles to maximize energy efficiency and safety shall be included in classroom instruction.
- f. Operation of motor vehicles to maximize energy efficiency and safety shall be included in classroom instruction.
- g. Each school district shall provide students who are absent from instruction an opportunity to make up a reasonable amount of time and coursework.
- h. When driving simulators are used for part of the behind-the-wheel driving experiences, four hours of simulator experience shall be considered equal to one hour of behind-the-wheel driving in the car. However, in addition to simulator time, a minimum of three hours of on-street, behind-the-wheel driving must be attained.
- i. When driving ranges are used in driver education courses, two hours of range experience shall be considered equal to one hour of on-street, behind-the-wheel driving. However, in addition to range time, a minimum of three hours of on-street, behind-the-wheel driving must be attained.
- j. Motor vehicles which are designed primarily for carrying nine or fewer occupants, excluding motorcycles and mopeds, are the only motor vehicles approved for use in driver education courses and each shall be equipped with a dual brake control. In addition, all driver education vehicles shall have an inside rearview mirror and an outside rearview mirror mounted on each side of the vehicle.
- k. The driver education teacher shall verify at the beginning of each course that each student possesses a valid instruction permit or driver's license. Each student shall be responsible for possessing an instruction permit or driver's license throughout all laboratory instruction and report any suspension, revocation, or cancellation to the driver education teacher prior to attending laboratory instruction.

### **Instructor Requirements:**

To be qualified as a classroom driver education instructor, a person shall have satisfied the educational requirements for a teaching license at the elementary or secondary level and hold a valid license to teach driver education in the public schools of this State.

To be a behind the wheel instructor, one must be 25 years of age; hold a valid Iowa driver's license that permits unaccompanied driving; have a clear record for the previous two years; have no suspensions, revocations, denials, cancellations, disqualifications, or bars; have no record of an accident in which the individual was convicted of a moving traffic violation.

2003 Iowa Code & Administrative Rules Pertaining to Driver Education

Iowa Code 321.178: Driver education--restricted license--reciprocity.

Classroom instruction shall include all of the following:

- a. A minimum of four hours of instruction concerning substance abuse.

- b. A minimum of 20 minutes of instruction concerning railroad crossing safety.
- c. Instruction relating to becoming an organ donor under the uniform anatomical gift Act.

A person shall not be required to hold a current Iowa teacher or administrator license at the elementary or secondary level or to have satisfied the educational requirements for an Iowa teacher license at the elementary or secondary level in order to be certified by the department of transportation or authorized by the board of educational examiners to provide street or highway driving instruction.

634.4(3) Experimental program. Approval of an experimental program may be granted by the department if based on student or school district need for improved instruction. The maximum duration of an experimental program shall be three years. Annual documentation of the effectiveness of instruction is required and must be submitted subsequent to program completion.

761—634.6(321) Teacher qualifications. To qualify to be a driver education teacher, the teacher must have a valid Iowa driver's license and have a clear driving record for the previous two years.

761--634.7(321) Behind-the-wheel instructor's certification. The following applies to departmental certification of persons qualified to provide the street or highway driving component of an approved driver education course.

634.7(1) Qualifications. To qualify for the behind-the-wheel driving instructor certification, the applicant must be at least 25 years of age, hold a valid Iowa driver's license, and have a clear driving record for the previous two years. A clear driving record means the individual has:

634.7(4) Certification.

- a. To obtain certification, an individual meeting the qualifications shall apply to the department on a form provided by the department for a behind-the-wheel instructor's certification. The certification shall be issued for a calendar year or remainder of a calendar year. The certification expires on December 31 but remains valid for an additional 30 days after the expiration date. The certification shall be renewed within 30 days of the expiration date.
- b. To renew a behind-the-wheel instructor's certification, a person meeting the qualifications must:
  - (1) Provide behind-the-wheel instruction for a minimum of 12 clock hours during the previous calendar year.
  - (2) Participate in at least one State-sponsored or State-approved behind-the-wheel instructor refresher course.

634.7(5) Instructor preparation requirements. Instructor preparation shall consist of 24 clock hours of classroom instruction and 12 clock hours of observed behind-the-wheel instruction. The department shall develop the curriculum in consultation with the Iowa driver education teacher preparation programs approved by the board of educational examiners and in consultation with the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association.

- a. At a minimum, classroom instruction shall focus on topics such as the psychology of the young driver, behind-the-wheel teaching techniques, and route selection. Classroom instruction shall be delivered by staff from a driver education teacher preparation program approved by the board of educational examiners. A classroom session shall last no longer than four hours. Video conferencing may be used for course delivery.

- b. Observation of behind-the-wheel instruction shall be provided by a person licensed to teach driver education who is specially trained by a driver education teacher preparation program approved by the board of educational examiners to observe, coach, and evaluate behind-the-wheel instructor candidates. A behind-the-wheel session shall last no longer than four hours. A dual-control motor vehicle must be used.
- c. Application to the department cannot exceed 12 months from the course completion date.

634.7(6) Cancellation. The department shall cancel the behind-the-wheel instructor's certification of an individual who no longer qualifies under paragraph 634.7(1)"c" or who no longer meets the qualifications for a behind-the-wheel instructor's certification.

Referring to the rule instead of restating it condensed the wording.

634.7(7) Approved driver education course. To provide the street or highway driving component of an approved driver education course, an individual holding a behind-the-wheel instructor's certification must be employed by a public or licensed commercial or private provider of the approved driver education course and work under the supervision of a person licensed to teach driver education.

761—634.8(321) Private and commercial driver education schools. The department licenses private and commercial driver education schools as follows:

634.8(1) Instructor and course approval.

- a. Prior to licensing a driver education school, the department shall approve the school's course, classroom instructors, and laboratory instructors. Street or highway driving instruction must be provided by a person qualified as a classroom driver education instructor or a person certified by the department and authorized by the board of educational examiners. Written evidence of these approvals and certifications must be submitted to the department upon application for a license, upon renewal of a license, and upon reinstatement of a license following cancellation.

634.8(2) Application and fees. Application for license issuance or renewal shall be made to the department on forms provided by the department. The license and renewal fees are \$25. The fees must be paid by cash, money order, or check. A money order or check must be for the exact amount and should be made payable to the Treasurer, State of Iowa, or the Department of Transportation.

634.8(3) Issuance and renewal. A license to teach driver education shall be issued for a calendar year or remainder of a calendar year. The license expires on December 31 but remains valid for an additional 30 days after the expiration date. The license shall be renewed within 30 days of the expiration date.

634.8(4) Cancellation. A license to teach driver education shall be canceled if the course or instructors are no longer approved or the persons providing only behind-the-wheel instruction for driver education are no longer certified by the department and authorized with the board of educational examiners.

## Licensing Requirements:

### Instruction Permits

To obtain an instruction permit, a potential driver must be 14 years old and pass the vision and written tests.

### School Licenses

During the six consecutive months immediately preceding application for a school license, drivers must have held a valid instruction permit and their driving records must be clear of convictions for moving traffic violations and contributive accidents.

#### 321.194 Special minors' licenses.

1. Driver's license issued for travel to and from school. Upon certification of a special need by the school board, superintendent of the applicant's school, or principal if authorized by the superintendent, the department may issue a class C or M driver's license to a person between the ages of 14 and 18 years whose driving privileges have not been suspended, revoked, or barred under this chapter or chapter 321J during, and who has not been convicted of a moving traffic violation or involved in a motor vehicle accident for, the six-month period immediately preceding the application for the special minor's license and who has successfully completed an approved driver education course. However, the completion of a course is not required if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that completion of the course would impose a hardship upon the applicant. The department shall adopt rules defining the term "hardship" and establish procedures for the demonstration and determination of when completion of the course would impose a hardship upon an applicant.
  - a. The driver's license entitles the holder, while having the license in immediate possession, to operate a motor vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle or as a chauffeur:
    - (1) Between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. over the most direct and accessible route between the licensee's residence and schools of enrollment and between schools of enrollment for the purpose of attending duly scheduled courses of instruction and extracurricular activities within the school district.
    - (2) At any time when the licensee is accompanied in accordance with section 321.180B, subsection 1.
  - b. Each application shall be accompanied by a statement from the school board, superintendent, or principal, if authorized by the superintendent, of the applicant's school. The statement shall be upon a form provided by the department. The school board, superintendent, or principal, if authorized by the superintendent, shall certify that a need exists for the license and that the board, superintendent, and a principal authorized by the superintendent are not responsible for actions of the applicant which pertain to the use of the driver's license. The department of education shall adopt rules establishing criteria for issuing a statement of necessity. Upon receipt of a statement of necessity, the department shall issue the driver's license. The fact that the applicant resides at a distance less than one mile from the applicant's schools of enrollment is prima facie evidence of the nonexistence of necessity for the issuance of a license. The driver's license shall not be issued for purposes of attending a public school in a school district other than either of the following:

- (1) The district of residence of the parent or guardian of the student.
  - (2) A district which is contiguous to the district of residence of the parent or guardian of the student, if the student is enrolled in the public school which is not the school district of residence because of open enrollment under section 282.18 or as a result of an election by the student's district of residence to enter into one or more sharing agreements pursuant to the procedures in chapter 282.
1. Suspension and revocation. A driver's license issued under this section is subject to suspension or revocation for the same reasons and in the same manner as suspension or revocation of any other driver's license. The department may also suspend a driver's license issued under this section upon receiving satisfactory evidence that the licensee has violated the restrictions of the license or has been involved in one or more accidents chargeable to the licensee. The department may suspend a driver's license issued under this section upon receiving a record of the licensee's conviction for one violation. The department shall revoke the license upon receiving a record of conviction for two or more violations of a law of this State or a city ordinance regulating the operation of motor vehicles on highways other than parking violations as defined in section 321.210. After a person licensed under this section receives two or more convictions which require revocation of the person's license under this section, the department shall not grant an application for a new driver's license until the expiration of one year.

Twenty hours of practice with at least two of those hours taking place at night is required. No specifics are noted in terms of passenger restrictions.

### **Graduated Driver Licenses (GDL):**

Information on Iowa's System for Drivers Under the Age of 18

#### **INSTRUCTION PERMIT & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Available at age 14.
- Written approval of parent/guardian.
- Satisfactory performance in vision screening and knowledge tests.
- Proof of identity and verification of social security number.

#### **CONDITIONS**

- Must be held for a minimum of six months.
- All driving must be supervised by a licensed driver. May drive only with parent/guardian, immediate family member over 21, driver education teacher, driver over 25 with written permission of parent/guardian.
- Number of passengers limited to number of seat belts available in vehicle.
- Must complete 20 hours of supervised driving; minimum of two hours must be between sunset and sunrise.
- Must drive accident-free and conviction-free for six consecutive months immediately preceding application for intermediate license (see box at right). The permit must not be expired or withdrawn during this six-month period.
- Must complete Iowa-approved or comparable driver education course

- Thirty hours of classroom instruction which must include four hours of substance abuse education, minimum of 20 minutes on railroad crossing safety, and information on organ donation.
- Six hours laboratory, three hours of which must be behind the wheel; may use simulators for the remaining time.
- No parental waiver of any behind-the-wheel drive time.
- Instruction permit will have a distinct color bar and the words "under eighteen" printed on it.

#### INTERMEDIATE LICENSE & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Available at age 16.
- Must meet all conditions of instruction permit.
- Written approval of parent/guardian.

#### CONDITIONS

- Must be held for a minimum of 12 months.

#### May drive:

- Without supervision from 5 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.
- Between 12:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. only with a licensed driver who is a parent/guardian, immediate family member over 21, or designated adult over 25.
- With a waiver, may drive between 12:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. to and from work or school-related extracurricular activities.
- Must complete 10 hours of supervised driving; minimum of two hours must be between sunset and sunrise. The supervision must be by a licensed driver who is a parent/guardian, immediate family member over 21, or designated adult over 25.
- Number of passengers limited to number of seat belts available in vehicle.
- Must drive accident-free and conviction-free for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding application for full license. The intermediate license must not be expired or withdrawn during this 12-month period.
- Intermediate license will have a distinct color bar and the words "under eighteen" printed on it.
- Up to age 18, all conditions of the intermediate license shall remain in effect until the holder of the intermediate license has been issued a full license.

#### FULL LICENSE & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Available at age 17.
- Must meet all conditions of intermediate license.
- Written approval of parent/guardian.

#### CONDITIONS

- Full driving privileges with no restrictions.

- For drivers under age 18 or under age 21, the license shall have the words "under eighteen" or "under twenty-one," respectively, printed on it.

## REMEDIAL DRIVER IMPROVEMENT

- Applies to drivers either holding an instruction permit or an intermediate license.
- Driver will be referred to the remedial driver improvement process if convicted of one moving violation, or if involved in an accident to which the driver contributed.
- Both the driver and a parent/guardian must participate in an interview with a Department of Transportation (DOT) official.
- DOT official may impose additional driving restrictions and/or recommend license suspension.
- From the date the traffic violation occurred — not the date of the conviction — or the date of the contributive accident, the license holder must begin a 6-month (instruction permit holder) or 12-month (intermediate license holder) accident-free and conviction-free driving period again to qualify for the next licensing level.

Iowa Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division

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Iowa Works Cited

Office of Driver Services [www.dot.state.ia.us/mvd/ods/](http://www.dot.state.ia.us/mvd/ods/)

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**Kansas**

**Education:**

A minimum of 20 hours (1,000 minutes) of instruction in Driver Education is required in Kansas. This must include not less than 8 hours (400 minutes) of classroom instruction. All students must average not less than 6 hours (300 minutes) of behind-the-wheel instruction. If on-street instruction is offered, it shall not exceed one hour of on-street instruction per day. And instruction, if not on-street, can be extended to a maximum of two hours per day.

No more than 12 students are permitted per instructor during off-street instruction. No more than six students are permitted per instructor for on-street instruction. And, coursework cannot be scheduled for less than a seven-day duration.

Each student must be 14 years old prior to starting the behind-the-wheel component. A 13-year-old may participate in the classroom portion.

Virtual learning is accepted if it fulfills the same requirements as a standard classroom program. The student can complete the classroom portion of the program online except for the final exam. This must be completed in person with a certified instructor.

**Instructor Requirements:**

Every person conducting a drivers' training school shall be licensed by the State board of education prior to engaging in that business. No license shall be issued until at least one (1) instructor has obtained an instructor's license and at least one (1) motor vehicle has been approved for drivers' training school use. (a) Applications.

**Driver Education Reimbursements:**

Any school district conducting an approved course in driver training and any student attending a nonpublic school accredited by the State board of education conducting an approved course in driver training shall be entitled to participate in the State safety fund created by K.S.A. 8-267, and amendments thereto. In August of each year, the superintendent of each school district and the governing authority of each nonpublic school shall report to the State board of education the number of students who have been in attendance for a complete driver training course conducted by such school district or nonpublic school during the past school year. From the State safety fund in the State treasury, \$1,540,000 shall be distributed in the manner hereinafter provided to the respective school districts and nonpublic schools on order of the State board of education in the ratio that the number of students in each school district or nonpublic school in attendance for such complete courses bears to the total number of students in all such schools and nonpublic schools in attendance for such complete courses.

## **Driver Licensing Information:**

The following is information regarding Instruction Permits, Farm Permits, Restricted Driver's Licenses, and Non-Restricted Licenses:

### **INSTRUCTION PERMIT**

- Must be 14 years of age. Parent or guardian consent required for all applicants under the age of 16.
- Vision and written tests required.
- Instruction Permit holder may drive at any time when accompanied by a licensed adult driver 18 years of age or older.
- To get a Restricted License, driver must have held an Instruction Permit for at least 6 months.

### **FARM PERMITS**

- Must be at least 14 years of age but younger than 16.
- Parent or guardian consent required.
- Full test (vision, written, and drive) or Driver's Ed completion slip required.
- Must live or work on a farm of 20 acres or more. Written documentation from the parent or employer is required.
- Prior to age 16, applicant must provide affidavit showing at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, with 10 of those hours being at night, by a licensed driver at least 21 years old. If affidavit is not provided prior to age 16, the driver will remain restricted until age 17 or until affidavit is provided, whichever occurs first. Farm Permit holder may drive to and from school (not school activities); to, from, or in connection with any farm-related work, or at any time when accompanied by a licensed adult driver 18 years of age or older.

### **RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSE (CLASS C OR M)**

- Must be 15 years of age but less than 16.
- Parent or guardian consent required.
- Driver's Ed completion slip required.
- Required to have had an Instruction Permit for at least 6 months, during which time the licensee must have completed at least 25 hours of supervised driving. Additional 25 hours required prior to age 16. All 50 hours can be completed anytime after obtaining Instruction Permit.
- Prior to age 16, applicant must provide affidavit showing at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, with 10 of those hours being at night, by a licensed driver at least 21 years old. If affidavit is not provided prior to age 16 the driver will remain restricted until age 17 or until affidavit is provided, whichever occurs first.
- Restricted licensee may drive to and from school (not school activities); to, from, or in connection with any employment- or farm-related work, or at any time when accompanied by a licensed adult driver 18 years of age or older.

## **NON-RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSE (CLASS C OR M) FOR 16- AND 17-YEAR-OLDS**

- Full test (vision, written, and drive) or Driver's Ed completion slip required.
- Applicant must provide affidavit showing at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, with 10 of those hours being at night, by a licensed driver at least 21 years old.

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### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

- Any person under the age of 16 with a restricted license who is convicted of two or more moving violations will remain restricted until age 17.
- Any licensee issued a Farm Permit or Restricted license may not transport non-sibling minor passengers. Any conviction for this is considered a moving violation.

Kansas Works Cited

Kansas Department of Revenue [www.ksrevenue.org/dmvteen.htm](http://www.ksrevenue.org/dmvteen.htm)

## Kentucky

### **Educational Requirements:**

A four-hour Graduated Licensing education course must be completed within one year AFTER obtaining the license.

The Transportation Cabinet will conduct free education courses in every Kentucky County (assumed at 30 hours classroom and six behind-the-wheel hours of training). High school driver education classes and Transportation Cabinet approved private driving school courses are also acceptable, in place of the Cabinet's four-hour course. You will need to provide the Division of Driver Licensing with a copy of your certificate.

Adult licensing privileges begin at age 18, with exception of zero alcohol tolerance.

### **Licensing Requirements:**

#### **GRADUATED LICENSING LAWS FOR NEW DRIVERS:**

The Graduated Licensing Program affects permit holders and license holders under the age of 18. Graduated Licensing requires an extra set of qualifications for young drivers.

- Applicants must be at least 16 years of age to apply for a driving permit.
- A parent or guardian must sign the permit application for applicants under the age of 18, taking responsibility for the applicant.
- Applicant must successfully pass the written permit examination and the vision test to be issued a permit.
- Applicants under the age of 21 must hold the driving permit for a minimum of 180 days.
- Applicants over the age of 21 must hold the driving permit for a minimum of 30 days.
- Permit holders must drive with licensed driver over 21 years old accompanying them in the front passenger seat. (Must complete a minimum of 60 hours of practice driving, 10 of which must occur at night.)
- Permit holders under the age of 18 are not allowed to drive between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. unless the driver can demonstrate a good cause for driving such as emergencies, school, or work-related activities.
- Drivers receiving a moving traffic violation conviction under KRS 186, 189, 189A. will have to restart the 180-day Permit License waiting period.
- Permit holders shall not operate a motor vehicle at any time with more than 1 unrelated person under 20 years of age in the vehicle.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited. All drivers under the age of 21 are subject to "Zero Alcohol Tolerance" (defined as a blood alcohol concentration level of .02 g/dL).
- All drivers are subject to Kentucky's point system. A driver under the age of 18 who accumulates more than 6 points, or a driver age 18 or older who accumulates 12 points may have their driving privilege suspended.

## STEP ONE: PERMIT TEST

Manuals covering Kentucky rules for driving are available from your county's *Circuit Court Clerk's Office* or the State Police.

You must be 16 years of age to take the written knowledge test, and a vision test will also be administered. You will need your social security card, birth certificate, and for persons under 18, a parent or guardian to sign the application.

### IF YOU DO *NOT* PASS THE PERMIT TEST...

You may try again the next available testing day.

### IF YOU PASS THE PERMIT TEST...

You may drive only when accompanied by a driver at least 21 years old. For teens under 18, driving is restricted from midnight to 6 a.m.

You must have your permit for at least 180 days before taking the driving skills test.

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited. A new "zero alcohol tolerance" blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level of .02 g/dL has been established for all drivers.

## STEP TWO: DRIVING SKILLS TEST

Testing times and locations are available from the *Circuit Clerk's Office* in your county of residence. An appointment may be necessary.

The motor vehicle you use for testing must be properly registered and proof of liability insurance is required.

### IF YOU DO *NOT* PASS THE DRIVING SKILLS TEST...

You must wait one week before taking the test again.

### IF YOU PASS THE DRIVING SKILLS TEST...

You enter the "provisional privileges phase" (from permit date to age 18) and a license will be issued to you. For persons under the age of 21, a distinctive "under 21" license will be issued.

All drivers are subject to Kentucky's point system, where a number of points are assessed to persons committing vehicular violations. Upon accumulation of 7 points or more (for persons under 18) or 12 points or more (for persons over 18), a hearing is conducted by the Transportation Cabinet and the driver faces either probation or suspension of driving privileges.

All drivers under 21 are subject to zero alcohol tolerance (defined as a BAC of .02 g/dL).

## **601 KAR 13:110. DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS:**

### **Intermediate License Phase**

- When applying for an Intermediate License the driver's parent/guardian must certify the driver has completed 60 hours of practice driving, 10 of which must have occurred at night.
- Drivers ages 16½-18 who have successfully completed the permit phase must pass the driving skills test to be issued an intermediate license. After successfully completing the road test the Kentucky State Police driving instructor will place an "Intermediate License" sticker on the driver's permit license.

- Drivers age 18 and over do not have to complete the Intermediate License phase and may apply for a full unrestricted driver license.
- Intermediate License holders under the age of 18 are not allowed to drive between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. unless the driver can demonstrate a good cause for driving such as emergencies, school, or work-related activities.
- Passenger restriction – limit 1 unrelated person under 20 years of age (secondary offense).
- Drivers receiving a moving traffic conviction under KRS 186, 189, 189A. will have to restart the 180-day Intermediate License waiting period.
- Intermediate license must complete one of the following New Driver Education Programs before moving to the next licensing phase:
- Graduated Licensing Course (Free course provided by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in the driver's home county)
- High School Drivers Education Course
- Private Driver Training course at a Division of Driver License-approved driver training school
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited. All drivers under the age of 21 are subject to "Zero Alcohol Tolerance" (defined as a BAC of .02 g/dL).
- A driver under the age of 18 who accumulates more than 6 points may have their driving privilege suspended.
- No serious moving violations for those under the age of 18.

#### **Full Unrestricted Driver License Phase (Goes into effect on October 1, 2007)**

- Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited. All drivers under the age of 21 are subject to "Zero Alcohol Tolerance" (Defined as .02 Blood Alcohol Concentration).
- All drivers are subject to Kentucky's point system. A driver under the age of 18 who accumulates more than 6 points, or a driver age 18 and over who accumulates 12 points may have their driving privilege suspended.
- Permit holders under the age of 18 may not drive between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. unless the person can demonstrate good cause for driving.
- Permit holders must be accompanied by a licensed driver, at least 21 years of age, occupying the seat beside the driver.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited.
- Persons under 21 must hold the instruction permit for 180 days before applying for the skills test.
- Applicants who pass the driving skills test will be issued a distinctive "Under 21" license.
- All drivers under the age of 21 are subject to "Zero Alcohol Tolerance."
- All drivers are subject to Kentucky's point system. A driver under the age of 18 who accumulates more than 6 points may have his driving privilege suspended. For drivers over the age of 18, an accumulation of 12 points will result in possible suspension of driving privilege.
- A four-hour Graduated Licensing Course must be completed by newly-licensed drivers ages 16 and 17 who have not completed a driver education course from a high school or from a State-licensed driver training school that has been approved by the Department of Transportation.
- After passing the road test, the License Examiner will submit to the Division of Driver Licensing names of students who will be required to complete the Graduated Licensing class. All students enrolled in the Graduated Licensing class will receive written correspondence from the Division of Driver Licensing regarding the date and the time for the class. FAILURE TO

COMPLETE THE CLASS WITHIN ONE YEAR OF RECEIVING YOUR LICENSE WILL RESULT IN YOUR LICENSE BEING CANCELLED.

Graduated Licensing office <http://transportation.ky.gov/drlic/>

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 186.400(1) authorizes the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations regarding the licensing of a motor vehicle operator. This administrative regulation establishes the minimum standards for a new driver State traffic school. This administrative regulation also designates those who will attend this new driver education program, application and approval procedures to teach the program for private driving schools licensed pursuant to KRS 332.030, and the method of notification to the cabinet of completion of the program.

### **State Traffic School:**

The Transportation Cabinet shall secure instructors and classroom locations for both of the State traffic schools.

The Transportation Cabinet shall conduct at least two (2) new driver State traffic schools in every county every calendar year.

A person under the age of eighteen (18) years who obtained an operator's license prior to October 1, 1996:

Shall not be required to attend a KRS 186.410(4) driver education course;

May attend a new driver State traffic school free of charge.

### **High School Driver Education:**

If a high school in Kentucky offers a driver education course for credit to its students, the school shall notify the Transportation Cabinet of a student who receives credit for successfully completing the course.

### **Licensed Driver Training Schools:**

A driver training school licensed under KRS Chapter 332 may apply to the Transportation Cabinet for approval to conduct a driver training program pursuant to KRS 186.410 if it:

- Has been licensed by the Kentucky State Police for the prior two (2) calendar years;
- Is operated by a person who has a driver education teaching certification from the Kentucky Department of Education and who has taught driver education pursuant to that endorsement for a minimum of two (2) years; or
- Is operated by a person who has taught driver education at a KRS Chapter 332-approved school for a minimum of five (5) years; AND
- Has at least twenty (20) hours of office hours each week routinely staffed by a person familiar with the school's curriculum and requirements; AND

- Uses a curriculum which meets the requirements of Section 4(6) of this administrative regulation.

The applicant shall submit the following to the Transportation Cabinet:

- A detailed copy of the curriculum used, including a copy of all handouts and audio or video material;
- Resume of each instructor proposed to teach the course;
- Business address, telephone number, and office hours;
- Copy of the KRS Chapter 332 certificate issued by the Kentucky State Police; and
- \$250 fee to pay for the initial evaluation of the application.

A school which has been approved to participate in the program may request that a student who began a driver education course at the school after September 30, 1996, and who completed the course by February 28, 1997, be given credit for compliance with the requirements of KRS 186.410.

#### **Section 4. Class Requirements.**

A class offered pursuant to KRS 186.410(4)(b) or (c) shall be limited to a maximum of twenty-five (25) students.

- (1) A class offered pursuant to KRS 186.410(4)(b) or (c) shall contain a minimum of four (4) hours of classroom highway safety training which shall include administrative activities related to the class.
- (2) (a) A Transportation Cabinet approved preclass and postclass test shall be administered to all students and the results tabulated for each class taught.  
(b) The results shall be submitted to the Transportation Cabinet with the attendance roster required by subsection (5) of this section.
- (3) At least two (2) weeks prior to each class to be taught under the provisions of this administrative regulation, the school shall notify the Transportation Cabinet of the following:
  - (a) Date, time, and location of the scheduled class; and
  - (b) Instructor scheduled to teach the class.
- (4) The school shall notify the Transportation Cabinet of each student who successfully completes the course. The notice shall contain the following information:
  - (a) Student's name;
  - (b) Student's Social Security or operator's license number;
  - (c) Name of school;
  - (d) Date of course completion;
  - (e) Course instructor; and
  - (f) Name and telephone number of person at school to contact.
- (5) The curriculum taught to each class shall consist of the following sections:
  - (a) The dangers of alcohol and drugs which shall last for a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes and include:
    1. Information about Kentucky's "Under 21" license and implied consent law;
    2. Types of substances which impair driving ability;
    3. Blood alcohol concentration and the presumptive levels established in KRS 189A.010(2);
    4. Legal, monetary, and social sanctions or penalties of a conviction of violation of KRS 189A.010(1);

5. Restricted criteria for obtaining a hardship license pursuant to KRS 189A.410;
  6. Psychological and physiological effects of alcohol consumption;
  7. Other country's penalties for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol; and
  8. National and State statistics related to operating a motor vehicle and alcohol or drug consumption.
- (b) Defensive and perceptive driving which shall last for a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes and include:
1. Traits of good drivers;
  2. Traits of safe drivers;
  3. Mental skills needed for safe driving;
  4. The "Scan Identify Predict Decide Execute" (SIPDE) approach to perceptive driving;
  5. Driving emergencies such as brake or tire failure, skidding, stuck accelerator, or running off the roadway; and
  6. Crash-producing locations or situations such as intersections, hydroplaning, railroad crossings, many vehicle types in the traffic mix, and pedestrian traffic.
- (c) Seat belt usage which shall last for at least thirty (30) minutes and include:
1. Kentucky's seat belt law;
  2. Kentucky's child restraint law;
  3. Information on vehicle air bags;
  4. Number of fatalities and injuries in crashes from not wearing seat belts; and
  5. Seat belt usage.
- (d) Driver behavior which shall last for a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes and include:
1. Driving requires physical, social, and mental skills;
  2. Personality changes which occur while driving;
  3. How driving behaviors and reaction are related to attitude;
  4. Need for and importance of self-control while driving; and
  5. National, State, and local statistics on vehicle crashes.
- (e) Rules of the road which shall last for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes and include:
1. Purpose and significance of the Graduated Driver Licensing Program;
  2. The role of the Division of Driver Licensing in maintaining driving records;
  3. Content of driving records available to insurance companies;
  4. Recognition of the need for and purpose of traffic laws;
  5. The most commonly violated traffic laws;
  6. Speeding as a major contributing factor in vehicle crashes; and
  7. Sanctions or penalties assessed for violating traffic laws.

### **Section 5. Instructor Requirements.**

An instructor employed to teach the KRS 186.410 course by a school approved pursuant to the requirements of Section 3 of this administrative regulation shall:

- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- Have a four-year college degree. Experience as a professional driver education instructor may substitute year-for-year for the college education;
- Never have been convicted of a felony;
- Never have been convicted of a violation of KRS 189A.010 or its equivalent from another jurisdiction;

- Never have been convicted or administratively found guilty of refusing to submit to a test to determine blood alcohol concentration or drugs in system;
- Have fewer than six (6) points assigned pursuant to 601 KAR 13:025 on his driving history record;
- Not have had his driving privilege withdrawn for any reason in the past five (5) years;
- Successfully enroll in, pay the \$100 fee for, and complete the instructor training course offered by the Transportation Cabinet;
- Have good communication skills as indicated during an interview; and
- Be of good moral character.

The approved school shall review the driving history record of an instructor annually.

### **Section 6. Evaluations.**

The Transportation Cabinet shall perform a random or routine performance audit of an approved school or its instructor.

A school shall be notified in writing of a deficiency discovered in an audit. The deficiency shall be corrected prior to its next scheduled class or the school's approval shall be withdrawn by the Transportation Cabinet.

The Kentucky State Police shall be provided a copy of each performance evaluation of a school licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 332.

A representative from the Transportation Cabinet shall be allowed free of any charge to monitor a class taught by the school pursuant to the provisions of this administrative regulation. (23 Ky.R. 2639; Am. 3032; 3349; 3567; eff. 3-4-97.)

KY Transportation Cabinet Division of Driver Licensing

Kentucky Works Cited

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**Louisiana**

**Educational Requirements:**

Thirty hours of classroom instruction is required, which cannot include more than 5 hours of instruction in a 24-hour period. Six hours of behind-the-wheel training or 12 hours of simulator training is also required.

**Instructor Requirements:**

For those wishing to be driver education instructors, they must possess a valid Louisiana teaching certificate; a valid Louisiana driver license; a driving record clear of convictions of major accidents and/or repeated violation and specialized education totaling 10 hours in general safety education, basic information course in driver education, curriculum innovations and instructional devices, and first aid.

**Licensing Requirements:**

**Stage 1: Learner's Permit**

Applicants must be 15 years of age and complete 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. They must pass a vision exam, written test, and traffic sign test. They are authorized to drive with one licensed adult who is at least 21 years of age or a sibling who is at least 18. They must maintain their permit for at least 90 days and cannot change to the intermediate licensing stage until they are 16.

**Stage 2: Intermediate License**

Applicants must have completed stage one, and must be at least 16 years of age. They must pass a road skills driving test. They are not permitted to drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a licensed adult who is at least 21 years old, or a sibling who is at least 18. This license must be attained until they are 17.

**Stage 3: Full License**

Applicants must successfully complete stages one and two and must be at least 17 years of age prior to application for first license.

**AGE REQUIREMENT**

Class D - Minimum seventeen (17) years of age.

Class E - Minimum fifteen (15) years of age. Must complete all stages of the graduated licensing program.

Class A, B, or C - Minimum age eighteen (18) (travel intra-State only, no hauling of hazardous materials). Minimum age twenty-one (21) to travel interstate and obtain a hazardous-materials endorsement.

On January 1, 1998, Louisiana implemented a graduated licensing program. It is known as the R.Y.A.N ACT (Reduce Youth Accidents Now) and was named for a fifteen year old, Ryan Lee, who lost his life in a traffic crash a few short months after being licensed. Remember, if you are a minor making application for a license, a custodial or domiciliary parent, tutor, or legal guardian must accompany you and present his/her own identification, sign your application, and provide proof that the vehicle to be used for the road skills (driving) test is insured.

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## R.Y.A.N ACT (Reduce Youth Accidents Now)

If you are a minor making application for a license, a custodial or domiciliary parent, tutor, or legal guardian must accompany you and present his/her own identification, sign your application, and provide proof that the vehicle to be used for the road skills (driving) test is insured.

## STAGE 1: LEARNER'S PERMIT

1. Minimum fifteen (15) years of age.
2. Must complete thirty (30) hours classroom instruction and six (6) hours behind-the-wheel driving instruction.
3. Must pass vision exam, written test, and traffic signs test.
4. Authorized to drive with one licensed adult at least twenty-one (21) years of age or sibling at least eighteen (18) years of age.
5. Must maintain learner's license for a minimum of ninety (90) days and cannot change to intermediate stage until sixteenth (16th) birthday.

## STAGE 2: INTERMEDIATE LICENSE

1. Must have completed STAGE 1.
2. Minimum sixteen (16) years of age.
3. Must pass the road skills driving test.
4. Prohibited from driving between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., unless accompanied by a licensed adult at least twenty-one (21) years of age or sibling at least eighteen (18) years of age.
5. Must be maintained until seventeenth (17) birthday.

## STAGE 3: FULL LICENSE

1. Must successfully complete STAGES 1 and 2; OR
2. Must be at least seventeen (17) years of age prior to application for first license.

NOTE: Applicants seventeen (17) years of age or older who have not entered the graduated licensing program may apply for full Class E license or a learner's permit upon completion of a full driver's education course or a six (6) hour pre-licensing course. An out-of-State applicant sixteen (16) years of age who has had a license or permit for a minimum of ninety (90) days may be eligible to bypass the learner's permit stage and be issued an intermediate license.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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DRIVER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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AUTHORITY

R.S. 32:402.1

DEFINITION OF DRIVER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All first-time applicants must furnish the following proof of driver education training as required by law.

REQUIREMENT

FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS -- 15 and 16 Years of Age -- must provide proof of one of the following:

- A certificate of completion of a driver education course consisting of a minimum of thirty (30) hours classroom instruction and six (6) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction which has been approved by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections;
- An "Application and School Instruction Permit DE 1821 (R10/95);"
- A letter on letterhead from a Louisiana high school signed by the principal or instructor, certifying completion of the course; or
- An official transcript from a Louisiana school which indicates that high school course credit has been given for a driver's education course.

If a course was completed at an out-of-State high school and accepted by a Louisiana high school, an official Louisiana high school transcript is required.

If a course was completed at an out-of-State school and either not accepted by a Louisiana high school or the applicant has already graduated from the out-of-State high school, a letter of approval from the Louisiana Department of Education is required.

For those fifteen (15) or sixteen (16) years of age, the six (6) hour pre-licensing training course may not be substituted for this course (i.e. R.S. 32:407). NOTE: A student who is fifteen (15) years of age

may enroll and attend the (30) hour classroom portion of the 30-hour/6-hour driving course. Upon successfully completing the classroom portion, they may be issued a school instruction permit in order to receive the six (6) hours minimum behind-the-wheel training. NO person under the age of fifteen (15) may apply for a class "E" learner's or operator's license.

A sixteen(16)-year-old applicant who has an out-of-State license or permit that has been held for at least 90 days will not be considered a "first-time applicant." This means the sixteen(16)-year-old upon providing such proof of license/permit for 90 days, can be issued an Intermediate State license (61 restriction) and NOT be required to provide proof of driver's education.

FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS -- 17 Years of Age or older -- must provide proof of one of the following:

- A certificate of completion of a six (6) hour pre-licensing training course which has been approved by the Department of Public Safety & Corrections (i.e. R.S. 32:402.1);
- A certificate of completion of a driver education course consisting of a minimum of thirty (30) hours classroom instruction;
- A certificate of completion of a driver education course consisting of a minimum of thirty (30) hours classroom instruction and six (6) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction which has been approved by the Department of Public Safety & Corrections;
- An "Application and School Instruction Permit DE 1821 (R 10/95);"
- A letter, on letterhead, from a Louisiana high school signed by the principal or instructor certifying completion of the course;
- An official transcript from a Louisiana school which indicates that high school course credit has been given for a driver's education course; or
- If a course was completed at an out-of-State high school and accepted by a Louisiana high school, an official Louisiana high school letter or a copy of the Louisiana high school transcript is required. If a course was completed at an out-of-State high school and either not accepted by a Louisiana high school or the applicant has already graduated from the out-of-State high school, a letter of approval from the Louisiana Department of Education is required.

If an applicant seventeen (17) years of age or older does not live within a 25-mile radius of a location providing the six (6) hour pre-licensing training course, he/she will be exempt from the training requirements (i.e. R.S. 32:402.1). Since the law does not define "first-time applicants," holders of out-of-State, out-of-country, and military driver's licenses are exempt from the pre-licensing requirements, even though they have never been licensed in this State. Although out-of-country drivers are exempt from pre-licensing training, they are not exempt from the visual/medical requirements or from the written and driving portion of the examination upon making application for a license.

## DRIVING SCHOOL LISTS

The Office of State Police will certify certain training providers for the six (6) hour pre-licensing training course. You will be notified as those training providers become certified. In addition, you will be notified periodically of the driver training schools regulated and certified by this Department whose thirty (30) hours classroom and six (6) hours behind-the-wheel courses have been approved.

## CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

The following documentation is acceptable to certify course completion:

- A Certificate of Successful Completion;
- Application and School Instruction Permit DE 1821; and
- A letter from a Louisiana high school or an official transcript from a Louisiana school which indicates that high school course credit has been given for a driver's education course.

## LOST CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

If an applicant has lost or misplaced his original certificate of completion, he may obtain a duplicate copy of the original from the school or provider. The Motor Vehicle Officer shall accept the copy in Lieu of the original, provided it contains the signature of the owner, manager, or director certifying that the certificate is a duplicate of the original.

Only duplicate copies of the original certificate will be accepted.

## TEST FAILURE

Upon test failure, all documents presented by the applicant must be returned to the applicant.

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**8/23/2006**  
**Maine**

### **Driver Education Requirements:**

The Driver Education Unit is responsible for establishing the qualifications, licensing standards, and procedures for the licensing of driver education schools and instructors/teachers. Included in these responsibilities are the tasks of implementing and monitoring a standardized curriculum in all phases of driver and rider education, including commercial vehicles.

Thirty hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction are required.

### **Instructor Requirements: Per the Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

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#### Types of Teacher and Instructor Licenses and Endorsements

- A Class A license entitles a person to teach both the classroom and behind-the-wheel phases of driver education for passenger type vehicles (Class C vehicles).
- A Class B license entitles a person to teach only the behind-the-wheel phase of driver education for passenger type vehicles (Class C vehicles).
- A truck driver education endorsement to a Class A license entitles a person to teach classroom, behind-the-wheel and range (off-street) driver education for commercial motor vehicles (Class A and/or Class B vehicles).

#### General Application Requirements for Class A and Class B Licenses

To apply for a license, applicants must complete the enclosed application form and meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Submit proof of a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Have at least four (4) years experience as a licensed driver and hold a valid driver's license.
- Have no physical, emotional, or mental impairment which would prevent driver licensure in accordance with Chapter 3, Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Rules Governing the Physical Emotional and Mental Competence to Operate a Motor Vehicle.
- Have no convictions or adjudication for moving criminal traffic offenses within the last three (3) years, except for operating without a license if the license was expired less than five (5) years and operating with an expired registration.
- Have not had a driver's license suspended or revoked within the last six (6) years pursuant to 29-A MRSA Sections 2411, 2453, 2454, 2456, 2457, 2472, 2521, 2525, 2552, 2554, 2555 or 2557.
- Have not been an accident-prone driver within last year from date of application.
- Pass an examination consisting of vision, extensive knowledge, and road tests relating to the type of vehicle and the type of driver education license for which you are applying.

- Have not been convicted for any Class A, B, or C crime or felony within the last ten (10) years.
- Have successfully completed a basic first aid course approved by the American Red Cross or National Safety Council within the last year. (Contact your local American Red Cross).
- Have successfully completed a driving dynamics or defensive driving course within the last year. (Contact the Bureau of Highway Safety, 624-8756).
- Submit a license fee of \$80 plus a \$10 examination fee (total \$90).

#### Additional Application Requirements for a Class A License

If applying for Class A license, you must submit proof (i.e., a college transcript) of successful completion of the following college-level courses within the last three (3) years:

- Basic Driver Education (EDIS 433-51 formerly EDX-51) offered through the University of Maine System or its equivalent; and
- A teaching methods course. Acceptable college level courses include Preparation and Production of Instructional Materials (EDU 210, University of Maine, Farmington), The Teaching Process (EDB 204, University of Maine, Orono), Exploring Education in Contemporary America (EDU 150, University of Maine, Presque Isle), and Theoretical Foundations of Learning (EDU210. Lewiston-Auburn College, University of Southern Maine) or their equivalent.

#### Additional Application Requirements for a Class B License

- If applying for a Class B license, you must submit proof of successful completion of the introductory course in driver education for a Class B driver education license.

### **Information about Driver Education School Licenses and Types of Driver Education School Licenses**

- A Class A license entitles a school to employ Class A or Class B instructors or teachers to teach both the classroom and behind-the-wheel phases of driver education for passenger type vehicles (Class C vehicles).
- A Class B license entitles a school to employ Class A or Class B instructors or teachers and to teach only the behind-the-wheel phase of driver education for passenger type vehicles (Class C vehicles).

#### School Requirements

- A Class A license entitles a school to employ Class A or Class B instructors or teachers to teach both the classroom and behind-the-wheel phases of driver education for passenger type vehicles (Class C vehicles).
- A Class B license entitles a school to employ Class A or Class B instructors or teacher and to teach only the behind-the-wheel phase of driver education for passenger type vehicles (Class C vehicles).
- A Class A Commercial Vehicle school license entitles a school to employ only Class A instructors/teachers to teach classroom, behind-the-wheel, and range (off-street) driver education for commercial motor vehicles (Class A and/or Class B vehicles). This license also entitles you to employ Class B instructors/teachers to teach range and behind-the-wheel only, but you must also employ a Class A instructor.
- Number of Required Driver Education School Licenses and Fees

- Applicants must license each school location where driver education will be conducted and submit a license fee of \$125 for each location.
- Applicants for a Class A license must license each school classroom location.
- Applicants for a Class B license must license each location for operation of the school.
- Applicants for a truck endorsement must license each school location to include one classroom and one range site.

### General Application Requirements

To apply for a license, applicants must complete an application form and meet the following requirements:

- Provide a list of each vehicle by year, make, registration plate number and vehicle identification number (VIN). Training vehicles must be equipped with dual foot brakes. Dual clutch pedals are required for vehicles with a standard transmission. When engaged in instruction, each vehicle must be equipped with an identification sign stating the name of the school as well as a student driver sign.
- Submit a certificate from an insurance company showing that each vehicle has coverage by an automobile bodily injury and property damage liability insurance policy that meets the following statutory requirements: A school must meet the limits of insurance described in Title 29-A, §1354, Driver Education Programs, Subsection 3A, Driver Education School license requirements. The limits are as follows: \$100,000 property damage; \$100,000 personal injury or death of any one person; and \$300,000 for personal injury or death of a number of persons. Combined single limit is \$400,000.
- Provide a letter from your local Fire Department or a Fire Marshall's report showing that the school premises complies with State and municipal statutory requirements regarding public health, safety, and access. (Initial application only)
- Submit a certificate of occupancy from the code enforcement officer or other town official that shows proof of compliance with State and municipal land use regulations and ordinances. (Initial application only)
- Pass an inspection of the school premises by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

### Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements

- All school records must be up-to-date and open to inspection during business hours and at other reasonable times.
- All school records must be retained for at least three (3) years and kept at the location indicated on the enclosed school license application.
- A new class report or motorcycle new class report must be filed at least seven (7) days prior to the date the class starts.
- An individual student record must show that each student successfully completed the required course curriculum and be retained by the school. Student record sheets must list each module taught by type and hours of instruction, by instructor or teacher, and show the student's visual acuity.
- A class completion report or motorcycle class completion report must list each student by name, address, date-of-birth, hours of instruction, and course completion certificate number. This report must be filed within seven (7) days of the date the course ends.

## Exemption from License Fees

A "noncommercial" driver education school is exempt from paying the license fee. The license issued will be termed a "noncommercial" driver education school license which authorizes the school to employ both "noncommercial" and "commercial" driver education teachers or instructors. If not exempt from fee, the license issued will be termed a "commercial" driver education school license which authorizes the school to employ only "commercial" driver education teachers or instructors.

### Other Information

- Operating a driver education school without a valid license is a Class E crime.
- Once a Driver Education School license is issued, it is the school's responsibility to notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in writing of any change in information on the original license application (e.g., change of school name or ownership, address, telephone number, driving or criminal record, employee health, training vehicles, and instructors or teachers employed by the school). All correspondence and renewal notices will be sent to the licensee's last known address on file with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

## **Licensing Requirements:**

### Learner's Permit Guidelines

- Applicants must be at least 15 years of age.
- If under 18 years of age, applicants must complete an approved driver education course.
- Obtain an instruction permit by successfully completing a driver knowledge examination. An instruction permit, which allows a person to operate a vehicle when accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 20 years of age has held a valid license for the past 2 consecutive years, is generally valid for 18 months. The accompanying operator must be licensed to drive the class vehicles being operated.
- A person of any age who has been issued an instruction permit may not operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile phone.
- Written exams and visual screenings are offered on a "walk-in" basis at all Motor Vehicle branch offices (see back cover of this manual for written testing schedule). Two forms of identification are required. Example; birth certificate and social security card. Although your social security number will not be displayed on your license, it must be provided upon application or renewal for a license. Birth certificates are required of applicants up to and including age 22. Photocopies of birth certificates must have an embossed seal or stamp of an issuing agency. Notarized copies are not acceptable.

### Obtaining a Driver's License

- Be at least 16 years of age and have completed an approved driver education course.
- Be at least 18 year of age if you have not completed an approved driver education course.
- Before a person under 21 years of age can apply for a road test, that person must have held an instruction permit for 6 months from the date of issue of the instruction permit, and the permittee must complete a minimum of 35 hours of driving, including 5 hours of night driving, while accompanied by a parent, guardian or licensed driver at least 20 years of age and holds a license that has not been suspended or revoked over the past 2 years. The 35 hour of practice driving must begin after issuance of the permit. The parent, stepparent, guardian, or spouse must certify the permittee's driving time on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. When

the permittee has no parent, stepparent, guardian, or spouse, an employer may certify the driving time.

- Successfully complete a road test.

A person under 18 years of age who has been issued a driver's license is prohibited from:

- Operating a motor vehicle between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.;
- Carrying passengers other than immediate family members unless accompanied by a license operator who has held a valid driver's license for the past 2 years, is at least 20 year of age, and is occupying a seat beside the licensee. (Immediate family member means grandparent, parent, stepparent, spouse, child, brother or sister); and
- Operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone.
- These restrictions are in effect for a period of 180 days from passing the road test. Violation of the conditions of these restrictions will result in a 180-day extension of the restrictions noted above which may extend beyond the 18th birthday.

Note: The first license issued to a new applicant under 21 years of age is provisional for a period of two years and one year for persons at least 21 years old. If a person is convicted of a moving violation that occurred while operating with a provisional license, the license will be suspended without a right to a hearing for 30 days. Second and third offenses involve more severe penalties.

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**Maryland**

**Educational Requirements:**

All applicants, regardless of age who have never been licensed by Maryland or any other jurisdiction, must have completed an approved driver education course of not less than 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel training. Home-taught correspondence is not acceptable.

Training may be obtained through some public schools, private schools, or schools licensed by the MVA.

**Licensing Requirements:**

Learner's Permit

- Minimum age for applicants is 15 years and 9 months.
- A parent or guardian must co-sign the learner's permit application if the applicant is under 18.
- Applicants must pass all required tests.
- The learner's permit driver must complete a standardized driver's education program and the 30 hours of classroom instruction, with at least 6 hours of highway driving instruction. Additional practice driving, supervised by a licensed driver, is also required.
- While driving, the learner's permit holders must be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver who is 21 years or older, and has held a license for a minimum of 3 years. The person must be seated beside the new driver at all times, with no other front seat occupants.
- A qualified supervising driver (parent, guardian, or mentor) must complete a Practice Skills Log for the learner's permit holder, which is issued by the MVA along with every learner's permit.
- The learner's permit driver must complete a minimum of sixty (60) hours of driving practice with someone at least age twenty one (21) who has held a driver's license for three (3) years or more. 10 hours must be at night.
- Learner's permits are valid for one year from the date they are issued.
- If a new driver under 18 is cited for speeding in excess of 20 mph, the MVA will notify the parent, guardian, or cosigner.
- Drivers under 18 will have their licenses suspended if the parent, guardian, or cosigner withdraw their consent.
- The learner's permit must be held for at least six (6) months before the driver is eligible for a provisional license.
- A minimum of ten (10) of the 60 practice driving hours must occur at night. The nighttime practice driving can occur 30 minutes before sunset, but no earlier, or 30 minutes after sunrise, no later, to qualify as nighttime practice driving.
- Learner's permit holders under 18 may not use any wireless communication device, including a cell phone, while driving, with the exception of a 911 emergency call. Violations may result in the suspension of one's driving privilege for up to 90 days.

### Provisional Driver's License

- Provisional license holders under the age of eighteen (18) are not authorized to drive without supervision between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. unless:
  - The driver is accompanied or supervised by a licensed driver, 21 years of age or older, with at least 3 years of driving experience;
  - The driver is driving to, from, or during employment;
  - The driver is driving to or from an official school activity;
  - The driver is driving to or from an organized volunteer program; or
  - The driver is driving to or from participation in an athletic event or related training session.
- When a driver reaches the age of eighteen (18), a provisional license holder is no longer bound by the restrictions and may drive at any hour.
- Applicants must submit a driver's education certificate, to prove that they have successfully completed a standardized driver education course.
- A driver's skills test for a provisional license must be scheduled in advance by calling 888-212-4709 for an appointment. Applicants must pass a skills test administered either in traffic or on a course.
- Convictions for moving violations while holding a provisional license will require:
  - The completion of a driver improvement program for the first offense.
  - The suspension of the license for up to 30 days for the second offense.
  - A suspension or revocation of the license for up to 180 days for a third offense.
- Minimum age is 16 years and 3 months.
- During the first 5 months (151 days) of the provisional period, drivers under the age of eighteen (18), may not carry passengers who are minors (under 18), unless they are accompanied by a qualified supervising driver or the passengers are direct family members. Direct family members can be a spouse, daughter, son, stepdaughter, stepson, sister, brother, stepsister, or stepbrother of the provisional license holder, or a relative of the license holder who lives at the same address. Violations may result in a suspension of one's driving privilege.
- Drivers under the age of eighteen (18) may not use any wireless communication devices, including a cell phone, while driving, with the exception of an emergency 911 call. Violations may result in the suspension of one's driving privilege for up to 90 days.
- Drivers must hold the provisional license for eighteen (18) consecutive months with no moving violations. Any violations or Probation Before Judgment (PBJ) rulings, will mean the eighteen (18)-month period must be restarted.
- Provisional drivers are ineligible for a "Probation Before Judgment" (PBJ) ruling from the court if the defendant has previously received a PBJ.

### Converting to a Full Driver's License

The State of Maryland's full driver's license is the privilege awarded to drivers who progress through The Rookie Driver graduated licensing system. Once provisional license holders successfully meet all requirements, the MVA automatically converts the license to a full driver's license status.

- Drivers must hold a provisional license for a minimum of 18 months and be conviction-free during that period.
- If under 21, the applicant's license and record must be alcohol-free.

- An attachment card showing the conversion to a full license is mailed to the driver. The card is carried with the provisional license to show the change in licensing status.
- The attachment card is no longer needed when the provisional license expires.
- The driver comes in for a license renewal, pays the renewal fee, and then is issued a full license. Provisional license holders under 18 must have the application co-signed by a parent.
- A driver must be at least age seventeen (17) years and nine (9) months.

#### THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- To obtain a learner's permit, provisional license, or driver's license, visit any of our full-service offices in Maryland. Contact the MVA or go online to [www.marylandmva.com](http://www.marylandmva.com), for MVA locations, hours, and requirements for identification and fees.
- The State of Maryland requires all registered owners to carry liability insurance, uninsured motorist, and Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage.

#### PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- If a new driver under 18 is cited for speeding in excess of 20 mph, MVA will notify the parent, guardian, or cosigner.
- Drivers under 18 may have their license suspended if the parent, guardian, or cosigner withdraws their consent.

Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration is working with drivers to make sharing the road safer for everyone – especially new drivers. The Rookie Driver graduated licensing system:

- Applies to all applicants, regardless of age, who have never held a license in Maryland or any other State or country.
- Requires new drivers to gain more driving experience with a supervising driver.
- Encourages good driving behavior by imposing strict sanctions during each step of the licensing process, such as driver improvement classes or the suspension or revocation of licenses.
- Requires applicants to progress through the three levels of licensing:
  1. A learner's permit
  2. A provisional license
  3. A full driver's license

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**10/4/2006**  
**Massachusetts**

**Educational Requirements:**

Supervision of driver education programs in public and private schools is under the direction of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles due to a memorandum of understanding between the above listed and the Massachusetts Department of Education.

There is a requirement in place for both entities for a minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel training.

Driver Education School Requirements

Completion of a licensed Professional Driver's Education program is required of all Class D & M license applicants under the age of 18 in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To be eligible for a driver education certificate, a student must complete the following two program components:

- 1) Classroom Instruction consisting of a minimum of thirty (30) hours for the purpose of educating and familiarizing students with Massachusetts motor vehicle law and of safe and proper operation of a motor vehicle.
- 2) Motor Vehicle On-Road Instruction consisting of twelve (12) hours of instruction in a driving training motor vehicle including a minimum of six (6) hours of actual behind-the-wheel instruction and six (6) hours of observation while another student is taking behind-the-wheel instruction.

A student must complete the full scope of driver education (both classroom instruction and motor vehicle on-road instruction) within two years from the first session in a driver education program. A student must have a valid learner's permit and be sixteen (16) years of age before she/he may participate in motor vehicle on-road instruction.

Currently, classroom instruction covers at a minimum the following content areas:

- The Massachusetts driver's license
- The driver's license privilege
- Motor vehicle safety
- Rules of the road
- Defensive driving and special situations
- Vehicle ownership

On-road instruction is designed to train each student in the various controls and devices in the driver's compartment and how to apply their new driving knowledge to the road. Instructors are required at a minimum to teach how to start the engine, engage the gears, make left and right turns, turn the vehicle around, stop and start on hills and grades, back up, park, and drive in traffic and on the open highway.

## Licensing Requirements:

If you apply for a driver's license and are between the ages of 16½ and 18 you must have possessed a learner's permit for at least six (6) months and will only be issued a "Junior Operator's License" (JOL), upon passing a road test, and only if:

- You have successfully completed a driver education and training program approved by the Registrar which includes 30 hours of classroom instruction, six (6) hours of in-car behind-the-wheel training, and six (6) hours in-car as an observer of another student driver;
- You have completed at least an additional 12 hour of supervised behind-the-wheel training and six (6) hours in-car as an observer of another student driver;
- You have had a learner's permit for at least six (6) months; and
- You have had a "clean driving record" for a minimum of six (6) consecutive months immediately preceding the date you took your road test.

The most significant effects of the law's requirements and restrictions are on the operations of a motor vehicle by a person in possession of a "Junior Operator's License." A basic purpose of the law is to provide you with a supervised opportunity to develop good driving skills, while being free of possible distractions caused by having friends your own age present while you are behind the wheel. Under the law, if you are a junior operator (between the ages of 16½ and 18):

- You may not operate a motor vehicle, within the first six (6) months after receiving a "Junior Operator's License" while any passenger under the age of 18 is in the vehicle (other than yourself or an immediate family member), unless you are accompanied by a person who is at least 21 years old, has at least one year of driving experience, holds a valid driver's license from Massachusetts or another State and is occupying a seat beside you. A junior operator who violates the passenger restriction shall be subject to a license suspension of up to 90 days. The six (6)-month passenger restriction period will stop running when the suspension begins and the remainder of the restriction period will start running again when the suspension is completed.
- As the holder of a "Junior Operator's License" (or Learner's Permit), you may not operate a motor vehicle during the hours of midnight to 5 a.m. unless accompanied by your parent or legal guardian.
- You may not operate a motor vehicle requiring a commercial driver's license;
- Your "Junior Operator's License" will be suspended for a substantial period of time if you are under 18 years of age at the time certain driving offenses involving alcohol or drugs are committed.
- You will face a license suspension for a 2nd or subsequent offenses for speeding or drag racing violations.

## AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING JUNIOR OPERATORS' LICENSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words "but before such a license

is granted" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- provided, however, that no such license shall be issued to a person whose junior operator's license has been suspended or revoked or whose right to operate has been suspended while so operating under a junior operator's license until the full term of such suspension or revocation has been served without regard to the age of such person. Before a license is granted pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. Said section 8 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "it", in line 8, the following words:- and, if applicable, has surrendered his junior operator's license or operator's license issued by another State.

SECTION 3. Said section 8 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following four paragraphs:-

A junior operator's license may, under the rules and regulations established by the registrar, be issued to a minor under 18 years of age who has:

- (a) held a valid learner's permit issued pursuant to section 8B or a similar law of another State for a period of not less than six months immediately preceding the date of application for a junior operator's license under this section and, during such period, has maintained a driving record free of any surchargeable incidents, as described in section 113B of chapter 175 or a similar law of another State and has not had such permit suspended under section 24P or a similar law of another State and has not been convicted of violating any alcohol-related or drug-related law of the commonwealth or a similar alcohol-related or drug-related law of any other State. For the purposes of this section, an alternative disposition of a violation including, but not limited to, having such violation continued without a finding or placed on file shall be deemed to be a conviction. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any penalty, fine, suspension, revocation or requirement that may be imposed under any other law of the commonwealth;
- (b) attained the age of 16½;
- (c) successfully completed a driver education and training course approved by the registrar and presented a certified statement from a parent or guardian or designee over the age of 21 that the applicant has completed not less than 12 hours of supervised driving in addition to the requirements of said driver education and training course;
- (d) successfully completed such examination and driving test as the registrar may require; and
- (e) submitted an application on a form furnished by the registrar, signed by both the applicant and a parent or guardian, along with the fee provided in section 33.

No person holding a junior operator's license shall operate a motor vehicle during the first six months of licensure while a person under 18 years of age, other than the operator or an immediate family member of the operator, is present in such vehicle unless also accompanied by an operator, duly licensed by his State of residence, who is

21 years of age or older, who has had at least one year of driving experience, and who is occupying a seat beside the driver and any such junior operator who violates the passenger restriction provided herein shall have such junior operator's license suspended for a period of 30 days for a first offense, for a period of 60 days for a second offense, and for a period of 90 days for a third or subsequent offense; provided, however, that such suspension shall be imposed in addition to any other penalty, fine, suspension, revocation or requirement that may be imposed for such violation. The six-month passenger restriction provided herein shall be tolled during any suspension or revocation of a person's junior operator's license.

No person holding a junior operator's license shall operate a motor vehicle between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The holder of a junior operator's license shall have such license in his possession at all times when operating a motor vehicle and any such operator who violates the time restriction provided herein shall be deemed to be operating a motor vehicle without being duly licensed under this chapter; provided, however, that for such operation between the hours of midnight and 1 a.m. and between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m., the provisions of this paragraph shall be enforced by law enforcement agencies only when a junior operator of a motor vehicle has been lawfully stopped for a violation of the motor vehicle laws or some other offense.

No person holding a junior operator's license shall operate a vehicle requiring a commercial driver's license issued under chapter 90F.

SECTION 4. Section 8B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the word "eighteen" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 21.

SECTION 5. Said section 8B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 38, the word "one" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 12.

SECTION 6. Section 20 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "registrar", in line 73, the following words:- ; provided, however, that a holder of a junior operator's license who is convicted of a violation under section 17, 17A or 17B, or under a special regulation under section 18 shall, in addition to any other penalty, fine, suspension, revocation or requirement that may be imposed for such violation, have such license suspended for a period of 180 days for a second offense and for a period of one year for a third or subsequent offense.

SECTION 7. Said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by striking out section 24P, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 24P. (a) Upon evidence that a person under the age of 21, after having been arrested for or charged with a violation under section 24, 24G or 24L, had a blood alcohol percentage of two one-hundredths or greater or upon evidence that such person refused to submit to a chemical test or analysis of his breath or blood under section 24, notwithstanding the finding upon any such charge, such person shall have his license or permit to operate a motor vehicle suspended by the registrar for a period of 180 days; provided, however,

that any such person who is less than 18 years of age at the time of such violation shall have his license suspended by the registrar for one year. Such suspension by the registrar shall be imposed in addition to any penalty, license suspension or revocation imposed upon such person by the court as required by said section 24, 24G or 24L.

If a person has not been previously arrested for or charged with a violation under said section 24, 24G or 24L, such person shall, if he consents, be assigned to a program specifically designed by the department of public health for the treatment of underage drinking drivers; provided, however, that such assignment shall not be precluded by a finding or disposition upon a charge against such person under said section 24, 24G or 24L. Upon entry into such program, as authorized by this section or as otherwise required under any disposition pursuant to section 24D, the suspension of a license or permit to operate as required by this section shall be waived by the registrar for a person under 21 years of age but over 18 years of age; provided, however, that such suspension shall be for a period of 180 days for such person who was under the age of 18 at the time of such violation. Upon the failure of a person under the age of 21 to successfully complete such program, the registrar shall forthwith suspend such license or permit to operate for 180 days; provided, however, that upon such failure to successfully complete such program by a person who was under the age of 18 at the time of such violation, the registrar shall forthwith suspend the license or permit to operate for one year.

(b) The license or permit to operate of a person convicted of any violation under section 24, 24G, 24I or 24L who was under the age of 18 at the time of such violation and whose license or permit to operate was not suspended under subsection (a) for such violation shall have such license or permit suspended for a period of 180 days for a first offense and for a period of one year for a second or subsequent offense.

SECTION 8. Section 34A of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 19, the word "ninety" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 180.

SECTION 9. There is hereby established a special commission to consist of two members of the senate, three members of the house of representatives, the registrar of motor vehicles or his designee and two persons to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Association of Professional Driving Schools and one of whom shall be a representative of the American Automobile Association for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the effectiveness of driver education programs certified by the department of education for public schools and driver education programs provided by private driving schools. Such investigation and study shall include, but not be limited to, the development of procedures to evaluate schools, an evaluation of training programs for instructors and the feasibility of providing an electronic data communication between driving schools and the registrar for the purpose of facilitating the efficient transfer of information as required under chapter 90 of the General Laws and rules and regulations established there under relative to the operation and certification of driving schools and of the certification of persons completing the program requirements of such driving schools.

Such commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the first Wednesday in December, 1999.

SECTION 10. The provisions of clauses (a) and (c) of the second paragraph of section 8 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 3 of this act, shall apply only to persons who apply for a junior operator's license under the provisions of said section 8 of said chapter 90 on or after the effective date of this act. The provisions of sections 6 and 7 shall apply only to violations committed on or after the effective date of this act. Notwithstanding the provisions of said clauses (a) and (c) of said second paragraph of said section 8 of said chapter 90 or any other general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a license issued under the provisions of said section 8 of said chapter 90 or under a similar law of another state before the effective date of this act shall continue in force and be subject to the remaining provisions of this act and any other general or special law, or rule or regulation.

[www.mass.gov/legis/laws/seslaw98/sl980220.htm](http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/seslaw98/sl980220.htm)

## **Learner's Permits and Junior Operator Licenses**

### General Information

- If you apply for a driver's license and are between the ages of 16½ and 18 you must have possessed a learner's permit for at least six (6) months and will only be issued a "Junior Operator's License" (JOL), upon passing a road test, and only if:
- You have successfully completed a driver education and training program approved by the Registrar which includes 30 hours of classroom instruction, six (6) hours of in-car behind-the-wheel training, and six (6) hours in-car as an observer of another student driver;
- You have completed at least an additional 12 hours of supervised behind-the-wheel driving as shown by a certified statement provided by your parent or guardian;
- You have had a learner's permit for at least six (6) months; and
- You have had a "clean driving record" for a minimum of six (6) consecutive months immediately preceding the date you took your road test.

Under the law, if you are a junior operator (between the ages of 16½ and 18):

You may not operate a motor vehicle, within the first six (6) months after receiving a "Junior Operator's License" while any passenger under the age of 18 is in the vehicle (other than yourself or an immediate family member), unless you are accompanied by a person who is at least 21 years old, has at least one year of driving experience, holds a valid driver's license from Massachusetts or another State and is occupying a seat beside you. A junior operator who violates the passenger restriction shall be subject to a license suspension of up to 90 days. The six (6)-month passenger restriction period will stop running when the suspension begins and the remainder of the restriction period will start running again when the suspension is completed.

### A Summary of JOL Requirements

- As the holder of a “Junior Operator's License” (or Learner's Permit), you may not operate a motor vehicle during the hours of midnight to 5 a.m. unless accompanied by your parent or your legal guardian.
- You may not operate a motor vehicle requiring a commercial driver's license.
- Your “Junior Operator's License” will be suspended for a substantial period of time if you are under 18 years of age at the time certain driving offenses involving alcohol or drugs are committed.
- You will face a license suspension for a second or subsequent offense for speeding or drag racing violations.
- “Junior Operator License (JOL) Law” [Chapter 220 of the Acts of 1998] requires the State’s youngest drivers to have more experience behind the wheel before a road test can be taken.
- A JOL provides for restrictions for a period of time after the junior operator license is obtained and provides “enhanced penalties” for certain motor vehicle offenses committed by junior operators, such as speeding and racing and those involving alcohol or drugs.
- A driver ceases to be a junior operator when he or she turns age 18, although penalties will still apply for offenses committed while a junior operator.

### Learner’s Permit Phase

- By law, anyone who is operating a motor vehicle on a Learner’s Permit, regardless of his or her age, must be accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age.
- The holder of a Learner's Permit may operate a motor vehicle upon any way when accompanied by an operator duly licensed by his state of residence, who is 21 years of age or over, who has had at least one year of driving experience and who is occupying a seat beside the driver.
- A Permit holder who is under the age of 18 may not operate a motor vehicle between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by his parent or legal guardian, who must be a licensed operator with at least one year of driving experience and whose license or right to operate is not revoked or suspended.
- The holder of a Learner's Permit may not operate in another State if it is in violation of that State's law.
- The holder of a motorcycle Learner's Permit (Class M) may not carry passengers and may not operate after sunset or before sunrise.
- The holder of a Learner's Permit must be in physical possession of the Permit when operating a motor vehicle.
- A JOL holder can legally operate between midnight and 5 a.m. if a parent is in the vehicle. However, the law requires that at least one parent accompany when driving during the midnight to 5 a.m. time period, until age 18.
- This requirement is to provide parental supervision during overnight hours when teens are young and inexperienced.

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## **Educational Requirements:**

### **Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL)**

Under Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL), teen drivers under age 18 must complete two segments of driver education classroom instruction and meet the requirements for each of the three GDL licensing levels. Driving privileges are increased at each new licensing level as the teen driver gains greater skill and confidence. Teens may enroll in driver education at age 14 years and 8 months. Teens are required to complete the two-segment driver education course. These segments provide information about traffic safety, basic vehicle operation, and laws and regulations, as well as on-the-road driving experience.

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Segment one requires a minimum age of 14 years and 8 months. This includes 24 hours of classroom training and six hours of behind-the-wheel training (range instruction may be substituted for up to three hours on-street). There is also a written exam, (100 questions, multiple choice). Graduated Driver Licensing requires drivers under age 18 to complete two segments of driver education. Once a teen successfully completes Segment One, a green Michigan Department of State Segment One Certificate of Completion is issued by the driver education instructor. The certificate of completion is not a permit to drive and may not be used as a driver's license. The certificate, along with identification and the teen's Social Security number, must be presented when the application for the Level 1 license is made at a Secretary of State branch office.

Segment two includes six hours of classroom instruction and an optional written exam. To prepare for segment two, a minimum of 30 of the required 50 hours of behind-the-wheel training with a parent must be completed, with two of the required 10 at night, and a minimum of three months completion time between segment one and enrollment in segment two is required. They must also have obtained a Level 1 License. When the teen completes segment two, a white Michigan Department of State Segment Two Certificate of Completion will be issued by the driver education instructor. This certificate will be required to apply for the Level 2 License.

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### **Curriculum**

Currently, there is no standard curriculum required or provided for either classroom or BTW. There are, however, 100 classroom and 27 BTW performance objectives of which students must demonstrate achievement (at a satisfactory level) to acquire a certificate of completion. The goal of the department is to adopt a national curriculum, adapt it to fit Michigan's needs, and provide it to driver education programs. In 1997, a segment two curriculum was created for Michigan by the ADTSEA. Though not a required curriculum, many programs utilize it.

**Driver Education Instructor Preparation and Requirements:** Qualifications for initial approval of driver education instructors.

Instructors teaching driver education to persons under 18 years of age shall:

- Possess a valid Michigan teaching certificate employed in a public school program. (NOT required for driver training school instructors).
- Possess a valid driver's license.
- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Have a personal driving record with no more than six points, as assessed by the secretary of State, for moving traffic convictions during the two years prior to making application for approval as a driver education instructor (or have been convicted of impaired driving during the two years prior to making application).

These are the criteria to be approved by the Department of Education. To work in a driver training school, driver training school instructors must also be licensed by the Department of State, Driver Training, and Testing Division. The requirements to be licensed are different, and must also be met to become a driver training school instructor. These include a background check every five years, and a medical exam every two years. For initial approval to teach driver education, an instructor, in addition to meeting the requirements specified above, shall have earned, through a college or university, the equivalent of eight semester credits in driver education teacher preparation coursework, as approved by the State board of education. A temporary approval may be granted to teach driver education to an individual who has successfully completed six semester credits of approved driver education coursework. There are three universities in Michigan that offer the instructor preparation courses. In addition, there is an out-of-State college whose students would be eligible for approval.

Finally, the National Teacher Credentialing Program is recognized as meeting the requirements for instructor approval. Between these five programs, over 100 new teachers are trained annually.

[www.nts.gov/Events/symp\\_driver\\_ed/presentations/speech\\_lantzy.pdf](http://www.nts.gov/Events/symp_driver_ed/presentations/speech_lantzy.pdf)

## **Licensing Requirements:**

### **Level 1 Learner's License Eligibility**

To be eligible for a Level 1 Learner's License, applicants must:

- Present a Primary Group identification document from the DE-40 Identification Requirements for an Original Driver License or Personal Identification Card form to verify the full name and date of birth of the teen;
- Be at least 14 years and 9 months old;
- Pass a vision test;
- Provide their Social Security number;
- Meet physical and mental standards as prescribed by the Secretary of State;
- Successfully complete Segment 1 of an approved driver education program; and
- Have a parent, legal guardian, or responsible adult sign the Level 1 application.

### **Level 2 Intermediate License Eligibility**

To be eligible to apply for a Level 2 Intermediate License, applicants must:

- Present a Level 1 Learner's License or acceptable identification from the DE-40 Identification Requirements for an Original Driver License or Personal Identification Card form;
- Provide proof that they have had a Level 1 License for a minimum of 180 days;
- Present the white Michigan Department of State Segment Two Certificate of Completion
- Be at least 16 years old;
- Pass a vision test;
- Meet physical and mental standards as prescribed by the Secretary of State;
- Have possessed a Level 1 Learner's License for not less than six months;
- Successfully complete Segment 2 of an approved driver education program;
- Pass a skills test and present a Skills Test Certificate;
- Have no convictions or civil infractions, license suspensions, or at-fault crashes for the 90-day period immediately prior to applying for a Level 2 Intermediate License; and
- Present a log book or other records documenting the teen's 50 hours of supervised driving with a licensed parent, legal guardian, or designated adult age 21 or older. Graduated Driver Licensing requires 10 of the 50 hours of supervised driving to be completed at night.

A Level 2 License allows teens to drive unsupervised except between midnight and 5 a.m., when a licensed parent, legal guardian, or designated adult age 21 or older must accompany them. Teens who must drive between midnight and 5 a.m. because of work are not required to have an adult with them. They should be able to provide proof they are traveling directly to or from work.

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### **Level 3 Full License Eligibility**

To be eligible for a Level 3 Full License, applicants must:

- Be at least 17 years old;
- Complete at least six months at Level 2; and
- Complete 12 consecutive months without a moving violation, an accident in which a moving violation resulted, an accident, a license suspension, or a violation of the graduated license restrictions (may be six months at Level 1 and six months at Level 2, if consecutive).

If the parent does not authorize automatic advancement to a Level 3 License, the teen will remain at Level 2 until the parent accompanies the teen to a Secretary of State branch office and grants authorization, or until the teen turns age 18.

A new Level 3 license is created and mailed from Lansing using the electronic image on file (obtained at Level 2). This license is issued at no-fee to the applicant. A teen will automatically advance to a Level 3 License provided he or she is age 17, has met all driving requirements, and has parental authorization. This authorization is granted when the parent or legal guardian signs for the teen's Level 2 License.

### **Probationary Program**

New drivers, including teen drivers under Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL), are placed on probation for a minimum of three years. The probationary period is a way for the Secretary of State to monitor

the driving performance of new drivers. Probation is a separate program from GDL, but works like GDL to encourage new drivers to reduce their crash risk and drive safely.

GDL ends for all teens when they are 18.

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**Educational Requirements:**

According to the Department of Public Safety—Driver Education section 7411, "Instruction" means lecture, tutoring, practice driving, lessons, or other teaching methods approved by the commissioner to teach the proper operation of a motor vehicle.

- A. One hour of instruction time means 60 minutes of actual instruction.
- B. Breaks and time between instruction are not counted as instruction time.

A class D motor vehicle program must provide a student who is younger than 18 years old with a minimum of 30 hours of approved classroom instruction.

**7411.0325 STUDENT AGE, QUALIFICATIONS, ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Generally. A program shall not offer driver education:

- A. classroom or laboratory instruction to operate a class A or C motor vehicle to a student who is not at least 18 years old and in possession of at least a class D driver's license;
- B. classroom or laboratory instruction to operate a class B motor vehicle to a student who is not at least 16 years old and in possession of at least a class D driver's license;
- C. classroom or laboratory instruction for a motorcycle endorsement to a student who is not at least 15 years old; or
- D. classroom instruction to operate a class D motor vehicle or motorized bicycle to a student who is not at least 14 years old.

Students must receive a minimum of 30 hours of instruction with no more than three hours of instruction per day and six hours of behind-the-wheel training.

- A. A class D motor vehicle program: (1) must not provide more than two hours of laboratory instruction per day to a student under 18 years old in a class D motor vehicle; (2) must provide a class D driver education student who is younger than 18 years old with a minimum of six hours of laboratory instruction; (3) except for the instruction offered in class A, B, or C vehicles, must not give a student more than 30 hours of laboratory instruction without the written authorization of the commissioner; and (4) may substitute range driving hours for laboratory instruction hours if: (a) the student has in possession a valid Minnesota instruction permit; (b) the student is operating the class D motor vehicle; and (c) no more than two hours of range instruction are substituted for one hour of the daily laboratory instruction permitted in subitem (1).
- B. Total on-street time for class D motor vehicle laboratory instruction must not be less than four hours of the required six hours of laboratory instruction. However, if a program providing class D motor vehicle instruction provides both range and simulator instruction, no less than three hours of on-the-road laboratory instruction may be provided if the program also provides: (1) at least eight hours of simulator instruction; and (2) at least two hours of range instruction.
- C. Observation time in a class D motor vehicle does not count as laboratory instruction time.

## Instructor Qualifications

According to MDTSEA: 7411.0620 INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALL PROGRAMS

Generally. An instructor must:

- A. be at least 21 years old;
  - B. have been a valid licensed driver for three years in Minnesota or another United States State;
  - C. have a valid driver's license for the class of motor vehicle for which the applicant wants to provide instruction; and
  - D. have a high school diploma or the equivalent.
2. Certified copy of driving record.
- A. An instructor applicant shall submit a certified copy of the applicant's driving record to the program's authorized official.
  - B. An instructor who does not have a Minnesota driver's license shall submit a certified copy of the instructor's driving record from the United States State where the instructor is licensed to the commissioner when initially applying to become an instructor and annually afterward. (1) For a licensed instructor, the annual certified copy of the instructor's driving record must be submitted with the instructor's license renewal application. (2) For an instructor at an approved public or private program, the annual certified copy of the instructor's driving record must be submitted with the program's annual application for renewal of its certificate of approval.
  - C. A certified copy of a driving record submitted under this subpart must be dated no earlier than 30 days before the date the commissioner receives it.
- Subp. 3. Report of driving violations and incidents. An instructor shall notify the commissioner and authorized program official, in writing, if the instructor is convicted of a traffic violation or is involved in a motor vehicle accident requiring reporting under Minnesota Statutes, section 169.09, subdivision 7. The written notification must be submitted to the commissioner and authorized program official within ten days from the date of the conviction or the accident.
- Subp. 4. Initial and annual review of driving record.
- A. The commissioner shall review the driving record of each initial instructor applicant.
  - B. The commissioner shall also annually review the driving record of each instructor at the time of renewal of the instructor license or at the time of program approval.
- Subp. 5. General health.
- A. When the commissioner has good cause to believe that an instructor has a physical or mental disability that will interfere with the safe operation of a motor vehicle, the commissioner shall require a physician's statement as often as necessary for the commissioner to monitor the instructor's condition.
  - B. The physician's statement must be submitted no later than 30 days after the examination on which the statement is based.
- Subp. 6. Hearing.
- A. An applicant or instructor must be able to speak and hear well enough to conduct a normal verbal conversation with another at a distance of five feet, with or without a hearing aid.
  - B. An exception to item A is allowed for an instructor specializing in the instruction of hearing-impaired students in class D, motorcycle, or motorized bicycle programs.

- Subp. 7. Vision. An applicant or instructor must be able to meet the vision requirements to obtain an unrestricted class D license, except that the restriction of corrective lenses enabling the applicant or instructor to meet the vision requirement is an acceptable restriction.
- Subp. 8. Criminal history. Each person applying to become a qualified instructor shall authorize an investigation with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to determine if the applicant or instructor has a criminal record.
- A. The authorization fingerprints and the fee for the FBI background check must be submitted with the application for an instructor's license.
  - B. If the investigation by the BCA indicates no criminal record, the person must be issued a temporary license pending the outcome of the check of the national criminal data repository.
  - C. If a person has been convicted of a gross misdemeanor or felony, then the person is ineligible to be an instructor unless: (1) the commissioner determines that the crime does not directly relate to the position of instructor; or (2) the person has shown competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and present fitness to perform the duties of an instructor.
  - D. An instructor is disqualified from providing instruction to any student under age 18 for any violations specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 171.3215.

### **Curriculum:**

#### 7411.0410 SUBMISSION OF PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The program must submit all curriculum that will be provided to students to the commissioner for approval at the time of application for program licensure or approval.

- A. The commissioner shall approve the curriculum if it meets the curriculum requirements in this chapter.
- B. If a program wants to change its curriculum during the period of program licensure or program approval, the program must submit the new curriculum to the commissioner for review and approval.
- C. A program may not use the proposed curriculum until the curriculum has been approved by the commissioner.
- D. Curriculum must be submitted for approval for each motor vehicle classification for which instruction will be provided.
- E. If a program seeks to provide motorcycle instruction, separate curricula must be submitted for approval if either consecutive or concurrent classroom and laboratory instruction is to be provided.
- F. If a program seeks to provide instruction to operate a class A, B, or C motor vehicle, the curriculum must be submitted for approval if either classroom, laboratory, or individualized instruction is to be provided.

#### 7411.0515 CURRICULUM FOR DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The classroom curriculum presented and delivered to each student enrolled in a program for class D motor vehicle operation must include:

- A. Opportunity for the student to analyze and assess several decision-making models and factors influencing highway-user decisions;

- B. Information on how alcohol and other drugs affect a driver's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, including: (1) information on the effects of consumption of alcohol and the use of other drugs on the ability of a person to operate a motor vehicle; (2) the hazards of driving while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs; and (3) the legal penalties and financial consequences resulting from violations of laws prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs;
- C. Opportunity for the student to analyze and practice making decisions about using occupant restraints;
- D. Opportunity for the student to identify and analyze a variety of driving decisions about highway users and roadway characteristics;
- E. Opportunity for the student to analyze and practice making decisions about a vehicle's speed under different driving conditions;
- F. Content and purpose of motor vehicle and traffic laws and rules for safe driving performance;
- G. Opportunity for the student to identify, analyze, and describe proper procedures for a variety of driving situations;
- H. Opportunity for the student to gather information and practice making decisions about vehicle ownership, leasing, insurance, and maintenance;
- I. Opportunity for the student to identify, analyze, and practice making decisions related to drivers' attitudes and emotions;
- J. Opportunity for the student to explore alternative ways to become a better driver;
- K. Duties of the driver when encountering a school bus, the content and requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 169.444, and the penalties for violating that section;
- L. Principles of safe operation of a motor vehicle at railroad-highway grade crossings;
- M. Principles and relationships of tires and surfaces when turning, braking, and accelerating;
- N. Characteristics of both conventional and antilock brake systems; and
- O. Opportunity for the student to become informed about becoming an organ donor.

Laboratory curriculum for class D motor vehicles. The laboratory curriculum presented and delivered to each student enrolled in a program for class D motor vehicles must include:

- A. Orientation to the purpose, content, and procedures for laboratory instruction;
- B. Orientation to gauges, instruments, and preparing to move the vehicle;
- C. Basic skills in speed control and tracking on forward and backward paths;
- D. Orientation to driving and initial techniques in scanning for, recognizing, and responding to obstacles;
- E. Changing lanes, crossing intersections, merging, and passing;
- F. Reduced-risk city driving, highway driving, freeway driving, and interacting with highway users;
- G. Strategies for perceiving and responding to adverse and special conditions and emergencies; and
- H. A written evaluation, self-evaluation, and plan for future improvement.

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### **Licensing Requirements:**

Vanessa's Law

In May 2004, a law went into effect referred to as “Vanessa’s Law” in memory of Vanessa Weiss, who was killed in May 2003 just days before her 16th birthday. She was a passenger in a vehicle driven by an unlicensed 15-year-old. Provisions of this law apply to drivers under age 18.

An unlicensed teen who received a crash-related moving violation or an alcohol/controlled substance-related violation (a violation of one or more statutes, including DWI, Implied Consent, Open Bottle, or Underage Drinking and Driving/Not a Drop Law) cannot be given a license, including an instruction permit or provisional license, until age 18. When this person turns 18, s/he must pass the driver's license knowledge test, obtain an instruction permit, and hold it for at least six months, and then pass the road test.

A provisional license holder whose driving privilege was revoked due to a crash-related moving violation or an alcohol/controlled substance-related violation cannot regain a license until age 18. At that time, the person must complete the following steps to obtain a full driver's license:

- Fulfill all reinstatement requirements, including the payment of fees which can be up to \$680 depending on circumstances;
- Complete the classroom portion of a formal driver education course;
- Pass the driver's license knowledge test;
- Obtain an instruction permit and hold it for three months;
- Complete a driver's behind-the-wheel class; and
- Complete graduated licensing.

To further enhance safety, the Department of Public Safety recommends that parents/guardians place further restrictions in addition to provisions of the Graduated Licensing law. Below are highlights of the Minnesota graduated licensing law.

#### Stage 1- Instruction Permit

- Must be at least age 15;
- Must complete 30 hours of classroom education and be enrolled in behind-the-wheel instruction;
- Must pass the knowledge test, have parent or legal guardian approval; and
- While unlicensed, must not have had a crash-related moving violation or an alcohol/controlled substance-related violation (a violation of one or more statutes, including DWI, Implied Consent, Open Bottle, or Underage Drinking and Driving/Not a Drop Law).

A permit holder may drive under the supervision of a parent, guardian, or other licensed driver 21 or older occupying the seat beside them.

All passengers under 18 must wear their seat belts/child safety restraints.

#### Stage 2 - Provisional License

- Must be at least 16 and have completed six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.
- Must have held a permit for six months, with no convictions for moving violations or alcohol/controlled substance-related violations (a violation of one or more statutes, including DWI, Implied Consent, Open Bottle, or Underage Drinking and Driving/Not a Drop Law).
- Must have at least 30 hours of supervised driving, including 10 hours of night driving, verified by parent/guardian.

- Must pass the road test.
- All passengers under 18 must wear their seat belts/child safety restraints

### Stage 3 - Full License

- Must be at least 18; or
- Must have held a provisional license for one year with no convictions for crash-related moving violations, no alcohol/controlled substance-related violations (a violation of one or more statutes, including DWI, Implied Consent, Open Bottle, or Underage Drinking and Driving/Not a Drop Law) and no more than one non-crash-related moving violation; and
- Parent/guardian must attest to at least 10 additional hours of supervised driving.

### **Not a Drop.**

In Minnesota, it is illegal for a person under age 21 to consume alcohol. If an underage person drinks and drives, they face penalties under Minnesota's "Not a Drop" law in addition to DWI laws.

Under "Not a Drop," if an officer observes an underage person operating or in physical control of a motor vehicle and determines they have been drinking, they can lose their license for 30 to 180 days. The length of suspension will depend on the driver's prior record.

### 7411.0520 CLASSROOM AND LABORATORY INSTRUCTION

- Subpart 1. Curriculum guide. An approved written classroom curriculum guide must be available to and used by an instructor providing classroom instruction for class A, class B, class C, class D, motorcycle, and motorized bicycle courses.
- Subp. 2. Instruction location. Classroom instruction must be conducted in a location complying with part 7411.0355.
- Subp. 3. Classroom hours limitation. A program may offer no more than three hours of classroom instruction per day to a student under 18 years of age who has not yet obtained a driver's license.
- Subp. 4. Required number of class D motor vehicle classroom hours.

### 7411.0525 SIMULATION INSTRUCTION

- Subpart 1. Authority generally. Computer-simulated instruction may be used to reproduce driving situations likely to be encountered during actual driving performance.
- Subp. 2. Class D programs. In a class D program:
- A. Simulation instruction must be counted as laboratory instruction in a ratio of four hours of simulator time equaling one hour of on-street time.
  - B. Simulator instruction must not be substituted for more than two hours of on-street laboratory instruction and in no case may a student receive less than four hours of on-street laboratory instruction if range instruction as specified in part 7411.0570 is not also provided.
  - C. The simulator for a class D vehicle must be equipped with a brake pedal, accelerator, steering wheel, gear shift, operator seat, speedometer, and turn signals.

- D. The simulator curriculum must allow the student to evaluate risk and make proper driving decisions and responses.
- E. The simulation must be designed to replicate actual in-the-vehicle or on-the-motorcycle driving situations.
- F. A simulator must provide a means to measure each student's decisions and responses.

#### 7411.0570 LABORATORY RANGE INSTRUCTION

##### Subpart 1. General requirements.

- A. Range driving instruction must take place on a range that: (1) is designated for range driving during the period of instruction; (2) is visually separated from on-street driving areas; and (3) meets the location and size requirements for a driving range specified in part 7411.0355.
- B. The instructor must be able to communicate with each separate motor vehicle on the driving range.
- C. For range driving time to count as laboratory instruction, the student must operate a motor vehicle representative of the class of vehicle for which the student being trained is to be licensed.

##### Subp. 2. Class C or D range.

- A. The student-to-instructor ratio on a range used for class C or D motor vehicle instruction must not exceed 12 students operating a class C or D motor vehicle for each instructor who meets the qualifications in parts 7411.0620 to 7411.0690.
- B. For instruction provided to a student under the age of 18, only one student may be present in the motor vehicle.

#### 7411.0630 INSTRUCTOR TRAINING QUALIFICATIONS.

##### Subpart 1. Generally. The training requirements for an instructor who provides instruction in a driver education program are specified in this part.

##### Subp. 2. Initial training. An individual must satisfactorily complete training approved by the commissioner to be an instructor in a program that provides instruction to operate a motor vehicle.

- A. An individual may not provide instruction until: (1) the commissioner approves the public or private program; or (2) the individual is licensed as an instructor for a commercial driver training program.
- B. Satisfactory completion of instructor training must be provided by the instructor applicant to the commissioner.

##### Subp. 3. Classroom instructor in class D program. To provide classroom instruction in a program providing instruction to operate a class D motor vehicle, the individual must document and demonstrate competency of the individual's:

- A. Knowledge of the classroom curriculum for class D motor vehicles specified in part 7411.0515, subpart 2;
- B. Ability to identify and apply current State law and regulations applicable to the ownership and operation of a class D vehicle;
- C. Organization of lessons and preparation to conduct classroom instruction;
- D. Ability to maintain a learning environment and management of a class;
- E. Ability to assess, monitor, and adjust performance as necessary;
- F. Time management;

- G. Record-keeping in compliance with this chapter;
  - H. Written communication skills;
  - I. Ability to contact first aid resources in the event of an emergency;
  - J. Oral instruction presentation and delivery techniques;
  - K. Ability to use visual aids and technical apparatus pertinent to the program's curriculum; and
  - L. Completion of team teaching with a qualified instructor.
- Subp. 4. Laboratory instructor in class D program. To provide instruction in a program providing instruction to operate a class D motor vehicle, the individual must document and demonstrate competency of the individual's:
- A. Knowledge of the class D vehicle laboratory curriculum specified in part 7411.0515, subpart 3;
  - B. Ability to provide instruction and demonstrate vehicle operation and control from the right passenger position;
  - C. Use of vehicle tools for vehicle control;
  - D. Oral instruction presentation and delivery techniques;
  - E. Ability to plan and maintain the scheduling of lessons, in the case of an instructor who must plan lessons and schedule lessons;
  - F. Ability to develop training routes;
  - G. Ability to respond calmly and decisively to instruction situations;
  - H. Ability to develop task breakdown explanations;
  - I. Ability to role play while behind-the-wheel with another qualified instructor;
  - J. Ability to organize lessons;
  - K. Ability to conduct performance assessments;
  - L. Ability to demonstrate safe personal driving skills;
  - M. Ability to identify and apply current state law and regulations applicable to the ownership and operation of a class D vehicle;
  - N. Ability to contact first aid resources in the event of an emergency; and
  - O. Ability to comment on the driving environment while safely operating the motor vehicle.

#### 7411.0650 INSTRUCTOR TESTS

- Subpart 1. For all qualified instructors. The test requirements to qualify as an instructor are specified in this part. To be a qualified instructor, an applicant must pass a written test and a road test administered by the commissioner.
- Subp. 2. Test content. The tests must address motor vehicle operation, traffic laws, road signs, requirements of this chapter, and other material pertaining to and affecting the driver, traffic, the motor vehicle, and instruction methods.
- A. The tests must be developed or approved by the commissioner.
  - B. When an applicant fails the road test portion after two attempts, the commissioner shall require the applicant to undergo a driver evaluation interview given by the department.
  - C. A test addressing methods of instruction must be administered and consist of an evaluation of the instructor's instruction methods and ability. The applicant must be evaluated for the type of instruction for the class of motor vehicle for which the applicant seeks to provide instruction. (1) Classroom evaluation must be witnessed live, via teleconferencing or videotape. (2) Laboratory evaluation for an initial instructor must be simulated.

- D. An applicant who fails to pass any part of a test fails the entire test.
- E. An applicant who fails a test twice within six months may not retest for six months after the date of the second test.
- F. When the commissioner has good cause to believe that an instructor is not able to properly instruct in a driver education program or safely operate a motor vehicle, the commissioner shall require the instructor to submit to reexamination, consisting of all or part of the tests specified in this part or to a review of the instructor's instruction methods and ability while actually instructing students.

#### 7411.0655 COMMERCIAL PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR LICENSE

- Subpart 1. Instructor license application; duplicate license. Application for a new license or for renewal of a license to be an instructor in a commercial program must be made on a format prescribed by the commissioner.
- A. The application for an instructor's license must be signed by the applicant and the authorized official of the program where the instructor is employed or is to be employed.
  - B. The license is valid only while the instructor is in the employment of the commercial driving school.
  - C. When the employment of an instructor with the commercial driving school is terminated, the license of the instructor becomes invalid and must be surrendered to the commissioner within ten days.
  - D. The authorized official of the commercial driving school shall notify the commissioner in writing within five days of termination of a licensed instructor.
  - E. The commissioner shall issue a duplicate license for employment at another licensed commercial driving school if the applicant continues to be qualified as an instructor.
  - F. If the instructor attests that the license is lost, mutilated, or destroyed, the commissioner shall issue a duplicate. (1) The instructor shall attest to the date the license was lost, mutilated, or destroyed and the circumstances involving the loss, mutilation, or destruction of the license. (2) The fee for issuing a duplicate instructor's license is \$5.
  - G. An instructor may be licensed at the same time by separate commercial driving schools if the applicant continues to be qualified as an instructor and holds separate licenses for each program.
  - H. When an instructor's license has been expired over one year but less than three years, the testing requirements shall consist of an evaluation by the commissioner of the teaching methodologies for classroom, laboratory, or both, depending on the scope of instruction, before relicensure.
- Subp. 2. Instructor license in possession. An instructor must be able to produce the department-issued instructor license at the request of a peace officer, the commissioner, or an officer authorized to enforce the laws relating to the operation of a motor vehicle on public streets and highways.
- Subp. 3. Renewal of instructor license. An instructor license expires one year from the date issued and may be renewed on application to the commissioner. Application for renewal of the license must be submitted to the commissioner at least 10 days before expiration, but will not be accepted more than 30 days before the expiration date.

Subp. 4. Fees payable to commissioner. Fees for an original, renewal, duplicate, and replacement instructor license must be made payable to the commissioner.

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**Mississippi**

**Educational Requirements:**

Participants must be 14 years old (preferably 14 years and six months), and regularly (full time) enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade to participate in driver education. They must have also secured a learner's permit. Learner's permits issued to 14-year-old students are only valid while participating in an approved driver education course.

In scheduling driver education classes, students must receive a minimum of 30 clock hours of classroom instruction. A 60-minute class period will be considered as one clock hour in all phases of the program. A minimum of six clock hours of behind-the-wheel instruction must be provided for each student. Twelve clock hours of observation should be provided for each student.

Driver education schedules will vary in different school systems. The program must be organized so as to provide optimum learning on the part of the individual student both in the classroom and in practice driving. Normally, a full-time instructor of driver education, teaching a course consisting of 30 hours in the classroom and 6 hours behind-the-wheel training on a semester basis, can handle approximately 100 students each school year, or approximately 50 students each semester.

**Instructor Requirements:**

Driver Education Teachers must have a professional teacher's degree from an approved teacher training institution and meet minimum requirements as established by the appropriate accrediting association. Each teacher must have a valid driver's license issued by the State of Mississippi. Evidence must be provided by each instructor of having satisfactorily completed 12 hours of the required courses in driver education at an approved teacher training institution.

Teachers who instruct in the simulation phase of the program must show evidence of proper training in use of the equipment. Ordinarily, this training should be incorporated within a college credit course. In addition to these requirements, it is imperative that the school administration, when choosing a teacher for this program, be aware of the fact that much of the instruction is done on the public streets and highways under the eye of the most severe critic, as far as automobile operation is concerned, the motoring public. In view of the public relations involved, the prospective teacher should be one who accepts the responsibility of being a competent traffic citizen not only when teaching but also in his personal life as both a driver and a pedestrian.

**Licensing Requirements:**

To be eligible for a **learner's permit**, applicants must be at least 15 years old or be 14 years old and able to provide proof of being enrolled in a driver's education program.

Applicants must provide the following:

1. A completed application with notarized signatures of both parents or guardians. If parents are divorced, the parent with custody must sign.
2. A social security card or a printout from the Social Security Administration. (Note: Metal social security cards are not acceptable.)
3. A certified copy of a birth certificate. (Note: Hospital certificates are not acceptable.)
4. If under 18 years of age, applicants must show proof that they are in school by presenting a signed Certification of School Attendance form obtained from the school that they are attending. (Note:

This form is not valid if over 30 days old.)

Applicants must pass the written examination and meet the required physical conditions of the eye examination.

Each school district providing driver training and education shall prescribe regulations determining who can best profit by and who shall receive instruction under this program. It is provided, however, that any student receiving instruction under this chapter shall be:

- (a) Fourteen years of age or above;
- (b) A regularly enrolled student in the ninth, tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade; and
- (c) A full-time student in the respective secondary school.

Any driver education student under fifteen (15) years of age shall secure a learner's permit issued by the Department of Public Safety which shall be valid only while the student is under the direct supervision of a driver education instructor and is actually enrolled in an approved course of driver education which consists of thirty (30) hours of classroom and six (6) hours of dual driving instruction. The learner's permit shall expire at the end of the driver training course. The Department of Public Safety shall charge a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) for the issuance of a learner's permit.

An **intermediate license** allows unsupervised driving from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. At all other times, the intermediate licensee must be supervised by a parent, guardian, or other person age twenty-one (21) or older who holds a valid driver's license under this article and who is actually occupying the seat beside the driver.

To obtain an intermediate license:

Applicants must present the same information as for a Learner's Permit and pass the driving skills test.

To obtain a **regular class R license**, if under 18, applicants must present:

1. A completed Application with notarized signatures of both parents or guardians. If parents are divorced, parent with custody must sign.
2. A social security card or a printout from the Social Security Administration. (Note: metal social security cards are not acceptable.)
3. A certified copy of a birth certificate. (Note: Hospital certificates are not acceptable.)
4. Proof that they are in school by presenting a Certification of School Attendance form obtained from the school that they are attending. (Note: This form is not valid if over 30 days old.) If applicant is under 18 years of age and married, a Certification of School Attendance form is not required. However, applicants may present a certified copy of their marriage license. Driver licenses will only be valid for one year or until their next birthday. Applicants must pass the driving skills test.

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**Education:**

Standards require that students participate in at least 30 hours of classroom instruction; at least 12 hours of observation; and at least six hours of behind-the-wheel training. The 12-hour observation standard can be met by riding as a passenger during on-street driving instruction, viewing simulation films, or by riding as a passenger during driving range practice. (Two hours of viewing films or observing as a passenger on the driving range count as one hour toward meeting the observation requirement).

Generally, courses will meet one class period daily (50 minutes in duration), for a semester. There are no minimum class sizes. Class size is dictated by the availability of practice driving equipment and facilities available. In a one-teacher program, with only one vehicle, in which virtually all practice must be accomplished during scheduled class time, class sizes must be limited to 10 or fewer students.

Fees may not be charged to students for courses which are offered for credit as part of a public school's curriculum. The necessary financial support for driver education as a credit course within the curriculum must come from sources other than student fees.

**Driver Licensing:**

Missouri's Graduated Driver License Law requires young drivers to complete three steps in the driver licensing process.

- First, at age 15, a person may apply for an instruction permit;
- At age 16, a person may apply for an intermediate driver license; and
- At age 18, a person may apply for a full driver license.

The GDL process is complete when a person has obtained a full driver license or reaches the age of 21.

Instruction Permit

Requirements:

- Pass the vision, road sign, and written tests.
- **IMPORTANT:** Your test paper alone is not legal for driving. You must apply for an Instruction Permit at a Missouri driver license office in order to drive legally. To meet the requirements for an Intermediate License, you must have an Instruction Permit for a minimum of 6 months. This time is calculated as 182 days beginning the day after the issuance date of the Instruction Permit.
- A parent or legal guardian\* must accompany the teen to the license office to sign a permission statement.

Driving Restrictions:

If the permit holder is under 16 years old, the Instruction Permit may only be used when accompanied in the front seat by a parent, grandparent, legal guardian\*, or a qualified driving instructor. If the

permit holder is 16 years or older, the person occupying the seat beside the driver must be at least 21 and have a valid license

### Intermediate License

#### Requirements:

- Pass the vision, road sign, and written tests if results are over a year old.
- Pass the driving test.
- **IMPORTANT:** Your test paper alone is not legal for driving. You must apply for an Intermediate License at a Missouri driver license office in order to drive legally. To meet the requirements for an Intermediate License, you must have held an Instruction Permit for a minimum of six months. This time is calculated as 182 days beginning the day after the issuance date of the Instruction Permit. A parent, grandparent, or legal guardian\* must accompany the teen to the license office to verify that the teen has received 20 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction with an Instruction Permit.
- No alcohol-related offenses in last 12 months; no traffic convictions in last 6 months.

### Driving Restrictions:

Seat belts must be worn by the driver and all passengers No driving alone between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. except to and from a school activity, job, or an emergency as defined by the Director of Revenue, or unless accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old.

### Full License

#### Requirements:

- Pass the vision and road sign recognition tests.
- One does not need to pass the written and driving tests if already completed. Driving privileges cannot be suspended, revoked, or denied when applying for a full driver license.
- No alcohol-related offenses or traffic convictions within the last 12 months.

\*NOTE: If the applicant is enrolled in a Federal residential job training program, then a certified driver training instructor employed by that program may also fulfill the Graduated Driver License Law responsibilities of the parent/grandparent/legal guardian. Any applicant between the ages of 18 and 21 may apply for an Under-21 full driver license, even if they have not had an Instruction Permit.

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**Montana**

**Driver Education Requirements:**

- 42 hours classroom instruction
- 6 hours behind-the-wheel instruction

**Driver Licensing Requirements:**

The minimum age to begin the licensing process is 14 years and six months. The applicant must possess his permit for at least six months.

When reaching the intermediate stage at a minimum age of 15, applicants must obtain 50 hours of practice, with at least 10 of those hours at night with a licensed parent or guardian. Driving is restricted from the hours of 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

For the first six months of driving, no more than one passenger under the age of 18 may accompany the driver.

For the second six months, no more than three passengers under age 18 may accompany the driver.

**STEP ONE – INSTRUCTION PERMIT (Traffic Education Learner’s License)**

Starts with traffic education learner’s license or permit obtained in a State-approved driver education program as early as age 14½ or without driver education, with a learner’s license obtained from a driver exam station as early as age 16.

**CONDITIONS:**

50 hours of supervised driving – 10 hours must be at night.

Supervision to be provided by a licensed parent/guardian or licensed driver age 18 or older authorized by a parent/guardian.

Each occupant must wear a seat belt.

Remain free from traffic violations and alcohol/drug offenses.

**STEP TWO – RESTRICTED LICENSE**

Starts with successful completion of Step One - Instruction Permit, and parent/guardian certification of no alcohol/drug or traffic offenses, and 50 hours of supervised driving.

**CONDITIONS:**

Each occupant must wear a seat belt.

May not drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., some exceptions\* may apply.

For the first six months may have only one unrelated passenger under age 18 unless supervised by a licensed driver age 18 or older.

For the second six months may have up to three unrelated passengers under age 18, unless supervised by a licensed driver age 18 or older.

#### Penalty for Step Two Violations

First Offense – not less than 20 hours or more than 60 hours of community service

Second Offense – suspension of driver’s license for six months

### STEP THREE – FULL PRIVILEGE DRIVER’S LICENSE

Upon successful completion of Steps One and Two or reaching age 18

\*Exceptions to night driving restrictions include emergencies, travel to and from school, church, or work and farm-related activities

### **Montana’s Graduated Driver License Law Effective July 1, 2006**

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of [sections 1 through 5] is to create a graduated driver's licensing program that will allow persons younger than 18 years of age to progressively develop and improve their driving skills in the safest possible environment and that will improve highway safety by reducing the disproportionately high incidence of motor vehicle accidents involving minors.

Section 2. Prerequisites for issuance of driver's license to minor.

- (1) The department may issue a driver's license, subject to the restrictions of [section 3], to a person under 18 years of age if the person:
  - (a) has held an instruction permit or traffic education learner's license for a period of not less than 6 months;
  - (b) has passed a road test or a skills test, as provided in 61-5-110;
  - (c) presents written certification from the person's parent or legal guardian that states that the person has had at least 50 hours of driving experience, 10 of which were at night, during which the person was supervised by a parent, a legal guardian, or a person at least 18 years of age, with the consent of the parent or legal guardian, who had a valid driver's license; and
  - (d) presents written certification from the person's parent or legal guardian that states that, during the six-month period immediately preceding application for a driver's license, the person has not been convicted of a traffic violation or convicted of or adjudicated for an offense involving the use of alcohol or drugs and the person has no pending traffic, alcohol, or drug citations.
- (2) If a parent or a legal guardian for a person under 18 years of age cannot certify that the person has a six-month conviction-free record for traffic, alcohol, and drug violations and no pending traffic, alcohol, or drug citations, the department may extend the person's instruction permit or traffic education learner's license for an additional 1-year period or until the person's 18th birthday, whichever occurs first.
- (3) (A) The requirements of subsections (1)(a) through (1)(c) do not apply to a person under 18 years of age who has been licensed in another State for at least 6 months and surrenders a valid driver's license from that State.

Section 3. First year restrictions on driver's license issued to minor.

- (1) A driver's license issued to a person who is under 18 years of age is subject to the following restrictions for 1 year from the date of issuance of the license or until the person is 18 years of age, whichever occurs first:
  - (a) A restricted licensee may not operate a motor vehicle, required by 61-9-409 to be equipped with seat belts, unless each occupant of the motor vehicle is wearing a seat belt, as defined in 61-13-102, or is properly restrained, as required under 61-9-420. The number of motor vehicle occupants may not exceed the number of seat belts with which the motor vehicle is equipped.
  - (b) A restricted licensee may not operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless the restricted licensee is:
    - (i) accompanied by a licensed driver who is 18 years of age or older and who is seated in the front seat of the motor vehicle or, if the restricted licensee is operating a motorcycle, the restricted licensee is under the immediate and proximate VISUAL supervision of a licensed driver who is 18 years of age or older and who is riding with the licensee and is operating a separate motorcycle or other motor vehicle;
    - (ii) driving to the restricted licensee's place of employment from the restricted licensee's residence, is returning to the restricted licensee's residence from the restricted licensee's place of employment, or is driving in the course and scope of employment;
    - (iii) driving from the restricted licensee's residence to a school-sponsored event at a school attended by the restricted licensee, including any site for school-provided transportation to and from the event, or is returning from the event or site to the restricted licensee's residence;
    - (iv) driving from the restricted licensee's residence to an event sponsored by a religious organization or is returning from the event to the restricted licensee's residence;
    - (v) driving for a purpose related to a medical emergency, fire emergency, or law enforcement-related emergency;
    - (vi) driving for the sole purpose of transporting farm or ranch products, machinery, or supplies within 150 miles of a farm or ranch headquarters; or
    - (vii) an emancipated minor; OR
    - (viii) DRIVING UNDER A SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE FROM THE RESTRICTED LICENSEE'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. A PEACE OFFICER MAY VERIFY THE AUTHORIZATION BY CONTACTING THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.
  - (c) (i) For EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(D), FOR the first 6 months of the 1-year restriction period, a restricted licensee may not operate a motor vehicle with more than one passenger who is under 18 years of age unless:
    - (A) the restricted licensee is supervised by a licensed driver who is at least 18 years of age and who is the only passenger in the front seat of the motor vehicle; or
    - (B) the additional passengers under 18 years of age are members of the restricted licensee's family and only one passenger is in the front seat of the motor vehicle with the restricted licensee.

- (ii) For EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(D), FOR the second 6 months of the 1-year restriction period, a restricted licensee may not operate a motor vehicle with more than three passengers who are under 18 years of age unless:
  - (A) the restricted licensee is supervised by a licensed driver who is at least 18 years of age; or
  - (B) the additional passengers under 18 years of age are members of the licensee's family.
- (iii) For the first 6 months of the 1-year restriction period, a restricted licensee may not operate a motorcycle with a passenger who is under 18 years of age.
- (d) A RESTRICTED LICENSEE WHO IS A CURRENT ENROLLEE OF A JOB CORPS PROGRAM LOCATED IN MONTANA MAY OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH MORE THAN ONE PASSENGER WHO IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE WITHOUT BEING SUPERVISED BY A LICENSED DRIVER WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE IF THE RESTRICTED LICENSEE IS OPERATING THE MOTOR VEHICLE AS PART OF THE RESTRICTED LICENSEE'S JOB CORPS TRAINING PROGRAM.
- (2) For purposes of this section, the term "restricted licensee" includes a person under 18 years of age

Section 4. Operation of motor vehicle by minor in violation of restricted first-year license-- penalty.

- (1) A person whose driver's license is restricted under [section 3] may not operate a motor vehicle, including a motorcycle, in violation of a restriction imposed under that section.
- (2) A person convicted under this section shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500 ORDERED TO PERFORM NOT LESS THAN 20 HOURS OR MORE THAN 60 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.
- (3) Upon receipt of a report of A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT conviction under this section, the department shall suspend the person's driver's license for 90 days upon a first conviction and for 6 months upon a second or subsequent conviction. A probationary driver's license may not be issued during the period of suspension.

Section 5. Education on distracted driving.

- (1) The department, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, shall encourage schools providing traffic education to include in the school's traffic education curriculum information regarding the dangers of physical and cognitive distractions while driving.
- (2) To reduce the risks for novice drivers, the department shall include in its publications intended for novice drivers information concerning the dangers of physical and cognitive distractions while driving, including but not limited to mental inattentiveness because of stress, fatigue, heightened emotion, conversation with passengers, stereo or climate control adjustment, food and drink, use of electronic devices, and personal grooming.

Section 6. Section 61-5-106, Instruction permits -- traffic education learner licenses and permits -- temporary licenses.

- (1) (a) The department may issue an instruction permit, which is valid for 1 year from the date of issuance, to a person satisfying the age requirements specified in 61-5-105(1) after the applicant has successfully passed the knowledge test and the vision examination, as provided in 61-5-110. An Except as provided in subsections (1)(b) and (1)(c), an instruction permit entitles the permittee permitholder, while in immediate possession of the permit and accompanied by a licensed driver seated beside the permittee permitholder, to drive a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle upon the public highways for a period of 6 months
  - (b) If the permitholder is under 18 years of age, the driver supervising the permitholder must be a parent or a legal guardian of the permitholder or, with the permission of the permitholder's parent or legal guardian, a licensed driver 21 18 years of age or older. Each occupant of a motor vehicle driven by a permitholder who is under 18 years of age shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seatbelt or, if 61-9-420 applies, must be properly restrained in a child safety restraint.
  - (c) A person holding an instruction permit for a motorcycle may drive a motorcycle upon a public highway if the person is not carrying a passenger, has immediate possession of the permit, and is under the immediate and proximate VISUAL supervision of one of the following persons, who must be at least 21 18 years of age if the permitholder is under 18 years of age:
    - (i) a motorcycle-endorsed licensed driver who is riding with the permitholder and who is operating a separate motorcycle or other motor vehicle; or
    - (ii) a licensed driver who is operating a separate motor vehicle if the permitholder has successfully completed a motorcycle safety training course through a cooperative driver testing program certified under 61-5-110.
- (2) The department may issue a traffic education learner license, which is valid for 1 year from the date of issuance, to any person who is at least 14½ years of age and who has successfully completed or is successfully participating in a traffic education course approved by the department and the superintendent of public instruction AND THAT IS AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO MEET THE AGE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN 20-7-503 AND RESIDE WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF OR ATTEND A SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT OFFERS THE COURSE. A traffic education learner license entitles the licensee to operate a motor vehicle only when accompanied by an approved instructor or licensed parent or guardian and may be restricted to specific times or areas.
- (3) (a) An instructor of a traffic education program approved by the department and by the superintendent of public instruction may issue a traffic education permit that is effective for a school year or more restricted period to an applicant who is enrolled in a traffic education program approved by the department and who meets the age requirements specified in 20-7-503.
  - (b) When in immediate possession of the traffic education permit, the permittee may operate on a designated highway or within a designated area:
    - (i) a motor vehicle when an approved instructor is seated beside the permittee
    - (ii) a motorcycle or quadricycle when under the immediate and proximate supervision of an approved instructor.
- (4) The department may in its discretion issue a temporary driver's permit to an applicant for a driver's license permitting the applicant to operate a motor vehicle while the department is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to the applicant's right to receive a driver's license. The temporary driver's permit must be in

the permittee's immediate possession while operating a motor vehicle, and it is invalid when the applicant's license has been issued or for good cause has been refused.

- (5) The department may in its discretion issue a temporary commercial driver's license to an applicant permitting the applicant to operate a commercial motor vehicle while the department is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to the applicant's right to receive a commercial driver's license. The temporary license must be in the applicant's immediate possession while operating a commercial motor vehicle and is invalid when the applicant's license has been issued or for good cause has been refused.
- (6) The department may in its discretion issue a temporary medical assessment and rehabilitation driving permit, as provided in 61-5-120."

Section 7. : "61-5-111. Contents of a driver's license, renewal, renewal by mail, license expirations, grace period, and fees for licenses, permits, and endorsements -- notice of expiration.

- (1) The department may appoint county treasurers and other qualified officers to act as its agents for the sale of driver's licenses receipts.  
The department shall adopt necessary rules governing sales. In areas in which the department provides driver licensing services 3 days or more a week, the department is responsible for sale of receipts and may appoint an agent to sell receipts.
- (2) (a) The department, upon receipt of payment of the fees specified in this section, shall issue a driver's license to each qualifying applicant. The license must contain:
  - (i) a full-face photograph of the licensee in the size and form prescribed by the department;
  - (ii) a distinguishing number issued to the licensee;
  - (iii) the full legal name, date of birth, Montana mailing address, and a brief description of the licensee; and
  - (iv) either the licensee's customary signature or a digital reproduction of the licensee's customary signature.(b) The department may not use the licensee's social security number as the distinguishing number unless the licensee expressly authorizes the use. A license is not valid until it is signed by the licensee.
- (3) (a) When a person applies for renewal of a driver's license, the department shall conduct a records check in accordance with 61-5-110(1) to determine the applicant's eligibility status and shall test the applicant's eyesight. The department may also require the applicant to submit to a knowledge and skills test if:
  - (i) the renewal applicant has a physical or mental disability, limitation, or condition that impairs, or may impair, the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the safe operation of a motor vehicle on the highway; and
  - (ii) the expired or expiring license does not include adaptive equipment or operational restrictions appropriate to the applicant's functional abilities; or
  - (iii) the applicant wants to remove or modify the restrictions stated on the expired or expiring license.(b) In the case of a commercial driver's license, the department shall, if the information was not provided in a prior licensing cycle, require the renewal applicant to provide the name of each jurisdiction in which the applicant was previously licensed to drive any type of motor vehicle during the 10-year period immediately preceding the date of the renewal application and may also require

that the applicant successfully complete a written examination as required by federal regulations.

- (c) A person is considered to have applied for renewal of a Montana driver's license if the application is made within 6 months before or 3 months after the expiration of the person's license. Except as provided in subsection (3) (d), a person seeking to renew a driver's license shall appear in person at a Montana driver's examination station.
- (d)
  - (i) A person may renew a driver's license by mail if the person certifies that the person is temporarily out of State and will not be returning to the State prior to the expiration of the license.
  - (ii) An applicant who renews a driver's license by mail shall submit to the department an approved vision examination and a medical evaluation from a licensed physician in addition to the fees required for renewal.
  - (iii) If the department does not have a digitized photograph or signature record of the renewal applicant from the expiring license, then the department may require the renewal applicant to submit a personal photograph and signature that meets the requirements prescribed by the department.
  - (iv) The term of a license renewed by mail is 4 years, and a person may not renew by mail for consecutive license terms.
  - (v) The department may not renew a license by mail if the records check conducted in accordance with 59th Legislature SB0104.06
- (e) The department shall mail a driver's license renewal notice no earlier than 60 days and no later than 30 days prior to the expiration date of a driver's license. The department shall mail the notice to the Montana mailing address shown on the driver's license unless the licensee has submitted a change of address as required by 61-5-115. 5
- (4)
  - (a) Except as provided in subsections (4)(b) and (4)(c), a license expires on the anniversary of the licensee's birthday years or less after the date of issue or on the licensee's 75th birthday, whichever occurs first.
  - (b) A license issued to a person who is 75 years of age or older expires on the anniversary of the licensee's birthday 4 years or less after the date of issue.
  - (c) A license issued to a person who is under 21 years of age expires on the licensee's 21st birthday.
- (5) When the department issues an original a driver's license to a person under the age of 8 years of age, the license must be designated and clearly marked as a "provisional license" with a notation that conveys the restrictions imposed under [section 3]. Any license designated and marked as provisional may be suspended by the department for a period of not more than 12 months when its records disclose that the licensee, subsequent to the issuance of the license, has been guilty of careless or negligent driving.
- (6) Fees for driver's licenses are:
  - (a) driver's license, except a commercial driver's license -- \$5 a year or fraction of a year;
  - (b) motorcycle endorsement -- 50 cents a year or fraction of a year;
  - (c) commercial driver's license:
    - (i) interstate -- \$5 a year or fraction of a year;
    - (ii) intrastate -- \$3.50 a year or fraction of a year;
  - (d) renewal notice -- 50 cents.

- (7) Upon receipt of notice from another jurisdiction that a person licensed under this chapter has surrendered a Montana driver's license to that jurisdiction, the department shall change the license status on the person's official driver record to "inactive". If the person returns to Montana prior to the expiration of the previously surrendered license, the department may reactivate the license for the remainder of the license term."

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#### Introduction: Traffic School Guidelines

- This publication outlines the minimum program requirements and procedures necessary for Montana school districts to offer a quality “State-approved” traffic education (driver education) program.
- Traffic Education (high school driver education) is part of the basic education of all students; and, if offered, must be available to all eligible students within the school district’s geographic jurisdiction (10.13.307 A.R.M). For school accreditation purposes, traffic education is an elective course and can be offered as part of the regular school curriculum to meet graduation requirements. A unit of credit is defined as the equivalent of at least 225 minutes per week for one year. Fractional credit for course work not meeting the full unit requirement can be awarded.
- School districts have the choice of offering traffic education as part of the basic system of free quality public education of all students as outlined above, or including it as part of an “extended” school day program on Saturdays, or as a summer school program. Districts may contract with qualified “State-approved” teachers for the conduct of their “State-approved” program.

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#### **The Traffic Education Program (10.13.307 - 308 A.R.M.)**

An approved traffic education program for student drivers must:

1. Be provided only by school districts operating a junior high school or high school;
2. Be for students who are 15 years old or older, or who will reach their 15th birthday within six months of course completion;
3. Be taught by a teacher of traffic education approved by the superintendent of public instruction;
4. Be based on a curriculum guide(s) readily available for review from the superintendent of public instruction or traffic education staff. A student must meet the minimum performance objectives identified by the local school district in order to be considered as having successfully completed the program;
5. Be scheduled so that a sufficient number of courses are provided to allow every eligible student within the school’s geographic jurisdiction an equitable opportunity to enroll;
6. Consist of at least 60 hours of structured learning experiences scheduled over no less than 25 days
  - These learning experiences must include at least six hours of behind-the-wheel-in-traffic driving instruction scheduled over no less than six student-contact days.

- Twelve hours of simulation may be substituted for two hours of behind-the-wheel instruction for those schools having traffic simulator equipment approved by the Office of Public Instruction.
7. Provide behind-the-wheel instruction only to students who are currently participating in classroom instruction. All program phases must be conducted using concurrent or integrated scheduling;
  8. Use only dual-control vehicles that are equipped according to standards established by the superintendent of public instruction;
  9. Have property and liability insurance sufficient to protect the school, teachers, students, the public, the vehicle(s), and its owner;
  10. Use the form titled, “School/Dealer Vehicle Use Agreement” (form TE02) or the school equivalent, when a traffic education loan vehicle is procured from a vehicle dealer;
  11. Complete all reports and documents required by the Office of Public Instruction and the Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division in the time frames required; and
  12. Submit a clear and complete explanation to the traffic education specialist, Office of Public Instruction, along with the school district application forms.

## **I. Program Requirements**

- An approved traffic education program for student drivers must: be scheduled ... to allow every eligible student within the school’s geographic jurisdiction an equitable opportunity to enroll; not fail to comply with the program requirements that shall be grounds for the superintendent of public instruction to deny or revoke the approval of the school’s traffic education program application.
  - The Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP) (10.13.314 A.R.M.)
  - The Department of Justice may authorize public school districts conducting a traffic education program approved by the superintendent of public instruction to administer to the district’s traffic education students required standardized knowledge and road tests and to certify the test results to the Department of Justice, provided that:
    1. The school district completes, signs, and submits an “Intent to Participate” affidavit to the Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Justice;
    2. Each of the school district’s teachers who teach all or part of the district’s traffic education curriculum:
      - a. is approved under this chapter as a traffic education teacher;
      - b. has attended and successfully completed a cooperative driver testing program training class conducted by the Department of Justice; and
      - c. has completed, signed, and submitted an “Instructor Compliance Affidavit”; and
    3. The school district administers the program as outlined in the cooperative driver testing program plan prepared by the Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division. The school district’s cooperative driver testing program shall be subject to review by the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice may terminate the district’s authorization to participate as a cooperative driver testing school district or a teacher’s cooperative driver testing program credentials if the Department of Justice’s review indicates habitual, intentional or negligent non-compliance by agents of the school district and/or the traffic education teacher.
    4. The district “Intent to Participate and the “Instructor Compliance” affidavits are available
- C. The Teacher (10.13.310 A.R.M.)

All teachers of traffic education must have:

1. A valid Montana teaching certificate issued by the office of public instruction, educator licensure. (It is strongly recommended that the teacher have a “traffic education - 99” endorsement on their license.);
2. Approval as a teacher of traffic education issued by the superintendent of public instruction, traffic education. Approval to teach traffic education shall be renewed with each renewal of the teacher’s license; and
3. A minimum of eight (8) semester hours of credit course work in traffic safety education. This eight-semester hour block must include a driver task analysis (classroom) and behind-the-wheel (developing vehicle operational skills) course.

### Program Requirements

- The school district’s cooperative driver testing program shall be subject to review by the Department of Justice.
- Renewal of the teacher’s license, after initial approval, the teacher must accumulate four (4) semester hours of credit course work in traffic safety education until such time as an endorsable minor, or its equivalent (20 semester qualifying credits), has been completed.
- A valid driver’s license.
- A responsible local, State, and national, driving record free from more than one moving traffic conviction within any 12-month period of the previous 36 months; any alcohol-related traffic convictions within the preceding 36 months; any driver’s license suspension, cancellation, revocation, or denial within the preceding five years; any involvement in any fatal traffic accident during the previous five years; or declaration of habitual traffic offender.
- A teacher’s failure to maintain the requirements for traffic education teacher approval constitutes grounds for the immediate revocation of the approval to teach traffic education.
- Any revocation of approval may be appealed to the deputy superintendent of public instruction within 30 days of the date of the notice of revocation of approval. The deputy superintendent shall review the revocation and either confirm or reverse the revocation.

### Special Approval Provision

If a teacher’s approval to teach traffic education has expired and the teacher has not met the renewal requirements listed above in item 3, the teacher may request an extension for approval to teach traffic education, subject to the following:

1. A one-time, one-year emergency extension of approval may be granted for a teacher who received initial approval but who has not been able to complete the required four semester or six quarter traffic education credits for re-approval. The public school district or eligible nonpublic school shall submit a letter to the Office of Public Instruction stating it has advertised for a traffic education teacher and that no qualified individuals were available to teach.

In addition, the teacher for whom the school is seeking an emergency interim approval shall submit to the Office of Public Instruction a plan outlining how the teacher will satisfy the required course work within the one-year extended period.

2. A one-time, extenuating circumstance extension of approval may be granted for a period up to two years. The district and teacher shall submit the same documentation required in (2)(a). In addition to the above documentation, the teacher shall submit a statement of a compelling reason why course work deficiencies cannot be completed within one year, and shall assure the

Office of Public Instruction that the teacher will complete the traffic education minor, or its equivalent, within the extension period.

3. If other traffic education teachers are available to the school district, no emergency or extenuating circumstance extensions shall be granted. Both such extensions are contingent upon the other renewal requirements, including a valid driver's license, an approvable driving record and successful renewal of the teacher's Montana teaching license.

All teachers of traffic education must have: ... a responsible local, State, and national, driving record free from more than one moving traffic conviction within any 12-month period of the previous 36 months;

#### Student Enrollment and Learner License(s) (10.13.312 - 10.13.313 A.R.M)

The trustees of any district operating a junior high school or high school may establish and maintain a traffic education course for students within the district's geographic jurisdiction, provided that any student enrolled in the course will have reached his 15th birthday within six months of course completion. The district shall not be reimbursed for students completing the course at a younger age. All students enrolled in the traffic education program and receiving behind-the-wheel instruction shall have in their immediate possession a valid Montana traffic education permit, a valid Montana traffic education learner license, a valid Montana instruction permit or a valid Montana driver license as prescribed in Title 61, chapter 5 of the Montana Code Annotated(MCA).

#### 1. **Traffic Education Permit**

A traffic education permit (TEP, also known as a restricted instruction permit or RIP) is authorized and prescribed in 61-5-106, MCA. It is valid from the date of issue until course completion as indicated by the expiration date, provided an approved traffic education teacher accompanies the student while driving. These permits are issued to the school district by the local driver examiner when presented official Office of Public Instruction approval for the current year. These permits shall not be given to the student, but shall be kept by the traffic education teacher and carried for any students enrolled in the course who will have reached their 15th birthday within six months of course completion, when the teacher is in the car with the students receiving behind-the-wheel instruction.

#### 2. **Traffic Education Learner License (TELL)**

A traffic education learner license (TELL) is authorized and prescribed in 61-5-106(2) MCA. It allows a student to practice driving only with a licensed parent or guardian or a qualified traffic education teacher. It does not allow the student to practice driving with any other licensed driver. This license can only be obtained while the student is successfully participating in, or has successfully completed, a State-approved traffic education program.

A TELL may be obtained through the local driver license exam office of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Justice, provided:

- (i) the respective school district personnel authorizes the student to apply for the license by placing his/her name on the "Student List" form (TE04) and transmits the student list, along with the "Certification" form (TE03) signed by the appropriate school district personnel to the local driver license exam office;
- (ii) the student has paid the necessary fee and obtained the driver license receipt and application form.
- (iii) the student presents the completed, notarized application and receipts for payment of the permit with proof of identity, certified birth certificate, proof of residency, and social

security number to the examiner. The permit is valid for six months from the date of receipt.

- (iv) the student is at least 14½ years of age.
- (v) the student is successfully participating in or has successfully completed a State-approved traffic education program.
- (vi) the student successfully completes all parts of the driver license examination other than the driving test; or
- c. through a public school district participating in the cooperative driver testing program (CDTP) provided:
  - (i) the student is at least 14½ years of age and is enrolled in an approved traffic education program participating in the CDTP;
  - (ii) the student presents to the CDTP school district the completed, notarized application with proof of identity, certified birth certificate, proof of residency, and social security number;
  - (iii) the student successfully completes an eye exam and written knowledge test through the CDTP school district as authorized by the Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division. The permit is valid for six months from the date of successful completion of the written exam; and
  - (iv) the respective CDTP school district personnel places the student's name on the "Student List" form (TE04) with an indication of a waiver for the knowledge test, and transmits student list, along with the "Certification" form (TE03) signed by the appropriate school district personnel to the local driver license exam office within three days of issuance of the TELL to the student.

### Program Requirements

#### A. Application for Approval (10.13.308 A.R.M.)

1. A school district shall apply for and receive approval annually from the superintendent of public instruction in order to provide, and prior to commencing, a young novice driver education program. Public school districts eligible for public funding shall apply and receive approval from the superintendent of public instruction prior to starting a young novice driver education program in order to be eligible for State reimbursement from the State traffic education fund.
2. To obtain approval for a traffic education program, a school district shall complete and submit to the superintendent of public instruction an "Application for Approval of a Traffic Education Program(s) for Young Novice Drivers" form (TE01). This application form may be obtained from the superintendent of public instruction's traffic education specialist. Following action by the superintendent of public instruction, a copy of the application shall be returned to the school district showing the approval status. All necessary forms and materials shall be forwarded at this time.
3. The traffic education teacher(s) teaching the program shall have approval issued by the superintendent of public instruction on or before the beginning date of the program in order for the school district to commence a traffic education program for young novice drivers, or for public school districts to be eligible for state reimbursement.

#### B. Reimbursement Requests (10.13.309 A.R.M.)

1. The administrative official of the eligible public school district shall submit a "Traffic Education Program Reimbursement Request" (a certified list of pupils who have completed a State-approved traffic education program) on or before July 10 for all students who completed the program during the preceding fiscal year.

2. Reimbursement per student shall be based on the completion of at least 50 percent of the classroom portion and 50 percent of the behind-the-wheel portion of the course, and minimum age requirements. Reimbursement per student shall be paid whether the student passed or failed the course.
3. On or before August 31 of each year, the superintendent of public instruction shall disburse to the eligible public school districts, the amount of traffic education reimbursement money to which they are entitled based on the number of students listed on the reimbursement forms and on the money available for reimbursement in the State traffic education account.

Reimbursement per student shall be paid whether the student passed or failed the course.

4. Traffic education reimbursements received by eligible public school districts must be deposited in the district's traffic education fund and shall only be expended for traffic education-related expenses.
5. State reimbursement for traffic education shall not be issued to public school districts that provide traffic education with unapproved teachers or operate a traffic education program not in compliance with Montana statutory and administrative law.

## **II. Program Procedures**

### **C. Driver Examination Procedures**

1. Students completing a traffic education course should be advised of the requirement for presenting a birth certificate, social security number, and notarized driver license application form to the licensing official at the time they appear for examination unless they have successfully participated in the Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP), in which case these documents will have been presented to the school.
2. Before students 15 years of age can obtain a driver license, the administrative official of the school district must verify successful completion of a State-approved traffic education program to the county treasurer and/or licensing official. Procedure for Quality traffic education programs are characterized by several accepted principles of scheduling. Today, most traffic education programs are faced with financial limitations, time restrictions, and the chains of traditionalism. The following principles are offered as scheduling guides.
  - The classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel instruction should be offered on an integrated basis. This means scheduling the traffic education program to include a blend of the classroom and associated behind-the-wheel instruction during the duration of the traffic education course.
  - Inclement weather driving, within the abilities of the student driver, is encouraged as opposed to cutting back or canceling driving until the arrival of fairer weather.
  - Schedule two students per vehicle, per hour; three and four persons may reduce instructional effectiveness and waste time during driver changes. Never schedule only one student – it leaves the various parties vulnerable to perceptions and accusations of improprieties.
  - School policy should govern which students are accepted into the program first, second, and so on. You may want to consider age (oldest first), need (students who must financially assist family), grades, or first come, first-served during signup times. This policy must meet the criterion of being “equitable.”

assure that all eligible students in your school's geographic jurisdiction have an equitable opportunity to enroll.

The classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel instruction should be offered on an integrated basis.

### Parent/Guardian Participation

#### 1. Guidelines and Sequence

Before the practice sessions, a good system of communication and method of instruction should be established so that each person knows what to expect of the other. To aid in parent-student-teacher communication, a check-off plan can be used by both instructor and parent so that each is aware of what the other is doing.

Before driving, the student should become familiar with the operation of all controls and safety devices since these differ from vehicle to vehicle.

Also, the vehicle owner's manual should be studied in advance.

At the beginning of the practice session, the student should start the vehicle, move it forward a short distance, and then stop a few times to adjust to the particular vehicle.

Easy left and right turns on level streets can be practiced first, followed by various kinds of turning situations. Good timing and coordination, especially during the "unwinding" phase, should be emphasized. Lateral judgment can be developed by pulling parallel along a curb to within six inches.

#### 2. Stress Visual Habits

To ensure good perceptive driving, stress visual habits behind the wheel. If the eyes keep moving throughout the entire 360 degrees of the driving environment, the driver can make the correct responses to clues and hazards, vital to proper vehicle operation. Steering control, lane position, and speed control can be taught by using lightly traveled rural roads; good visual habits are essential to the development of all three skills. Allow practice time for adjusting speed control to road and traffic conditions, vehicle limitations, and driver proficiency. Gradually, as the student becomes proficient in the manipulative skills and visual habits, you can progress into traffic, cross through streets, turn onto and off them, and then travel on them. Be aware of the traffic situations ahead of the student and give cues when necessary. Occasionally, have the student verbalize what is seen ahead. If a hazardous situation should develop which the student is not prepared to handle, then it is best to pull over to the side and wait for the situation to clear up.

#### 3. Keep Sessions Short

A few short practice sessions (30 to 45 minutes) are generally more effective than one or two longer sessions.

Most new drivers should spend a minimum of 25 to 30 hours in supervised practice behind the wheel before they are granted the privilege to obtain a driver license.

### **III. Planning For Instruction**

#### A. Course Scheduling

The various phases of instruction (classroom and behind-the-wheel) should be integrated and correlated through appropriate assignment of students. Students should not be scheduled for dual-controlled vehicle instruction until they have acquired certain basic knowledge in the classroom phase and have experienced skill development exercises with simulation equipment, on a multiple-vehicle

driving facility and/or an off-street driving area. There are several different systems used in scheduling classes for traffic education.

Each administrator will need to apply sound judgment in selecting a system, which will allow inclusion of traffic education in the curriculum of the school.

The following considerations should be taken into account:

- ✓ the number of students and how they are to be accommodated;
- ✓ the number of days/weeks needed to complete the course;
- ✓ the amount of time to be allocated to classroom instruction and behind-the wheel instruction phases;
- ✓ the number of qualified teachers available; and
- ✓ the availability of dual-control vehicles.
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During the regular school year, each traffic education program should be scheduled for a full semester. Traffic education programs should be included in the regular school curriculum whenever possible. Classes may be taught after regular school hours or on Saturdays, as well as on regular school days or as a summer school program.

#### 1. Classroom Instruction In the classroom,

student experiences focus on the personal and social factors affecting the safe and efficient movement of traffic. The theory of motor vehicle operation is explored and understanding is developed of the desirable roles to be played by all users of traffic facilities, including drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists. In planning for effective classroom instruction, approaches should be selected that will achieve goals through developing basic knowledge, desirable attitudinal or behavioral traits, and the fundamental knowledge needed to develop skills for efficient operation of motor vehicles. Classroom experiences in traffic education courses may be improved through the proper use of classroom activities that simulate in-vehicle skills, audiovisual teaching aids, multimedia arrangements, computers, and television.

#### 2. Behind-the-Wheel Instruction

The objectives developed for the behind-the-wheel instruction phase should parallel and supplement classroom instruction. Students may apply and reinforce the knowledge and behavioral tendencies gained in the classroom, as well as acquire skills and establish desirable habit patterns.

Student experiences may include a combination of the following:

- a. behind-the-wheel experiences in a dual-control vehicle, operated under on-street conditions with the supervision of a teacher seated in the front seat to the right of the student;
- b. in-traffic observation experience in a dual-control vehicle;
- c. simulated experience consisting of filmed or realistic computer generated traffic events which provide students with opportunities to respond with realistic driving controls under the close supervision of a teacher; and/or
- d. behind-the-wheel experience in a practice driving vehicle which is operated at an off-street multiple vehicle driving facility.

### 3. Minimum Time

Present Montana law requires that the minimum schedule for student achievement of course objectives be 60 hours of structured learning experiences and any deviation from the 60 hour approach must be approved in advance by the Office of Public Instruction.

## B. Types of Courses

### 1. Dual-Control Vehicle Plan

The dual-control vehicle plan consists of classroom instruction plus actual in-traffic driving experience and observation time in a dual-control vehicle. There is a ratio of one teacher to one student behind-the-wheel, with up to three more students as in-vehicle observers.

### 2. Simulator Plan

The simulator plan calls for regular classroom instruction, simulated practice driving experiences using approved electronic equipment, and behind-the-wheel learning in a dual-control vehicle operated in traffic.

The simulation equipment is located either in a classroom or in a mobile unit which can be moved from one location to another.

### 3. Multiple Vehicle Driving Plan

This plan consists of the regular classroom instruction, behind-the-wheel learning in a dual-control vehicle operated in traffic, and varying amount of time on an off-street multiple vehicle driving facility.

### 4. Multiple-Phase Approach

The multiple-phase approach provides perhaps the best possible framework for achieving the central purpose of traffic education in that it combines the advantages of the dual-control vehicle plan, the simulator plan, and the multiple-vehicle plan, and may add a multimedia package. Scheduled for 90 hours, a multiple-plan course may provide each student with up to 45 hours in the regular classroom, 15 hours of multimedia, 12 hours of simulator instruction, 6 hours of multiple-vehicle instruction, and as much as 3 hours of dual-control vehicle instruction. This approach enables each student to have observation experience in traffic and time for scheduled project activities. There is also time for the use of television and other innovative approaches as they become available. The principal disadvantage of the multiple phase approach is the sizable investment required for the initial procurement of equipment and facilities. However, when the useful life of the equipment and facilities and the improved teacher-pupil ratio are taken into account, per-student costs of the multiple-phase approach are at least comparable to those of the dual-control vehicle plan.

## C. Course Content

Content of traffic education courses for student drivers should treat, but not be limited to, the following areas of study:

1. Basic and advanced driving maneuvers;
2. Perceptual and decision-making techniques;
3. The effects of drugs, including alcohol, and other substances on the driving performance;
4. Rules of the road, State traffic laws, and local ordinances;

5. Signs, signals, highway markings, and highway design innovations which require understanding for efficient driving performance;
6. Operation of motor vehicles on streets and highways with emphasis on techniques that will aid the driver and passenger in the event of a collision, and the transportation and care of injured persons;
7. Special characteristics of urban, rural, and freeway driving;
8. Information on the capabilities and limitations of other highway users, such as pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and operators of commercial vehicles;
9. Special techniques for coping with emergency situations and environmental factors such as wind, rain, flooding, heat, ice and snow;
10. Preventive maintenance, with emphasis on motor vehicle systems and subsystems, which are critical to safe operation;
11. First aid and natural laws relating to the driving task;
12. Comprehensive highway safety programs, like law enforcement, and how they are developed and improved;
13. Career awareness;
14. Consumer education; and
15. Energy conservation as it relates to the driving task and the ecological impact of transportation.

#### D. Evaluation and Reporting

In order to provide a basis for program improvement in traffic education, school officials responsible for the program should conduct ongoing evaluations to determine the effectiveness of courses provided by its high school(s). As a part of the plan, every effort should be made to collect and assess the graduate's driving records.

The evaluation plan should include school and district recording of the name, birth date, and course completion date of each student completing the program, and the per pupil cost for that instruction. A simple cost-effectiveness comparison can be made for a given type of traffic education course in one school with that of other schools in the district or county of the State.

High schools should have the following information available for reporting purposes:

1. A description of the traffic education course offered, including documentation of departures from established minimum Office of Public Instruction standards required for course approval.
2. A roster of traffic education teachers and administrators, along with their location of assignment and their qualifications and certification status.
3. An accurate description of physical facilities and equipment made available at each school for traffic education, including complete information pertaining to practice driving vehicles.

#### Community Relations

1. Examples of good teaching and safe driving practices exhibited on streets and highways, as well as in classrooms and on special facilities;
2. Providing the news media with regular and special news items;
3. In-service work with the entire faculty;
4. Proper care and exclusive use of practice driving vehicles for instructional purposes;
5. Recognition by each teacher that, because they are known throughout the community, they must set a good example for driving behavior. Good community and media relations in connection with

traffic education enable the school to achieve public backing not only for the course but for the entire school program;

6. Acceptance by teachers and administrators of every opportunity to appear before civic groups to tell of both accomplishments and the needs of traffic education; and
7. Open house and parent/teacher conferences.

#### Nighttime Instruction

Darkness is the most common and, perhaps least regarded, visual handicap. Classroom discussion, films, and other approaches should be used to make the student aware of the problem of night driving. Where possible, school districts are encouraged to provide vehicle instruction during hours of darkness.

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## **Instructor Requirements:**

### **SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS**

Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles  
Adapted from the Nebraska Administrative Code:

To teach driver education, one must have a supplemental endorsement to teach in grades 7 through 12. This endorsement requires a minimum of nine semester credit hours in courses that address traffic safety, general safety, first aid, motor vehicle systems and alcohol/other drug abuse.

Colleges/Universities must have on file a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

The Department shall not issue an approved driver safety course certificate to any school unless every instructor meets the following criteria:

- Twenty-one (21) Years Old. The instructor must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and of good moral character;
- Valid License. Instructors must have held a valid license from their State of residence for a period of at least two (2) consecutive years immediately preceding the date of application. Licensing lapses due to failure to renew before a license's expiration date shall not be cause for denial;
- High School Diploma. The instructor must have a high school diploma or its equivalent;
- Endorsement. The instructor must possess competence as outlined in a driver's education endorsement or the equivalent thereof;
- Drivers Education Endorsement. An instructor may successfully complete the coursework set out in Title 92 NAC 24, from a Nebraska Department of Education approved or accredited college or university;
- Clean Driving Record. For the prior five (5) years, the instructor must have no violation noted on his or her driving record for which five (5) or more points might be assessed;
- The instructor must have no suspensions or revocations on his or her driving record within the last five (5) years, including no convictions for DWI or any related alcohol or drug offense in connection with motor vehicle use;
- Competency Certified Instructors. To be competency certified, the instructor must have successfully completed three (3) credit hours of Driver Performance; and
- INSTRUCTOR ENDORSEMENT EQUIVALENT. All approved driver safety course instructors must have a driver education endorsement or the equivalent. Any Nebraska university or college approved or accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools may offer a driver's education equivalency course.

## **Educational Requirements:**

NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE: Title 247 Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles Chapter 11: RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES APPROVAL OF DRIVER SAFETY COURSES AND PROVISIONAL OPERATOR

### **Approved Driver Safety Course Curriculum:**

The following, taken from Nebraska's Department of Motor Vehicles Administrative Code (section 10) explains the approved driver safety course education curriculum for schools that offer classes to individuals who will apply for provisional operator's permits using a written and drive test waiver.

Standard instruction will include a minimum of twenty (20) hours of classroom instruction and five (5) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. The students of competency certified instructors must complete at least two (2) hours behind the wheel. Students must attend all course presentations and pass all examinations.

**Behind-the-Wheel Instruction.** A minimum of five (5) hours behind-the-wheel instruction must be offered to each student in an approved driver safety course. It is to consist of actual driving practice while the motor vehicle is in motion and does not include the drive test.

**Substitutions.** Up to two (2) hours total approved driver safety course drive time may be substituted as follows:

Up to two (2) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction may be replaced by time on a closed-course driving range. At a proportion of two to one (2 to 1) (two hours on a driving range equals one hour behind the wheel).

Up to one (1) hour of behind-the-wheel instruction may be replaced by use of a driving simulator at a proportion of four to one (4 to 1). (One hour of simulated driving equals 15 minutes of behind-the-wheel drive time.)

**Competency Certified Instructors.** Two (2) hours is the minimum behind-the-wheel time requirement for students in competency-based courses. Substitutions are not permitted.

**Classroom Time.** A minimum of twenty (20) hours of classroom instruction must be offered to each student enrolled in any approved driver safety course school.

## **Licensing Requirements:**

Driver License Examining Division: AN OVERVIEW OF GRADUATED LICENSING IN NEBRASKA (Effective January 1, 2006)

### **Operator's License (Class O)**

A Class O License authorizes a license holder to operate any motor vehicle except a motorcycle and commercial motor vehicle. Minimum age 17 if held POP for 1 year and have not accumulated 3 or more points during previous 12-month period, otherwise age 18.

**Farm Husbandry Permits (Special and Temporary):** A Farm Husbandry Permit authorizes the operation of farm husbandry equipment. Farm husbandry equipment is defined as off-road vehicles designed for agricultural, horticultural, or livestock-raising operations or for lifting or carry an implement of husbandry. Minimum age 13 if you live on a farm or 14 if employed on a farm for compensation.

**Requirements for a Provisional Operators Permit (POP):** Individual may apply and take the tests 60 days prior to their 16th birthday. The POP expires on the applicant's 18th birthday.

The POP allows an individual to operate a motor vehicle unsupervised in Nebraska from 6 a.m. - midnight. Individuals may drive unsupervised between midnight and 6 a.m. if they are driving to or from home to work or a school activity. Individuals may drive anytime if they are accompanied by a parent, guardian, or licensed driver who is at least 21 years old. The fee for a POP is \$15.00.

Before individuals can apply for a POP they must do one of the following: 1) complete a DMV approved driver safety course and pass a written and driving test given by the driver safety course instructor, or 2) present to the Driver's License Examiner a 50 Hour Certification form signed by a parent, guardian, or licensed driver who is at least 21 years old. The 50 Hour Certification form must be obtained from the DMV.

The written and drive tests will be waived if the applicant presents a Written and Drive Test Waiver form to the Driver's License Examiner. This waiver form will be given to the student by the instructor upon successful completion of the DMV approved driver safety course.

If an individual presents the 50 Hour Certification form the written test will be waived if they have been issued a LPE after January 1, 2006 or surrenders a LPD that is valid or expired no more than one year prior to surrender. They will be required to pass a drive test administered by a Driver's License Examiner before the POP will be issued.

If an individual has been issued an SCP prior to January 1, 2006, the written and drive tests will be waived for the POP. If the SCP was issued after January 1, 2006, the written and drive tests will be waived and there will be no need for the individual to present a Written and Drive Test Waiver form or a 50 Hour Certification form.

Individuals under the age of 18 years old who have held a POP for at least 12 months, who surrender their POP to the Driver's License Examiner and who have not accumulated three or more points on their driving records during the previous 12 month period, will be eligible for an operator's license. The written and drive tests will be waived.

If an individual holds a POP and waits until he is 18 years of age to apply for an operator's license, the written and drive tests will be waived by the Driver's License Examiner.

Any individual under the age of 21 years old who holds a POP or operator's license and who accumulates within any 12-month period a total of six or more points on his driving record will be required to attend and successfully complete a driver improvement course. This course will consist of at least eight hours of instruction. If an individual fails to complete the course within three months after notification by the Department, their POP or operator's license will be suspended.

The Nebraska Safety Center shall offer a DMV-approved driver safety course at least once each year in any county where no approved course is offered.

All persons being transported in a motor vehicle operated by a holder of a SCP or POP are required to ride secured in an occupant protection system.

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The Department will consider any of the following applicants:

- **Approved Driver Safety Course.** The applicant may successfully complete an approved driver safety course which includes behind-the-wheel driving as set forth in these rules and regulations.
- **Fifty-hour (50-hour) Drive Log and Affidavit.** The applicant may present to the Department's examiner an affidavit and driving log verifying that the applicant has completed fifty (50) hours of lawful motor vehicle operation, under conditions that reflect an approved driver safety course curriculum with a licensed driver at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- **The Department will waive the written examination for these applicants who hold an LPD-learner's permit issued after January 1, 1999, but not the Department's drive test.**
- **Driver Education Prior to January 1, 1999.** The applicant may present to the Department examiner proof that the applicant has successfully completed driver's education prior to January 1, 1999.
- **Proof consists of an approved driver safety course completion card or certificate. The Department will waive the affidavit and the fifty-hour (50-hour) drive log requirement, but the applicant will be required to take the Department's written and drive test.**

An Overview of the Graduated Licensing Bill in Nebraska

**School Learner's Permit (LPE)** – An LPE is issued for the purpose of allowing a student to legally practice driving for a School Permit.

Individuals applying for an LPE must be eligible for a School Permit and meet all School Permit criteria. Individuals must be at least 14, but younger than 16 years to apply for an LPE. The LPE is valid for three months and may be renewed. LPE holders must be accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old. Applicant must pass the vision and written tests prior to the LPE being issued. The fee for an LPE is \$8.00.

**School Permit (SCP)** – An SCP can be issued if such person lives a distance of one and one-half miles or more from the school he or she attends and either resides outside a city of 5,000 or more or attends a school outside a city of 5,000 or more.

A person holding an SCP may operate a motor vehicle: 1) unsupervised to and from where he or she attends school and between schools of enrollment over the most direct and accessible route by the nearest highway from his or her place of residence to transport such person or any family member who resides with such person to attend duly scheduled courses of instructions and extracurricular or school-related activities at the school he or she attends; or 2) any time when accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old.

Applicants must hold an LPE for at least two months before they can apply for an SCP. They must also be at least 14 years and two months old, but younger than 16 years old to apply for an SCP. The SCP expires on the individual's 16th birthday. The fee for an SCP is \$8.00

Before individuals can apply for a SCP they must do one of the following:

- 1) complete a DMV approved driver safety course and pass a written and driving test given by the driver safety course instructor, or
- 2) present to the Driver's License Examiner a 50 Hour Certification form signed by a parent, guardian or licensed driver who is at least 21 years old. The 50 Hour Certification form must be obtained from the DMV.

The written and drive test will be waived if the applicants presents a Written and Drive Test Waiver form to the Driver's License Examiner. This waiver form will be given to the student by the instructor upon successful completion of the DMV approved driver safety course.

If an individual presents the 50 Hour Certification form and surrenders a LPE issued after January 1, 2006, that is valid or expired no more than one year prior to surrender the written test will be waived. They will be required to pass a drive test administered by a Driver's License Examiner before the SCP will be issued.

**Learner's Permits (LPD)** - Individual may apply and take the written test 60 days prior to their 15th birthday. However, the LPD cannot be issued until the individual turns 15. LPD holders must be accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old. The applicant must pass the vision and written tests prior to the LPD being issued. The written test will be waived if an LPE has been issued after January 1, 2006. The LPD is valid for one year and may be renewed. The fee for an LPD is \$8.00.

**Learner's Permit (LPE):** This permit is used for the purpose of allowing a student to legally practice driving for a School.

**Permit:** Applicants for School Permit must have held a LPE for two months before they are eligible to apply for the School Permit. Minimum age 14.

**Approved Driver Safety Course School Requirements:** Any school that offers the approved driver safety course to individuals who will apply for provisional operator's permits must:

- Continually maintain a place of business which includes at least one (1) permanent, regularly occupied structure within the State of Nebraska.

Provide a training site to accommodate students comfortably and to ensure proper safety, including:

- A classroom with ample working and testing space for enrolled students and several observers.
- Ready access to restrooms.
- Audio visual equipment; chalk boards or other marking boards.
- Contact Person. Designate an individual authorized to act on behalf of the school as the contact person with the Department.

- Certified Instructors. Ensure that all instructors are certified in accordance with the requirements set forth in these rules and regulations.
- Motor Vehicle. Have at least one (1) registered motor vehicle which is equipped for driver training purposes as set forth in these rules and regulations.
- Display. Display in a prominent place: The certificate from the Department stating that the approved driver safety course has been approved; and the names of the approved driver safety course instructors.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum of the approved driver safety course that the school will be teaching.

- Course Date. The dates, times, and locations of the scheduled approved driver safety courses and the respective instructor that will teach each course. Any competency-based courses must be noted.
- Test Route. The location and a written description of each approved driver safety course test route that will be used for the administration of the drive test.
- List of Motor Vehicles. A list of all motor vehicles used for the approved driver safety course.
- Insurance. Valid insurance certificate or insurance policy detailing the coverage for the school listing all motor vehicles used for the approved driver safety course.
- Signature. Signature of the approved driver safety course school representative certifying that the information included in the application is true and accurate. An individual applicant, partner, associate, corporate director, officer or manager of a commercial driver training school or a public school superintendent or principal may sign as school representative.

**Other Information:** Any other information deemed necessary by the Department.

- Fee. In addition to the above information, each approved driver safety course original and renewal certificate application shall be accompanied by a \$100 fee.
- Check or Money Order. A check or money order will be made payable to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the one-hundred dollar (\$100) fee with the completed application. The fee is refundable if the application is initially denied by the Department or returned due to incompleteness or deficiency. The fee covers a two-year period beginning on the effective date of issuance or renewal.
- No Refund. No portion of the fee will be refunded if the certificate is suspended or revoked during the two-year period or if the school otherwise discontinues activity within the State during any portion of the two-year period.

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**8/23/2006**  
**Nevada**

**Educational Requirements:**

Nearly all Nevada beginning drivers under 18 must complete a driver education course. You can enroll at age 15. Exceptions are not made for home-schooled students.

The course is not a requirement to obtain an instruction permit. It is a requirement for a driver license.

Drivers have the choice of courses offered through your public school district or those offered by private Nevada professional driving schools. The course consists of 30 hours of instruction. If training in a vehicle is offered, each hour of behind-the-wheel training is the equivalent of three hours of classroom instruction. Behind-the-wheel training is limited to a maximum of 5 hours accompanied by 15 hours of classroom instruction.

Any professional driving school offering courses by television, Internet, or other means must be specifically licensed for this by the Nevada DMV for the course to be accepted. Your local school district may or may not offer 'distance learning' courses by television, Internet, or other means.

All schools issue a Certificate of Completion which must be presented to the DMV when you apply for your full license.

New drivers must complete a driver education course if one is offered within a 30-mile radius of your residential address.

Young drivers are required to complete 50 hours of behind-the-wheel experience. You must have a licensed driver, who is 21 or older and has been licensed for at least one year, seated next to you at all times. Ten hours of the experience must be completed in darkness.

If driver education is not offered within a 30-mile radius of the residential address and you do not take a course, students must complete 100 hours of supervised experience, 10 hours of which must be in darkness.

Students must keep a written log of the dates and times of this experience on the form provided by DMV. Parents or guardians must sign this form and submit it when the student applies for the full license.

[www.dmvnv.com/nvdlteens.htm](http://www.dmvnv.com/nvdlteens.htm)

**Passenger Restriction**

Young drivers may not transport any passenger under the age of 18, except for immediate family members, for the first three months after the license was issued. Penalties for violations include extending the restriction for six months or more and fines for repeated violations.

**Statewide Driving Curfew**

Drivers under 18 may not drive between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless they are traveling to or from a scheduled event such as school events or work. Law enforcement may ask for satisfactory evidence of the event. This applies to all drivers under the age of 18 until they turn 18, regardless of when the license was issued.

### Other Restrictions

Nevada has a .02 g/dL blood alcohol concentration limit for drivers under 21. Drivers can also be arrested for any detectable amount of a controlled or prohibited substance.

Minor driver licenses can be suspended for any of the same reasons as adult licenses and also for non-driving alcohol/drug convictions, firearms violations or habitual truancy. See License Suspensions.

### Beginning Driver Experience Log (DLD-130)

You must complete the log on the official DMV form. If your insurance company requires a log, you must keep it separately. Time spent behind-the-wheel with a professional driving instructor counts toward the required hours.

DMV also provides the Beginning Driver Training Guide to help parents and their teens make the most of the behind-the-wheel experience. It contains lists of specific skills and how to practice them plus Nevada traffic laws and more.

### Drivers Education Laws/Population Requirements

#### Instruction Permit

- To obtain an instruction permit, the driver must be 15½ years old, present proper proof of identity, and pass the vision and knowledge tests.
- A parent or guardian must accept financial responsibility and sign a statement to that effect.
- A licensed driver, 21 years of age or older with at least one year of driving experience, must be seated next to the new driver at all times while driving.

#### Driver's License

To obtain a driver's license, any new driver under age 18 must:

- Complete a 30-hour driver's education course (minimum enrollment age is 15)\*;
- Complete 50 hours of behind-the-wheel experience including 10 hours in darkness;
- Keep a log of the dates and times of this experience on the official DMV Beginning Driver Experience Log (Form DLD-130);
- Be 16 years of age;
- Hold the Instruction Permit for a minimum of six months;
- Have no at-fault accidents, moving violation convictions or any type of drug or alcohol conviction within six months;
- Submit the driver's education Certificate of Completion and Beginning Driver Experience Log; and

- Pass the driving skills test.

\*Teens in rural areas where a driver education course is not offered within 30 miles of their residence may substitute an additional 50 hours of experience for the course.

### Driving Restrictions

The following restrictions apply after a driver under age 18 has received a full license:

- The driver may not transport passengers under age 18, except immediate family members, for the first 90 days.
- The driver may not drive between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless traveling to or from a scheduled event such as work or a school event. This curfew applies to all drivers under 18 until they turn 18.

Note: The parent or guardian who accepted financial responsibility for the new driver may cancel the instruction permit or license at any time. The underage driver is required by law to surrender the license to the DMV.

The requirement for driver education is based on the location of the school the student is attending, not the student's residential address.

Driver education is not required only if the applicant attends a school that:

- Is located in a county whose population is less than 50,000 or located in a city or town whose population is less than 25,000; and
- Does not offer a course in automobile driver education.

A school official or administrator must sign the lower portion of the Affidavit for Minor to Be Licensed (DLD-102) attesting to these facts.

Home-schooled students are considered to be enrolled at their residential address and must follow the above population guidelines.

Young drivers are required to complete 50 hours of behind-the-wheel experience. You must have a licensed driver, who is 21 or older and has been licensed for at least one year, seated next to you at all times. 10 hours of the experience must be completed in darkness.

If driver education is not offered within a 30-mile radius of your residential address, you must complete 100 hours of supervised experience, 10 hours of which must be in darkness.

You must keep a written log of the dates and times of this experience on the form provided by DMV. Your parent or guardian must sign this form and submit it when you apply for your full license. The log book will be required for any driver license issued 10/01/05 or later, even if your instruction permit was issued prior to this date.

## Nevada Works Cited

[www.dmvnv.com/nvdlteens.htm](http://www.dmvnv.com/nvdlteens.htm)

**8/23/2006**  
**New Hampshire**

**Educational Requirements:**

Individuals over the age of 16 and under the age of 18 are required to take an approved driver education program.

Requirements:

- Thirty hours of classroom instruction with a certified driver education instructor.
- Ten hours of driving with a certified driver education instructor.
- Six hours of observation with a certified driver education instructor.
- Twenty hours of additional supervised driving time with a licensed driver at least 25 years of age. This additional driving time must be documented on the Driver's Out-of-Class Log Sheet, (DSMV 509).

According to survey reports, all public schools and 66 commercial schools are licensed by the NH DMV. Over 10,000 students take the course yearly.

**Instructor Requirements:**

Two college level courses are required: Introduction to Traffic Safety and Methods of Teaching Driver Education and Traffic Safety. These courses are offered at Keene State College Safety Center. After completion of those courses with a grade of 75 percent or higher in each, one must pass two tests at the NH Department of Safety. One is a written test and the other a road test.

After successfully meeting the requirements, a provisional certificate will be issued. This will allow for teaching at a licensed commercial school or commercial school for two years. Over that span, one must teach a minimum of 60 hours of classroom instruction and 240 hours of behind-the-wheel. There is also a requirement for taking four additional college level course with attainment of a grade of 75 percent or higher in each.

**CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR BECOMING A DRIVER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR**

To become a certified driver education instructor, obtaining a provisional certificate is the first step. It allows you to work, as an instructor, for a commercial driving school or secondary school. An instructor must obtain a standard certificate in order to open a commercial driving school.

**TO OBTAIN A PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE (VALID FOR TWO YEARS) YOU MUST:**

- Have a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency.
- Complete two, three-credit courses at Keene State College with a grade of 75 percent or higher:
  - Introduction to Traffic Safety
  - Methods of Teaching Driver Education and Traffic Safety
- Obtain a 90 percent or higher on written examination.
- Pass a road test as specified in Saf-C 1003.13 to determine profession instruction skill.

- Complete a physical examination determining your level of fitness to instruct.
- Complete an application to NH Department of Education.
- Hold a driver license for the class of vehicle for which you intend to instruct.
- Have a minimum of five consecutive years of driving experience immediately prior to the date of application.

<http://nh.gov/safety/dmv/drivered/driveredinstructor.html>

### **Traffic Schools and Programs:**

- There are 138 secondary schools to inspect. This review is to confirm that the minimum requirements set by the State are being adhered to in the secondary school system. This includes usage of driver education reimbursement funds.
- During the biennium, the Driver Education Unit licensed 61 commercial motor vehicle schools, certified 233 driver education instructors, certified 145 licensing agents, and in FY '96 saw 9,034 students complete a high school driver education program.
- Another 5,010 completed a commercially, privately operated driver training program in 1996.
- With over 14,000 students completing a driver education program each year, it is important to focus on the correlation between driver education and student accident involvement.

In New Hampshire several organizations have recently been created to try to save young peoples lives. The two most notable, Parents Against Speeding Teens (P.A.S.T.) and Community Alliance for Teen Safety (C.A.T.S.). These organizations have been working with driver education instructors.

[www.state.nh.us/safety/9597mv.html](http://www.state.nh.us/safety/9597mv.html)

### **Licensing Requirements:**

Applicants must be at least 15½ years of age and accompanied by a licensed driver at least 25 years of age. Applicants between 16 and 18 are required to take an approved driver education program. Other restrictions include:

- During the first six months, no more than one non-family member may ride in the vehicle.
- There must be a seat belt for everyone.
- No driving between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

Instructions for getting a driver's license in the State of New Hampshire.

Minors 16 and 17 years of age may get a New Hampshire Driver License only if they have passed an approved Driver Education Course.

An individual may practice driving of a non-commercial vehicle provided they have attained the age of 15½, carry proof of age, and are accompanied on the front seat by a parent, legal guardian, or other licensed adult who is 25 years of age or older.

Taking the Tests to apply for Youth Operator License

- Must be 16 years old.
- Must have a driver education certificate.
- Must have Parent or Guardian Authorization certificate (DSMV 38).
- Pass a vision test.
- Pass a written knowledge test. There will be 20 multiple-choice questions.
- An individual under the age of 18 is required to complete 20 hours of supervised practice driving, in addition to the 10 hours required by driver education. The 20 hours must be logged and supervised by a parent or legal guardian or a licensed adult over the age of 25.
- Take the road skills test.
- Provide two forms of positive identification, official papers which show your name, address, and date of birth.
- A vehicle which is legally registered and inspected in New Hampshire and is in good running condition for the road test.
- A licensed driver must accompany you to the testing site. The person should remain at the test site until the road test is completed.
- As soon as you pass all three parts of the driver tests you will be given a photo license. If you fail any part of the driver test; the remainder of the test will not be given. A retest will be scheduled at the convenience of the department.
- Persons under 18 will get a Youth Operator License, which has the following restrictions until the minor is 18 years old:
  - The holder can not drive between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
  - A holder may only have as many passengers as there are seat belts/safety restraints.
  - During the first 90 days, the holder may only drive with a licensed adult over the age of 25.

Other: New Hampshire does not issue learner's permits. At age 15½ a teen can drive while supervised by a licensed driver age 25 or older. The initial license for 16- and/or 17-year-olds is like a permit for the first 3 months. It prohibits unsupervised driving at any time.

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<http://nh.gov/safety/dmv/drivered/driveredinstructor.html>

**8/23/2006**  
**New Jersey**

**Educational Requirements:**

Not noted, examples of particular school districts note 30 hours of classroom instruction and 15 hours of simulation; or 3 to 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training.

**Instructor Requirements:**

Driving school instructor license:

- The Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) issues licenses to all driving school instructors and agents. The instructor's license is only for use in connection with lessons authorized by a licensed driving school.
- You must be at least 21 years old and possess a valid driver license with a minimum of 4 years driving experience
- All applicants are required to complete special testing of law knowledge, driving tests, and visual screening acuity.
- In addition, applicants may be required to submit proof of instructor qualifications

Requirements after you become a licensed instructor:

- You must have your licenses at all times during teaching sessions.
- If you were licensed after July 1, 1984, you are required to complete either the six- or eight-hour National Safety Defensive Driving Program. Evidence of completion of this program shall be filed with MVC.
- You must remain in the vehicle used for testing (except a motorcycle) at all times during which a student is behind-the-wheel for instruction and the keys are in the ignition.
- An instructor cannot validate a student learner's permit unless the student has completed the required six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and the permit has been properly endorsed by an authorized person from the licensed driving school

Authorized agent requirements

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with good moral character, a valid driver license, and a driving record devoid of offenses detailed in N.J.S.A 39:4-50, 39:4-50.2 and/or 39:4-49.1.
- Once licensed, an authorized agent may transport the students to a New Jersey Driver Testing Center to take the road test or to purchase a permit.
- An authorized agent is not authorized to instruct a driving student, whether it be behind the wheel or in a classroom.

[www.state.nj.us/mvc/BusinessServices/DrivingSchoolInstructor.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/BusinessServices/DrivingSchoolInstructor.htm)

## **GDL Special Learner Permit:**

Any New Jersey resident who is 16 years of age but younger than 17 years of age may choose to enroll in a behind-the-wheel driving course with a high school or commercial driving school in order to obtain a Special (student) Learner Permit.

For drivers age 16 and up, MVC offers a three-phase process:

1. Student learner's permit (minimum six months of supervised driving)
2. Provisional license (minimum one year of restricted but unsupervised driving)
3. Basic driver license (must be 18 years old)

Learner's Permit:

- The instructor will visit an MVC Agency, submitting a completed student permit application and presenting acceptable proof of age and identification and address, and proof of Social Security (or exemption).
- If applicant is under 18, parent/guardian must sign back of permit application (the required signature will also attest to the fact that the parent has received a copy of the parent handbook).
- The instructor will pay the required \$10.00 fee from the applicant, and the instructor will retain the GDL special learner examination permit.
- The applicant will receive a driver manual containing the driving rules and regulations he or she will need to study in order to prepare for the knowledge test.
- After studying the manual, the applicant should visit any Driver Testing Center (DTC) to take the vision tests and knowledge tests or to submit the High School knowledge test waiver. (The applicant and the instructor must present the GDL Special learner permit).
- The applicant's proof of identification must be available for presentation throughout the testing and processing.

Note: If you lose your permit, your licensed driving instructor must apply for the duplicate if you are under 17 years old.

Special Learner Permit MVC Validation:

- Pass a vision test.
- Pass knowledge test or present high school knowledge test waiver.
- Complete a six-hour behind-the-wheel driving course conducted by an approved commercial or secondary school driver education program.
- Return (student and /or instructor) to the MVC Driver Testing Center to have the GDL special learner's permit validated for minimum of six months supervised practiced driving.
- Schedule road test.
- After the permit is validated, the student can operate a registered motor vehicle according to the Conditions of the GDL Program.
- The student's identification must be presented throughout the testing process.

### Provisional Photo License:

- Meet minimum age of 17 and successfully complete the Special Learner Permit stage (see above).
- Have a minimum of six months supervised driving experience.
- Report to the Driver Testing Center on the scheduled date and time to take the road test. Be sure to bring a New Jersey licensed driver with at least three years driving experience who has a valid license in his/her possession; a registered vehicle\* with a current registration document, vehicle inspection sticker, and current vehicle insurance identification card (no copies); and your validated GDL driver examination permit.
- Pass a road test under actual, but low-risk road conditions wherever practical and feasible. (An off-road screening process may precede road test.)
- Operate motor vehicle according to MVC's special conditions for Provisional Driver License.

\*The vehicle cannot have a center console, unless the emergency brake is accessible to the examiner. Before starting the test, the examiner will check the brake to see if it will hold the vehicle when in motion.

If you pass the road test, take the permit, validation printout, and road test slip issued by the safety specialist to any MVC Agency to obtain your one-year GDL Provisional License photo license for the required a fee. Your provisional license must be a photo license.

If you fail the road test, you must wait at least two weeks before taking the test again. The test may be rescheduled in person at any Driver Testing Center (DTC), if the Driver Testing Center can verify the test results. After four failures, you may be required to wait one year before taking the road test again.

### Basic (Unrestricted) Photo License:

- Meet requirements of the GDL Special learner's Driver Examination Permit.
- Pass road test under actual, but low-risk road conditions wherever practical and feasible (An off-road test may precede road test).
- Have a minimum of one-year driving experience with a valid Special learner examination permit.

### Qualifications/Restrictions for Graduated Driver License Program (GDL):

- Any new driver 16 years old but younger than 17 who has enrolled in a behind-the-wheel driving course with a high school or commercial driving school and applies for a special learner (student) permit.
- Any new driver 17 years or older applying for an examination permit.
- Any driver 16 years old but less than 17 who applies for an agricultural permit.
- Any driver 17 years old who does not hold a basic automobile driver license and applies for a motorcycle-only permit.
- Any individual who had previously purchased a Non-GDL special learner (student) permit (grandfathered), and the special learner permit has expired.
- Any individual who had previously purchased a Non-GDL examination permit, and the examination permit has expired.

- Individuals under the age of 18 transferring from out of state or country with a valid license from that state or country.

### **Provisional Non-Photo Driver License – Special Conditions:**

- May not drive from 12:01 a.m. to 5 a.m. except with a written waiver from employer or religious authority. Note: hour restrictions do not apply if provisional licensee is 21 or older.
- Passengers limited to one person, plus any person sharing the same residence, unless the provisional licensee or a passenger is 21 or over.
- Supervising driver not required.
- Everyone in the vehicle must wear seat belts.
- \$100 fine for violations of any of the other conditions of provisional license.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All holders of a Provisional Driver License whose provisional licensing period is NOT extended by MVC beyond the standard 12 months MUST upgrade to a Basic Driver License after the end of those 12 months.

Note:

Motorists who are eligible for but who do NOT upgrade to a Basic Driver License at the end of those 12 months will remain subject to MVC's Provisional Driver License regulations and could be cited by law enforcement for violating Provisional Driver

License regulations:

- Practice supervised driving for at least six months.
- Observe the following restrictions during the supervised driving period:
  - No driving between 11:01 p.m. and 5 a.m.
  - An adult supervising driver must accompany you at all times.
  - Driver cannot use any wireless device while operating the vehicle.
  - Always wear seat belts.

### **Drivers 17 and older:**

For drivers age 17 or older, MVC offers a three-phase process:

1. Examination permit
2. Provisional license (minimum one year of restricted but unsupervised driving)
3. Basic driver license (must be 18 years old)

Get an examination permit:

- Visit an MVC Agency (may also be distributed by a licensed driving instructor).
- Pass the knowledge test. You can study by reading MVC's Driver Manual.
- Pass the vision test.
- Pass the Six-Point ID Verification.
- Pay fee.

- Permits are valid for two years and must be carried when operating a vehicle.
- If your permit is lost or stolen, you must request a duplicate permit.
- Practice supervised driving for at least six months.
- You must observe the following restrictions during the supervised driving phase
  - No driving between 11:01 p.m. and 5 a.m.
  - An adult supervising driver must accompany you at all times.
  - Driver is prohibited from using any wireless device while operating the vehicle.
  - Always wear seat belts.

Get a provisional license:

- Complete the supervised driving period.
- Pass MVC's road test.
- Practice unsupervised driving for at least one year.
- You must observe the following requirements and restrictions while driving with a provisional license
  - No driving between 12:01 a.m. and 5 a.m.
  - Driver is prohibited from using any wireless device while operating the vehicle.
  - Always wear seat belts.

Get a basic driver license:

- You must be at least 18 years old.
- Complete the unsupervised driving period.
- Go to any MVC Agency with your provisional license and other documents to pass the Six-Point ID Verification.
- Pay \$24 license fee.

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**New Mexico**

**Educational Requirements:**

Sources indicate 33 hours of classroom instruction and seven hours of behind-the-wheel instruction are required.

**Licensing Requirements:**

Types of Driver Licenses — Graduated License System

If you are under the age of 18, you must participate in the graduated driver license system until you meet the requirements for an unrestricted license. The three different levels of Graduated driver license (GDL) are:

- Instructional Permit — also known as a “learners permit”
- Provisional License
- Unrestricted Drivers License

**Instructional Permit:**

A permit allows you to operate a motor vehicle when supervised by another driver who is at least 21 years of age and who is licensed to drive that type of vehicle. In all vehicles except motorcycles, the licensed driver must sit in the right front seat. On motorcycles, the licensed driver must follow the learner.

To obtain an instructional permit you must be at least 15 years of age and pass the knowledge test and vision test. If you are under the age of 18, you must also have a consent form signed by your parent or guardian. The driver must retain the permit for six months.

***The requirements and restrictions for an Instructional Permit are as follows:***

- The minimum age for an instructional permit is 15 years of age.
- A person 15 years or older must be enrolled in and attending a driver education course approved by the Traffic Safety Bureau and includes DWI education and practice driving.
- The driver must have an approved instructor occupying the seat beside the driver, or the driver must be accompanied by a licensed driver 21 years of age or older who has been licensed for at least three years in this State or any other State.

**Provisional License:**

A provisional license allows you to drive without the supervision of another driver — except between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. Unless a licensed driver who is age 21 or older is in the vehicle, you may not have more than one other passenger under the age of 21 who is not a member of your immediate family in the vehicle.

***The requirements and restrictions for a Provisional license are as follows:***

- The driver must complete not less than 50 hours of practice driving, including not less than 10 hours of nighttime driving. The parent or guardian shall certify that the driver has completed the practice driving part.
- The driver must pass a written and road test in addition to a vision screening.
- The minimum age to receive a provisional license is 15 years and 6 months if the driver has held an instructional permit for 6 months.
- The driver must have not been convicted of a traffic violation in the 90 days prior to applying for a provisional license.
- The driver may not operate a motor vehicle upon public highways between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. A provisional licensee may drive at any hour if:
  - Accompanied by a licensed driver twenty-one years or older;
  - Required by family necessity as evidenced by a signed statement of a parent or guardian;
  - Required by medical necessity as evidenced by a signed statement of a parent or guardian;
  - Driving to and from work as evidenced by a signed statement from the licensee's employer;
  - Driving to and from school or a religious activity as evidenced by a signed statement of a school, religious official, or a parent or guardian; or
  - Required due to a medical emergency.

**Unrestricted Driver License:**

***The requirements and restrictions for an unrestricted driver license are as follows:***

- The driver must have held a provisional license for the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of application for a driver license.
- The driver must not have been convicted of a traffic violation 90 days prior to applying for a driver license.
- The driver must not have any traffic violations pending at the time of the application for a driver license.
- The driver must not have been adjudicated guilty or have an offense pending involving the use of alcohol or drugs during the provisional period.

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New York**

### **Educational Requirements:**

Driver education courses must consist of 24 hours of classroom instruction and 24 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. This consists of six hours of actual behind-the-wheel practice, and eighteen hours of observation in a teacher-supervised vehicle.

Classroom enrollment cannot exceed 36 students, and a classroom period cannot exceed 90 minutes. A maximum of four students may be scheduled for in-car instruction per period, and laboratory instruction shall not exceed 90 minutes.

No public school student is required to pay a fee for the course as it is offered for credit. If, however, the course is outside the regular school day, a fee may be charged by the school district.

Students must be 16 years of age on the first day of class. There are no waivers or exceptions to this rule.

### **Instructor Requirements:**

To become certified by the NYDMV to become a driver education instructor, one must have a valid driver's license with no suspensions or revocations for the past two years. They must also possess a secondary teaching certificate. To become a permanent instructor, they must complete a total of 12 credit hours over a maximum of three years.

### **Licensing Requirements:**

You must be age 16 or older to drive in the State of New York. If you have a learner permit or a driver license from another State, you are not exempt from this rule. Drivers under the age of 18 must obey the restrictions for Learner Permits and Junior Licenses. An out-of-State driver under the age of 18 must also obey all restrictions of the State that issued the driver license.

A new graduated licensing law began in New York on September 1, 2003. The law affects how drivers under the age of 18 ("junior drivers") receive senior driving privileges and changes the restrictions on junior drivers. Junior drivers are drivers who have a driver license or a learner permit of Class DJ or Class MJ.

Learner permits, limited-use junior driver licenses (Limited Class DJ or MJ), and full-use junior driver licenses (Class DJ or MJ) allow limited driving privileges for people learning to drive.

### **GENERAL RULES FOR ALL DRIVERS WITH LEARNER PERMITS**

No matter what age you are, if you hold a learner permit, you may not drive:

- Unless accompanied by a supervising driver at least age 21 who has a license valid for operating the vehicle you are driving. For example, only a person with a motorcycle license may supervise a motorcycle learner.
- In a DMV road test area.
- On any street within a park in New York City, or any bridge or tunnel under the jurisdiction of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority.
- On the Cross County, Hutchinson River, Saw Mill River, or Taconic State parkways in Westchester County.

### Special Rules for Junior Drivers

You are a junior driver if you have a junior learner permit or junior driver license. As a junior driver:

- A Class DJ license allows you to drive passenger cars and trucks with an unladen weight or a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 lbs. or less. A class DJ driver can drive a vehicle that tows another vehicle (for example a trailer) with a GVWR of 3,000 lbs. or less.
- You may not drive with more than two passengers under the age of 21 unless they are members of your immediate family, or your accompanying driver is your licensed parent, guardian, person "in loco parentis," driver education teacher, or driving school instructor.
- You and each passenger must wear a seat belt: one per person. All children under age 4 must ride in federally-approved child safety seats, or if also over 40 pounds in weight use an appropriate child restraint system such as a booster seat. Children under age 7 must use an appropriate child restraint system. Children more than four feet nine inches tall are allowed to use seat belts and shoulder harnesses.
- The only passenger allowed in the front seat is your accompanying driver.
- Your junior permit, license, or privileges will be suspended for 60 days if you are convicted of committing a serious traffic violation (generally three points or more) or two other violations while you hold a junior permit or license.
- Your junior permit, license, or privileges will be revoked for 60 days if you are convicted of a serious violation (generally three points or more) or two other violations within the first six months after you receive your license or privileges back following a suspension or revocation.

### Regional Restrictions for a Junior Permit

- New York City (5 Boroughs)
- Long Island (Nassau & Suffolk)
- Upstate (All Other Counties)
- 5 a.m. - 9 p.m.

You must drive only under the immediate supervision of your:

1. Parent
2. Guardian
3. Person "in loco parentis"
4. Driver Education Teacher
5. Driving School Instructor

The person above must be at least age 21 and have a license valid for the vehicle being driven.

Vehicle must have dual controls (dual brakes). You must drive only under the immediate supervision of:

1. Your Parent
2. Your Guardian
3. Your Person "in loco parentis"
4. Your Driver Education Teacher
5. Your Driving School Instructor
6. Anyone who has been designated in writing by your parent, guardian or person "in loco parentis"

The person above must be at least age 21 and have a license valid for the vehicle being driven.

Regional Restrictions for Limited Junior License \*

- New York City (5 Boroughs)
- Long Island (Nassau & Suffolk)
- Westchester, Rockland & Putnam Upstate (All Other Counties)\*\*
- 5 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- NO Driving Alone

You may drive under the immediate supervision of your parent, guardian, person "in loco parentis," driver education teacher, or driving school instructor (who must be at least age 21 and have a license valid for the vehicle being driven).

Vehicle must have dual controls (dual brakes). NO Driving Alone

You may drive under the immediate supervision of your parent, guardian, person "in loco parentis," driver education teacher, driving school instructor, or any person designated in writing by your parent, guardian or person "in loco parentis" who is at least age 21 and have a license valid for the vehicle being driven. You may drive alone for:

1. School course or activity
2. Employment
3. Medical appointment
4. Regularly-scheduled daycare for your child or a child of immediate family member

All other driving must be under the immediate supervision of a person who is at least age 21 and has a license valid for the vehicle being driven.

From 9 p.m. - 5 a.m., you must NOT drive alone.

You may drive under the immediate supervision of your parent, guardian, or person "in loco parentis," who is at least age 21 and has a license valid for the vehicle being driven.

Vehicle must have dual controls (dual brakes). You must NOT drive alone.

You may drive under the immediate supervision of your parent, guardian, or person "in loco parentis," who is at least age 21 and has a license valid for the vehicle being driven. You may drive alone for:

1. School course
2. Employment
3. Medical appointment

#### For Junior Drivers With Permits

When you take your road test, you must give the license examiner a completed Certification of 20 Hours of Supervised Driving (MV-262). This form is available from the DMV Internet Office, by request from a DMV Call Center, and at local motor vehicle offices. With this statement, your parent or guardian certifies that you have completed at least 20 hours of practice driving with an appropriate supervising driver (See "Regional Restrictions for a Junior Permit"). The supervised driving certification is not required if you are age 17 and present a valid Student Certificate of Completion (MV-285) for passing a certified driver education course (See "Driver Education").

If you pass your road test during your first six months of valid permit status, you will be issued a limited-use junior license (Limited Class DJ or MJ). This limited license is subject to the regional restrictions described in "Regional Restrictions for a Limited Junior License." When your learner permit and limited-use license, combined, are valid for six months, the DMV will automatically send you a full-use junior license (Class DJ or MJ) by postal mail.

If you pass your road test after six months of valid permit status, you will be issued a full-use junior license. (See "Regional Restrictions for a Junior License")

#### Driving Alone with a Junior License or Limited Junior License

If you hold a Junior License in the counties of Nassau or Suffolk, or a Limited Junior License in the upstate counties (except Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam): You may drive alone between home and your employment, including farm work, if you carry the appropriate proof of employment. Your employer should complete a Certificate of Employment (MV-58A), available from the DMV Internet Office, by request from a DMV Call Center, and at local motor vehicle offices.

In the upstate counties only, instead of an employment certificate, you may carry a letter from your employer. The letter must be dated and signed by your employer, and must show the business name, address, and telephone number where you work. It also must list your name, date of birth, license identification number, job description, and days, hours and location of employment. The address and telephone number at which the employer may be contacted must be included for verification by a magistrate or police officer.

When driving alone between your home and a qualifying school course or approved work-study program, you must carry proof of enrollment. This must be a letter, dated and signed by an appropriate school or program official, on the school or program letterhead, and show the address and telephone number of the official for verification by a magistrate or police officer. The letter also must include the date(s), hour(s) and location(s) of the school course or program activity, your name, date of birth, and license identification number.

In the upstate counties (except Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam) if you have a Limited Junior License, you may drive alone between your home and a medical appointment for yourself or a member of your immediate family or household, if you carry a written statement to that effect from a licensed

medical practitioner. You may also drive without adult supervision to transport your child, or a child of an immediate family member, to and from regularly-scheduled daycare.

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"Daycare" applies to travel to and from a child's daycare if the child's attendance is necessary for a family member to maintain employment and/or attend a school course.

"Guardian" means a person who has, on a regular and extended basis, assumed the character of your parent and is discharging parental duties as the result of the death, disability, or absence of your natural parent.

"In Loco Parentis" means a person who has, on a regular and extended basis, assumed the character of your parent and is discharging parental duties as a result of the death, disability, or absence of your natural parent.

"Medical Appointment" applies to necessary medical treatment for you or a member of your household.

"School Course" means instruction, education or training that is licensed or approved by a State agency or department, or training conducted by the U.S. Armed Forces. The term "school course" does NOT include extracurricular activities, sports, or social events for which no scholastic credits are given.

"Employment" means a place of business at which you are paid to work on a regularly scheduled basis. You may NOT drive during work or as part of your work duties, such as for deliveries.

## Driver Education

If you are age 17, you are eligible for a senior driver license (Class D or M) if you have a junior driver license or limited junior driver license and have completed a State-approved high school or college driver education course. To convert your junior license to a senior license, bring your junior license and the Student Certificate of Completion (MV-285) that you received from your instructor to any motor vehicle office. You must surrender your certificate and junior license to receive the senior license. If you do not convert your junior license to a senior license, you are subject to the restrictions for junior drivers until you are age 18, even if you carry the completion certificate with you. You may also give your certificate with your junior permit to the license examiner at your road test. You will automatically receive a senior license when you are eligible.

## PROBATION PERIOD FOR ALL OTHER NEW LICENSED DRIVERS

If you are age 18 or older when you pass your road test for a driver license, or obtain a license following revocation, you will be on probation for six months.

If you are convicted of speeding, reckless driving, following too closely, participating in a speed contest, or two other traffic violations while on probation, your license will be suspended for 60 days. If you are found guilty of committing one of the above violations, or two other moving violations during this second probation period, your license will be revoked for at least six months. When the revocation or suspension ends, you will be on probation for another six months.

## ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG VIOLATIONS FOR DRIVERS UNDER 21

If you are under age 21 when arrested, your permit, license, or driving privileges will be revoked for at least one year if you are convicted of any alcohol- or drug-related driving violation, or if there is a judge's finding that you refused to submit to a chemical test (including a test under the State's "Zero Tolerance Law". Even if you complete an approved Drinking Driver Program in fewer days, your revocation will continue until the end of the scheduled period of revocation. A second violation or judge's finding within five years requires revocation for one year or until you turn age 21, whichever is longer. These penalties apply even if you are adjudicated as a youthful offender, or if you were arrested or convicted out of State.

## VISITING OTHER STATES, AND VISITING NEW YORK STATE

You may drive outside New York State with your learner permit, junior learner permit, or junior license if it is allowed by the laws of the other State. You also must obey that State's junior permit and license restrictions that may apply. Check with the police or motor vehicle authorities in the State you are visiting.

If you hold a learner permit, junior permit, or junior driver license from outside New York State, you must obey the restrictions described in this publication, in addition to those from your home State. Make sure your permit or license is valid for driving outside your home State before driving in New York.

If you are under age 16, you may not drive in New York State even if you hold a permit or license issued outside the State.

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**North Carolina**

**Education:**

You must be 14½ years old in order to participate in the classroom portion of the program. Thirty hours of classroom instruction is required, and can be broken down into the following time frames: 2 hours for 15 days, 3 hours for 10 days or, during the summer, 6 hours for 5 days. Students must complete the classroom portion of the course and pass a DMV eye exam before being permitted to take the behind-the-wheel portion of the course.

**Instructor Requirements:**

- I. Each instructor of a commercial driver training school or branch shall:
  - A. have at least four years of experience as a licensed operator of a motor vehicle;
  - B. not have been convicted of a felony, or convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, in the 10 years immediately preceding the date of application;
  - C. not have had a revocation or suspension of his driver's license in the five years immediately preceding the date of application;
  - D. have graduated from high school or hold a high school equivalency certificate;
  - E. not have had convictions for moving violations totaling five or more points in the three years preceding the date of application;
  - F. have completed the 80-contact-hour, community-college course for driver education teachers; an equivalent course approved by the commissioner, or an Instructor Training Program conducted by an approved Commercial Driver Training School within four years prior to application;
  - G. successfully complete the written test administered by a Driver Education Specialist (Allowed only one retest);
  - H. successfully complete the Miller Road Test given by a Driver Education Specialist (Allowed only one retest);
  - I. be issued an instructor's learning permit, valid for a three-month probationary period;
  - J. submit a criminal background check from the Clerk of Court for each county of residence for the past 10 years;
  - K. be observed, evaluated, and recommended by a Driver Education Specialist within the three month probationary period; and
  - L. be exempt from the 80-contact-hour basic course, Miller Road Test, and the probationary period if the applicant is an accredited driver education teacher with a current certificate based on the requirements of the Department of Public Instruction and if he or she successfully completes the written Commercial Driver Education exam with a score of 80 or above, and if the test is administered by a Driver Education Specialist. The applicant is allowed only one retest.
  
- II. An applicant will be issued an instructor's learner's permit which will be valid for three months. To be eligible for an instructor's learner's permit, the applicant shall meet requirements in Paragraph (I)(A) through (J) of this Rule and shall:
  - A. submit an Instructor Application with a \$16.00 application fee, copy of high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate, and physical examination form;

- B. successfully conduct two hours of classroom instruction within the three-month probationary period, while being observed and evaluated by a Driver Education Specialist, if the instructor wants to be licensed as a classroom instructor;
  - C. successfully conduct two hours of behind-the-wheel instruction within the three-month probationary period, while being observed and evaluated by a Driver Education Specialist, if the instructor wants to be licensed for behind the wheel instruction;
  - D. be recommended by a Driver Education Specialist to receive an instructor's license;
  - E. be exempt from Paragraph (II)(b), (c), and (d) of this Rule if the applicant is an accredited driver education teacher with a current certificate based on the requirements of the Department of Public Instruction.
- III. An instructor at an approved commercial driver training school may apply for an Instructor Trainer license. The Instructor Trainer shall:
- A. have five consecutive years as an active licensed instructor;
  - B. submit an application for Instructor Trainer License with a fee of \$8.00;
  - C. complete two hours of classroom observation by a Driver Education Specialist while training instructors, not driver education students;
  - D. complete two hours of behind-the-wheel observation by a Driver Education Specialist while training instructors, not driver education students;
  - E. successfully complete the written test administered by a Driver Education Specialist (Allowed only one retest);
  - F. successfully complete the Miller Road Test given by a Driver Education Specialist (Allowed only one retest);
  - G. be recommended by a Driver Education Specialist; and
  - H. re-qualify each school year.

**Driver Education and Safety Licensure: Public School Teacher Licensure in Driver Education**

An add-on license to a current teaching license in the State of North Carolina (12 semester hours). Courses for licensure as a driver education teacher in the public school system are available on campus or via the East Carolina University distance education program. Prior admission to East Carolina University is required for enrollment.

Successful completion of six semester hours is needed for licensure.

Successful completion of 12 semester hours is needed for licensed teachers to obtain add-on licensure in driver education. The North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) administers a required written test and road test as part of the licensure process.

**Licensing Requirements:**

Level 1 - Limited Learner's Permit involves parents, guardians, and/or other responsible drivers in the training of young drivers.

No one except the driver and the supervising driver are allowed in the front seat.

Level Two

Must be at least 15, but younger than 18, complete driver's education, and obtain limited learner's permit.

For at least 12 months, the Level 1 driver must be supervised by parent, guardian or other approved licensed driver who has been licensed at least five years.

All people in vehicle driven by Level 1 driver must wear seat belts, and only the supervisor can ride in the front seat.

For the first six months, a Level 1 driver may only drive from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. with his or her supervisor.

For the second six months, a Level 1 driver may drive at any time with his or her supervisor.

The Level 1 driver must have no violations during the last six months to graduate to the next level.

Level 2 - Limited Provisional License protects young drivers during the nighttime hours when they are most at risk.

Drivers must be at least 16 years old, but younger than 18.

All passengers must be restrained by seat belts or child safety seats.

Supervising driver must be seated beside the driver.

You may drive without supervision from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. and at any time when driving directly to or from work or any volunteer fire, rescue, or EMS, if you are a member.

Effective December 1, 2002, a new law (NCGS 20-11(e)(4)) was passed regarding the passengers in a motor vehicle. The law applies to limited provisional licenses (Level 2) issued on or after December 1, 2002. The law allows for passengers under 21 in two scenarios:

The number of passengers allowed in a motor vehicle under the age of 21 is restricted to ONE when the driver of the vehicle is the holder of the Level 2.

If all passengers under the age of 21 are members of the driver's immediate family or member of the same household as the driver there is no under-21 limit. If the supervising driver is in the car, this restriction does not apply.

Note: Before graduating to Level Three, you must keep this license for at least six months and have no convictions of moving violations or seat belt infractions within the preceding six months.

Level 3 - Full Provisional License rewards violation-free driving.

Unsupervised driving is allowed at any time.

Level 3 driver is subject to all other conditions of provisional license.

Application -- An application for a permit or license must be signed by both the applicant and another person. That person must be the applicant's parent or guardian if the parent or guardian resides in this

State and is qualified to be a supervising driver. In all other circumstances, that person must be an adult approved by the Division.

The University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center  
[www.hsrc.unc.edu/safety\\_info/](http://www.hsrc.unc.edu/safety_info/)

What are the requirements for the State-required course in Driver Education?

- 30 hours classroom
- 6 hours behind the wheel

Who is eligible to take driver education in our school system?

- Anyone under your jurisdiction who is at least 14½ years old and enrolled in a public, charter, private, or home school

What options does the School District (LEA) have in making Driver Education available?

- A. use certified public school teachers
- B. contract with commercial driving schools
- C. contract with individuals who are either DPI driver education (096 added to the teaching license) or DMV licensed instructors

Can Driver Education continue to be taught in the public schools of North Carolina during the school day?

Yes. Under the following conditions:

1. The school day must exceed the 5.5-hour day by at least one full class period (e.g., at least 385 minutes; 7 periods x 55 minutes = 385)
2. The course in which Driver Education is taught cannot count as one of the twenty units required by the State Board of Education for graduation
3. Students must be taking a 5.5-hour instructional day in addition to the Driver Education course.

Can Driver Education be taught before and after school and during the summer?

Yes. In fact, the State Board of Education would encourage school districts to teach Driver Education in the afternoons, on Saturdays, and especially in the summer.

Is Driver Education considered a part of the public school curriculum?

No. Driver Education has been removed from the Standard Course of Study and added to that group of activities which are a “part of school,” but not a part of the 5.5-hour instructional day or the credits required by the State Board of Education for graduation from high school.

A supervising driver shall be a parent or a guardian of the permit holder or license holder or a responsible person approved by the parent or guardian or the Division. A supervising driver shall be a licensed driver who has been licensed to driver for at least five years.

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**North Dakota**

**Educational Requirements:**

Driver education is required prior to road testing for a Minor's Driver License, if the applicant is under 16 years of age. Classroom requirements include 30 hours of instruction. Behind-the-wheel instruction requires six hours of instruction.

**Driver Education Instructor's Credential:**

From the North Dakota Legislative Branch

Credentials required:

For purposes of school accreditation, a school that provides driver education must employ a teacher who holds a driver education instructor's professional credential as outlined in this chapter or who has an approved major, minor, minor equivalency, or endorsement in driver education issued by the educational standards and practices board.

**Duration of credential – Revocation:**

The North Dakota driver education instructor's professional credential is valid during the period the instructor is a certified teacher and must be renewed each time the instructor's educator's professional license is renewed.

An instructor holding a lifetime educator's professional license must renew the driver education instructor's professional credential every five years.

If a credential issued under this chapter will expire within 12 months of issuance because the educator's professional license will expire within 12 months of the issuance of the credential, the credential will be issued for a period coinciding with the period of licensure of the succeeding educator's professional license.

The driver education instructor's professional credential is invalid if the instructor's driving license is revoked or suspended for any period of time during the credentialed period.

**Credential standards:** The applicant must fulfill all of the following standards to be credentialed under this chapter:

1. Must at all times during the credential period hold a valid regular North Dakota educator's professional license issued by the education standards and practices board in accordance with North Dakota Century Code sections 15-36-01 and 15-38-18 and North Dakota Administrative Code title 67.1.
2. Must at all times during the credential period hold a valid nonsuspended and unrevoked operator's license suitable for the type of vehicle to be used.
3. Within five days of receiving oral or written notice of any pending driver's license suspension or revocation, must provide the department with written notice of any pending or actual suspension or revocation.
4. Must maintain an insurance policy at least in the amount and type required by North Dakota law, provide a copy of that policy to the department, and provide the department notice if the insurance company intends to cancel the policy.

5. Must provide the department a waiver permitting the department to obtain a copy of the driving record maintained by the state of licensure as well as submitting a copy of a driving record with the application and annually thereafter.
6. Must have a satisfactory driving record free from any conviction during the prior 36 months that would constitute the basis for suspension or revocation of the instructor's driving license, and may not have more than three moving traffic violations within the past 36 months.
7. All teachers of driver education in North Dakota must have at least a college-granted minor in driver education or have taken coursework that includes at a minimum:
  - a. Six semester or eight quarter hours consisting of at least one course each in:
    - (1) Classroom driver and traffic education; and
    - (2) In-car instruction.
  - b. Ten semester or 16 quarter hours, including:
    - (1) No more than three semester hours or four quarter hours of health, including a maximum of one semester hour or two quarter hours of first aid and two semester hours or three quarter hours of drug education, will be counted;
    - (2) No more than three semester hours or four quarter hours of safety education which may include motorcycle education, traffic law, multicar driving ranges, accident prevention, driver training for the handicapped, defensive driving, and field experiences in safety education will be counted;
    - (3) No more than two semester hours or three quarter hours of equipment training, which may include driving simulator use and audiovisual education, will be counted;
    - (4) No more than three semester hours or four quarter hours of classroom management will be counted;
    - (5) No more than three semester hours or four quarter hours of psychology, of which adolescent psychology is preferred, will be counted;
    - (6) No more than two semester hours or three quarter hours of auto mechanics will be counted; and
    - (7) No more than two semester hours or three quarter hours of credits received at State or national conferences held by a recognized State or national driver education association will be counted.

### **Permits:**

#### **Driver Licensing:**

- Instruction Permits allow applicants to legally practice driving. They are valid for up to one year. Any time a student operates a vehicle with an Instruction permit, someone who is at least 18-years-old with a valid license for the class of vehicle being driven, and has had three years of driving experience, must be seated in the seat beside the driver.
- To apply, you must be 14 years old, pass a written exam and vision exam. A parent or legal guardian must also sponsor you.
- A student enrolled in a high school driver education program may operate the driver education vehicle without an operator's license or permit while under the supervision of a certified operator training instructor, if the district has proper insurance to do this. To be eligible for behind the wheel training, the applicant must be 14 years old.

All applicants less than 18 years of age must operate on the initial instruction permit for at least six months prior to completing the road test for an operators license (Minor Driver License). Instruction permits are good for one year.

A permit or license can be canceled if a minor under 18 years of age accumulates six or more points on their driving record, or if they commit an alcohol related offense while operating a motor vehicle. This includes a minor in possession or minor in consumption of alcoholic beverages.

### **Minors Driver License:**

North Dakota has a minors licensing law for persons under the age of 18 because new drivers are involved in a significant number of crashes.

1. Any person who is at least 14 years old may apply for an Instruction permit.
2. The Instruction permit is valid for a period of one year.
3. The permittee must be accompanied by a licensed driver at least 18 years of age who has had at least three years of driving experience. An individual other than the supervising driver and the permit holder may not be in the front seat unless the vehicle has only a front seat, in which case, the supervising driver must be seated next to the permit holder.
4. The Instruction permit must be held for six months prior to completing the road test for an operator's license. If under the age of 16, driver's education must also be completed prior to road testing.
5. Upon successful completion of the road test, a restricted license will be issued. Anyone under the age of 16 is restricted to the parent or legal guardian's vehicles; or to vehicles equipped with dual controls. Anyone under the age of 16 cannot carry more passengers than the vehicle manufacturer's suggested passenger capacity.
6. The director shall cancel the permit or license of a minor under 18 years of age who accumulates six or more points on their driving record or commits an alcohol- related offense while operating a motor vehicle. This includes minor in possession or minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage.
7. A minor, under 18, whose permit or license has been cancelled in this manner will be considered as never having had a permit or license before. An Instruction permit will be issued after successful completion of the written and vision tests. A road test will be administered after successful completion of driver's education and the required six months' holding period of the permit. In the event of a cancellation, driver's education requirements may be met by completing 30 hours of classroom and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training through the Department of Public Instruction or 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training through a commercial driver training school approved by the North Dakota Highway Patrol or by completing an approved Internet driver education course and 30 hours of driving supervised by a parent or legal guardian.

### **Restrictions:**

Depending upon your particular capabilities as an operator, your license may be restricted.

For example:

- Must wear corrective lenses.
- Must have adaptive equipment on your vehicle.
- Limits your driving to specific hours of the day.

- Limits your driving to specific purposes, for example, driving to and from work.

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**8/23/2006**  
**Ohio**

**Educational Requirements:**

The Director of Public Safety will be in charge of the administration, enforcement and inspection of driver education programs in Ohio. Twenty-four hours of classroom instruction is required, while eight hours of actual behind-the-wheel instruction taking place on streets and highways is also required for all beginning drivers of noncommercial motor vehicles under the age of 18.

**Licensing Requirements:**

Instructions for Temporary Permit Applicants under the age of 18

- A. Temporary permit packets are issued to applicants who are at least 15 years and 6 months. Remember to bring documentary proof of your age, identity and social security number (see “Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws” booklet page 2, for acceptable document list)
- B. A parent or legal guardian must co-sign the temporary permit application. The parent or guardian must also present two verification documents of identification (see “Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws” booklet page 2, for acceptable document list).
- C. Temporary permit holders must take the driver knowledge test and vision screening at the driver license examination station.

Temporary Permit Use Rules for applicants under the age of 18

- A. After successful completion of the driver knowledge test, and vision screening the temporary permit holder is eligible to drive.
- B. Driver must carry the red and white temporary permit, blue and white application, and photo ID card when driving.
- C. The temporary permit holder must have an Ohio licensed driver occupy the front passenger seat while operating the vehicle.
- D. The Ohio license driver must be the permit holder’s parent, legal guardian, or a certified driving instructor. Once the permit holder is 16 years of age he or she may drive with a valid licensed driver 21 years of age or older.
- E. The temporary permit holder must complete 24 hours of classroom instruction and 8 hours of driving with a certified instructor.
- F. Obtain 50 hours of driving experience with at least 10 hours at night, certified by the parent. These hours are in addition to the driver education requirement.
- G. The temporary permit must be held for no less than six months before completing the skills test and obtaining the Ohio driver license.

Temporary Permit/Driver License Restrictions for drivers under the age of 18

- A. Temporary Permit holders, no driving if under age 17 between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless with parent, guardian, or custodian who holds a valid driver license.
- B. Driver License, no driving if under age 17 between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless with parent or guardian with exceptions for work, school, or emergency.

C. Seat belts must be available to all passengers, and everyone must be buckled up. This applies to all Temporary Permit holders and those Licensed Drivers under age 18.

## TEMPORARY PERMITS AND PROBATIONARY LICENSE SUSPENSION RULES

Temporary permit holders and probationary license holders will be suspended for one year for accruing three moving violations before age 18.

Temporary permit holders and probationary license holders may be suspended for six months if convicted of certain traffic-related violations before age 18.

Temporary permit holders and probationary license holders who are convicted of certain alcohol-related violations (4511.11 D.U.I.) before age 18 will be suspended for six months. If the offender is not yet 15½, the offender will not be eligible for a temporary permit until the age of 16.

## OHIO INSURANCE FACTS: GRADUATED LICENSING

- Stage 1: Learner's permit. Components of this stage include requiring teen drivers to pass vision and knowledge tests; driving with a licensed adult age 21 or older and requiring that all occupants wear seat belts. Other requirements include a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level set at zero or near-zero tolerance, that the young driver remain traffic-offense and alcohol-offense free in order to move up to next stage and that the permit's appearance is distinctive from other driver licenses.
- Stage 2: Intermediate or provisional license. Drivers complete Stage 1 and pass a road test. It requires that all occupants be required to wear seat belts, that State laws address a BAC level at zero or near-zero tolerance, that a licensed adult be required to accompany the teen driver during late night hours, and that the driver remain traffic-offense and alcohol offense free for 12 months in order to obtain a full license.
- Stage 3: Full license. A minimum age requirement of 18 years old.
- In the States that have elements of graduated licensing, the safety benefits are evident.

In Ohio, an underage person who has a BAC level of .02 or more faces penalties under a charge called Operating a Motor Vehicle After Underage Alcohol Consumption or OMVUAC. The law passed in 1994 is geared toward 16- to 20-year-olds.

### Ohio's graduated licensing law

#### Those age 15½:

- A temporary permit can be obtained at age 15½. The permit is valid for one year.
- Temporary permit holders under age 16 must carry their temporary permit and an identification card with them while operating a vehicle.
- The permit holder must be accompanied by an "eligible adult," which is defined as a parent, guardian, legal custodian, licensed driving instructor, or a licensed driver age 21 or older acting

in loco parentis. The eligible adult must hold a valid drivers license and occupy the front passenger seat.

- All vehicle occupants under the age of 16 must wear seat belts when being driven by a temporary permit holder. The number of vehicle occupants is limited to the total number of originally installed seat belts.

#### **Those age 16 and older:**

- Temporary permit holders age 16 and older must carry their temporary permit and an identification card with them while operating a vehicle. The permit is valid for one year.

#### **Drivers training certification:**

- Holders of temporary permits will be required after the effective date of January 1, 1999, to verify completion of 50 hours of driving with a parent or guardian, including 10 hours of nighttime driving. This is in addition to the driver education requirement that both public and private driver education courses consist of 24 hours of classroom instruction and 8 hours behind the wheel. This must be completed by all temporary permit holders under age 18 prior to obtaining their probationary license. A probationary driver's license is defined as a license issued to anyone under age 18.

#### **Temporary permit drivers:**

- In order to be eligible for a probationary license, a temporary permit holder must complete the driver training certification requirement noted above and have held a temporary permit for at least six months. This means that a person must be at least 16 (and under the age of 18) before being eligible for the next licensure step, a probationary drivers license.
- The temporary permit holder must also complete the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles' driving and maneuverability test prior to issuance of a probationary license.

#### **Probationary drivers license eligibility:**

- Proof of successful completion of temporary permit requirements noted above.
- At least 16 years of age.
- Probationary license is valid until age 18.
- The temporary permit holder must be accompanied by a licensed driver age 21 or older while driving. The adult passenger must occupy the front passenger seat.
- The number of vehicle occupants is limited to the total number of originally installed seat belts.

#### **Curfew limitations for young drivers with temporary permits under the age of 17:**

- Holders of temporary permits issued on or after the effective date of July 1 and under age 17 are prohibited from operating a motor vehicle between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by an "eligible adult," as defined under bullet #3 above. This is a secondary enforcement violation meaning that if a person is stopped on another alleged traffic violation, this can also be enforced.

### **Drivers training certification:**

- Those beginning classes before January 1, 1999, will be subject to the current course requirement which is 16 hours of classroom instruction and 8 hours behind the wheel, or a high school driver education class of 36 hours and 6 hours behind the wheel.

### **Curfew restrictions:**

Probationary driver's license holders under age 17 are prohibited from operating a motor vehicle between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, with the following exceptions:

- If the probationary drivers license holder is driving to or from work, to or from a school activity or in an emergency situation. This is also subject to secondary enforcement.

### **Penalties for traffic violations and other offenses:**

- During either the temporary or probationary licensing stages, there is a 90-day license suspension for accruing two moving violations before age 18, and a one-year suspension for three moving violations.
- Temporary permit and probationary license holders who are convicted of certain traffic-related violations before age 18 can also lose their license for six months.
- A temporary permit can be canceled or revoked for six months if the permit holder is convicted of any alcohol-related offense, including alcohol consumption or purchase. If the offender is not yet 15½, the offender will not be eligible for a temporary permit until the age of 16.

### **Full licensure eligibility:**

- Successful completion of the probationary licensing requirements.
- Licensee meets the minimum age requirement which is 18.

### **Steps in Graduated Driver Licensing**

1. Instructions for Temporary Permit Applicants under the age of 18
  - A. Temporary permit packets are issued to applicants who are at least 15 years and 6 months. Remember to bring documentary proof of your age, identity and social security number (see "Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws" booklet page 2, for acceptable document list).
  - B. A parent or legal guardian must co-sign the temporary permit application. The parent or guardian must also present two verification documents of identification (see "Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws" booklet page 2, for acceptable document list). The acceptable identification documents information is also available on the Web site [http://bmv.ohio.gov/driver\\_license/gdl.htm](http://bmv.ohio.gov/driver_license/gdl.htm).
  - C. Temporary permit holders must take the driver knowledge test and vision screening at the driver license examination station.

2. Temporary Permit Use Rules for applicants under the age of 18
  - A. After successful completion of the driver knowledge test, and vision screening the temporary permit holder is eligible to drive.
  - B. Driver must carry the red and white temporary permit, blue and white application, and photo ID card when driving. If applicant's temporary permit consists of an 8½ x 11 document containing front and back data, this form must be carried with the photo ID card when driving.
  - C. The temporary permit holder is at least 15 years and 6 months of age, but younger than 16 years of age, the holder must be accompanied by licensed parent, guardian or certified driving instructor who actually occupies the seat beside the driver.
  - D. The Ohio license driver must be the permit holder's parent, legal guardian, or a certified driving instructor. Once the permit holder is 16 years of age he or she may drive with a valid licensed driver 21 years of age or older.
  - E. The temporary permit holder must complete 24 hours of classroom instruction and 8 hours of driving with a certified instructor.
  - F. Obtain 50 hours of driving experience with at least 10 hours at night, certified by the parent. These hours are in addition to the driver education requirement.
  - G. The temporary permit must be held for no less than 6 months before completing the skills test and obtaining the Ohio driver license.
  
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  - C. Seat belts must be available to all passengers, and everyone must be buckled up. This applies to all Temporary Permit holders and those Licensed Drivers under age 18.

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### **Driver Training School Curriculum: Broken down into time increments**

Course Overview 30 minutes  
 Unit 1: The System and You 40 minutes  
 Unit 2: Vehicle Familiarization 60 minutes  
 Unit 3: Basic Control Tasks 90 minutes  
 Unit 4: Traffic Control Devices and Laws 110 minutes  
 Unit 5: Perception and Driving Strategies for Different Environments 330 minutes  
 Test: Units 1-5 30 minutes  
 Unit 6: Natural Laws Affecting Vehicle and Operator Performance 60 minutes  
 Unit 7: Handling Vehicle/Driver Emergencies 90 minutes  
 Unit 8: Operating in Adverse Conditions 90 minutes  
 Unit 9: Driver Fitness (Organ Donation 30 minutes mandatory) 300 minutes  
 Unit 10: Responsibilities of Owning and Maintaining a Car 180 minutes  
 Test: Units 6-10 30 minutes

TOTAL (24 hours) 1,440 minutes

Units 1–10 provide content-specific classroom information to be taught in the 24-hour block of classroom instruction. Each unit begins with general “Objectives” that the student should attain. Then, both student-directed and teacher-directed “Learning Activities” are stated. These activities are general in nature and allow the teacher flexibility in adding or deleting certain things based on their experience and materials availability. In the “Learning Activities” section, specific video resources have been identified. Also, in the “Resources” section of each unit, additional videos have been identified that will aid in meeting the unit objectives. It is recommended that each teacher use any video listed in the “Learning Activities” section of each unit. If this is not possible, then choose and use a video resource that will meet the objectives of the unit.

The “Content Outline” provides specific information that should be covered in each unit of classroom instruction. Each “BOLD” heading represents important topics that should be explained, either verbally, visually or otherwise, with specific support information following the heading. If there is a transparency master accompanying the heading, it is identified next to the heading (e.g. T 1.1, T 1.2, etc.). “Transparency Masters” can be found at the end of each unit. These may be made into transparencies to support the classroom instruction, or copied as handouts to be given to each student.

## **LABORATORY INSTRUCTION**

### Printed Resources

1. Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws; Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS)
2. Ohio Administrative Rules for Commercial Driving School, Ohio Department of Public Safety

These resources and others will enable the instructor to provide a positive and effective learning environment when teaching the behind-the-wheel phase of instruction.

The beginning driver must receive a minimum of eight hours, 480 minutes of planned behind-the-wheel instruction from a certified/licensed instructor. These lessons should be scheduled to allow supervised practice with a licensed driver between each lesson. There are ten planned lessons for the beginning driver in a variety of driving environments. With a practice to instruction ratio of two or three to one, the beginning driver should be able to satisfactorily accomplish all of the planned lesson objectives. Realizing that certain geographical areas in the State will not allow instruction in all of the identified environments, the instructor needs to simulate as many of these environments with similar situations.

### **Lesson #1 Objectives**

- A. Pre-ignition procedures
- B. Ignition procedures
- C. Vehicle familiarization
- D. Ready to drive position
- E. Preparing to move
- F. Moving forward
- G. Moving backward
- H. Stopping, securing, shutting down
- I. Lane change
- J. Maneuverability test
- K. Left turn
- L. Right turn

- M. U-turn
- N. Three-point turnabout
- O. Two-point turnabout

Length of Time - 60 minutes of instruction per student or until satisfactory performance is achieved.

### **Lesson #2 Objectives**

- A. Entering and leaving flow of traffic (pulling away from curb and pulling to the curb)
- B. Negotiating intersections
- C. Identifying traffic controls (primarily signs and markings)
- D. Using selective searching techniques
- E. Negotiating turnabouts
- F. Interacting with other users

Length of Time - 45 minutes of instruction per student or until satisfactory performance of the planned objectives is achieved.

### **Lesson #3 Objectives**

- A. Entering and exiting an angle parking space
- B. Entering and exiting a perpendicular parking space

Length of Time - 30 minutes of instruction per student or until satisfactory performance of the planned objectives is achieved.

### **Lesson #4 Objectives**

- A. Vehicle control at higher speeds
- B. Increased sighting distance
- C. Orderly search pattern
- D. Identifying traffic controls
- E. Identifying highway conditions
- F. Planning ahead
- G. Lane selection and position within the lane
- H. Negotiating multiple lane intersections
- I. Selecting a safe gap for crossing or entering traffic
- J. Communicating
- K. Moving lane changes
- L. Negotiating and parking in shopping centers and malls

Length of Time - 45 minutes of instruction per student or until satisfactory performance of the planned objectives is achieved.

### **Lesson #5 Objectives**

- A. Search, Identification and Prediction
- B. Maintaining adequate space margins

- C. Interacting with a larger number of highway users
- D. Negotiating a variety of intersections

Length of Time - 40 minutes of instruction per student or until satisfactory performance of the planned objectives is achieved.

### **Lesson #6 Objectives**

- A. Maintaining a constant speed when conditions permit
- B. Entering and exiting expressways
- C. Cooperating with other drivers who are entering or exiting
- D. Demonstrate satisfactory search to reduce the risk of real/potential hazards
- E. Demonstrate satisfactory communication 3
- F. Driver Training School Curriculum continued
- G. Measuring distances with time
- H. Passing
- I. Using the motor vehicle's cruise control safely and efficiently

Length of Time - 40 minutes of instruction per student or until satisfactory performance of the planned objectives is achieved.

### **Lesson #7 Objectives**

- A. Entering and exiting a parallel parking space
- B. Parking on an uphill and downhill grade
- C. The driver will demonstrate and practice the maneuverability test as identified in the Digest of Ohio

### **Motor Vehicle Laws.**

Length of Time - 70 minutes of instruction per student or until satisfactory performance of the planned objectives is achieved. Of the total time, 30 minutes should be devoted to performing and practicing the maneuverability test.

### **Lesson #8 Objectives**

- A. Identifying and responding to negative roadway conditions
- B. Identifying clues for side roads, driveways and other problem areas

Length of Time - 40 minutes of instruction per student or until satisfactory performance of the planned objectives is achieved.

### **Lesson #9 Objectives**

- A. Maintaining adequate space margins
- B. Timing driving actions
- C. Selecting paths of travel
- D. Communicating

- E. Selective searching in relation to selected maneuvers
- G. Negotiating complex intersections
- H. Interacting with pedestrians

Length of Time - 40 minutes of instruction per student or until satisfactory performance of the planned objectives is achieved.

### **Lesson #10 Objectives**

- A. Preparing to drive at night
- B. Using selected visual skills to increase identification
- C. Using selected visual skills to improve vehicle control
- D. Using selected visual skills to reduce glare
- E. Speed control and tracking

Length of Time - 30 minutes of instruction per student or until satisfactory performance of the planned objectives is achieved.

- A. Measuring distances with time
- B. Passing
- C. Using the motor vehicle's cruise control safely and efficiently

Length of Time - 40 minutes of instruction per student or until satisfactory performance of the planned objectives is achieved.

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**8/23/2006  
Oklahoma**

**Education:**

The school board of any school district maintaining a secondary school, which includes any of the grades 9 through 12, may establish and maintain automobile driver education for students that attend secondary public schools in that district. Only students who are enrolled and passing in all of the core curriculum courses appropriate for their grade levels shall be allowed to enroll in driver education courses during the regular school day.

Instruction from either a school district, commercial school or home school instruction must include 30 hours of classroom instruction, and a total of 55 hours of actual behind-the-wheel instruction, (this includes parent/mentor/guardian practice hours).

Reimbursement to school districts is noted at a rate of \$95.00 per student when instruction is given before or after the regular school day. A rate of \$82.50 per student is noted when instruction is provided during the regular school day, during the summer or on Sunday.

**Licensing Information:**

The following table shows Graduated Driver License requirements.

**GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE LAW FOR  
DRIVERS BETWEEN THE AGES 15½ AND 17 YEARS**

The following chart shows the requirements for teenagers who **COMPLETE** a driver education course.

TESTS TAKEN BY APPLICANT					
AGE	VISION	WRITTEN	DRIVING	RESTRICTIONS	RESTRICTION GUIDELINES
15½	X	X		9	Accompanied by 21-year-old licensed driver in front seat at all times.
16 Learner Permit	X	X		9	Accompanied by 21-year-old licensed driver in front seat at all times.
16	X	X	X		Full Driving Privileges
16½ Learner Permit	X	X		9	Accompanied by 21-year-old licensed driver in front seat at all times.
16½	X	X	X		Full Driving Privileges

The following chart shows the requirements for teenagers who **DO NOT** complete a driver education course.

TESTS TAKEN BY APPLICANT					
AGE	VISION	WRITTEN	DRIVING	RESTRICTIONS	RESTRICTION GUIDELINES
15½	X	X		9	Accompanied by 21-year-old licensed driver in front seat at all times.
				G	Daylight driving only, except to/from work, school, and church-related activities or anytime with parent or guardian in front seat of vehicle; no more than one passenger, unless from same household or unless parent or

					guardian is in front seat of vehicle.
16 Learner Permit	X	X		9  G	Accompanied by 21-year-old licensed driver in front seat at all times.  Daylight driving only, except to/from work, school, and church-related activities or anytime with parent or guardian in front seat of vehicle; no more than one passenger, unless from same household or unless parent or guardian is in front seat of vehicle.
16	X	X	X	G	Daylight driving only, except to/from work, school, and church-related activities or anytime with parent or guardian in front seat of vehicle; no more than one passenger, unless from same household or unless parent or guardian is in front seat of vehicle.
16½ Learner Permit	X	X		9  G	Accompanied by 21-year-old licensed driver in front seat at all times.  Daylight driving only, except to/from work, school, and church-related activities or anytime with parent or guardian in front seat of vehicle; no more than one passenger, unless from same household or unless parent or guardian is in front seat of vehicle.
16½	X	X	X	G	Daylight driving only, except to/from work, school, and church-related activities or anytime with parent or guardian in front seat of vehicle; no more than one passenger, unless from same household or unless parent or guardian is in front seat of vehicle.

According to the Oklahoma Department of Education:

## CHAPTER I

### Section 426. Driver's Education - Purpose.

The aims and purposes of driver's education shall be to develop a knowledge of those provisions of the laws of this state relating to the operation of motor vehicles, a proper acceptance of personal responsibility in traffic, a true appreciation of the causes, seriousness, and consequences of traffic accidents, and to develop the knowledge, attitudes, habits, and skills necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles. (70-19-113)

### Section 427. Automobile Driver Education for Pupils.

The school board of any school district maintaining a secondary school, which includes any of the grades nine through twelve, inclusive, may, establish and maintain automobile driver education for pupils enrolled in the day secondary public schools in that district. (70-19-114)

### Section 428. Programs for Driver Education.

The establishment, conduct and scope of the driver education program for secondary schools shall be the program established by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the State Board of Education, subject to the requirements and exceptions set forth in this act. Said program shall be established and maintained only in accordance with such regulations. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall prepare an administrative budget from funds made available under this article, which budget shall be approved by the State Board of Education. It shall be the responsibility of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer this program in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education and to appoint supervisors of safety education and the necessary clerical personnel. (70-19-115)

#### Section 429. Eligibility of Students.

Each school district providing driver education shall prescribe regulations determining who can best benefit by and who shall receive instruction under this program. (70-19-116)

Note: See Section 842 for Driver Education Qualifications

#### Section 430. Report by School Districts.

Each school district shall report annually to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction the cost of instructing pupils during the preceding year in driver education, the number of pupils actually enrolled and trained in such course during the preceding year, and such other information as may be required for the computation of the cost incurred therein. (70-19-117)

#### Section 431. Cost of Program.

A determination of the cost of a driver education program in a secondary school shall include the cost of the replacement of the automobile or machinery used in the instruction of pupils, the cost of the instructor's salary, the upkeep and maintenance of said automobiles, and the cost of such other equipment and classroom data as may be required in a driver education program operated in compliance with the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education. (70-19-118)

#### Section 432. Compliance with Rules and Regulations.

No allowance shall be made under this act for the instruction of pupils in driver education unless the school district has complied with the rules and regulations set forth by the State Board of Education governing the establishment, conduct, and scope of driver education. (70-19-120)

#### Section 433. Authority of State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the aims and purposes established in Section 38 of this act. The State Board of Education is authorized to acquire in compliance with the law for cash, lease, or by lease-purchase agreement all the necessary equipment, visual and training aids and devices, and related materials required. (70-19-121)

#### Section 433.1. Drivers Education Funding.

Funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for the Driver Education program shall be allocated to each school district which provided a driver education program during the preceding fiscal year in accordance with the rules established by the State Board of Education. Allocations to each school district shall equal the actual cost of the program but shall not exceed Sixty-five Dollars (\$65.00) per pupil. (70-19-122)

#### Oklahoma Works Cited

Oklahoma Department of Education; OK Traffic Safety Rules

[www.sde.state.ok.us/home/defaultie.html](http://www.sde.state.ok.us/home/defaultie.html)

**8/23/2006**  
**Oregon**

**Educational Requirements:**

30 hours classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction are noted with six hours of observation.

**Licensing Requirements:**

Age 15 is the minimum age that one can enter into the driver licensing process. They must apply and hold a learners permit for a minimum of six months.

One must complete 100 hours of parent/guardian practice driving. They must complete 50 hours of this if they take an approved driver education course.

The minimum age of applying for an intermediate license is 16 years old. Driving is not permitted between 12am through 5am. During the first six months of driving, there are not to be passengers under 20 years old. During the second six months, there can be no more than three passengers under 20.

[www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/TEEN/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/TEEN/index.shtml)

**How to Get an Instruction Permit**

DMV issues instruction permits (provisional Class C) to drivers between the ages of 15 and 18 who need driving experience in order to obtain a driver license.

A provisional instruction permit authorizes the operation of any vehicle for which a Commercial Driver License (CDL) is not required (except a motorcycle) when accompanied by a person who:

- Is at least 21 years of age;
- Has a valid driver license (Non-Commercial Class C or higher); and
- Is sitting in the front seat next to the permit holder.

**Expiration/Renewal**

- Provisional instruction permits are valid for 24 months from the date of issuance and are not renewable. If your permit has expired and is expired for less than one year you may re-apply for an original instruction permit and pay the original fees. If your permit has been expired for more than one year you will be required to successfully complete the knowledge and vision test and pay all applicable fees.

**To Qualify/Apply:** To qualify/apply for a provisional instruction permit, you must:

- Be a resident of or domiciled in Oregon and provide proof;
- Be 15, 16, or 17 years of age;

- Surrender any valid permit issued by another jurisdiction (such as another state) or an Oregon Identification Card;
- Complete a Driver License/Identification Card Application. The application must be signed by parent or legal guardian (unless married or an emancipated minor).
- Provide proof of identity and residence address (acceptable documents for proof must be presented each time you apply);
- Provide your Social Security Number (SSN);
- Pass the Class C driver license knowledge test at a regular or full service DMV Office (you may practice with an online practice test). All the information necessary to pass the knowledge test is included in the Oregon Driver Manual (English, Spanish, or Korean);
- Pass a vision screening test as defined in OAR 735-062-0050;
- Provide proof of school enrollment, completion, or exemption;
- Pay appropriate testing and issuance fees (see note on payment of test fees); and
- Not have suspended or revoked driving privileges in Oregon or any other State.

### **Applying for Provisional Drivers License**

#### Requirements:

- Before a novice driver can apply for a Provisional Drivers License, he or she must have had an instruction permit from Oregon, another State or the District of Columbia, for at least six months. The instruction permit must have been valid for at least six months in the issuing State or District of Columbia.
- Fifty hours of supervised driving practice.
- Completion of an approved traffic safety education course,  
- OR -
- Completion of an additional 50 hours of supervised driving practice.\*

#### Restrictions:

- The supervising driver must be someone who is at least 21 years old and has had a valid driver license for at least three years.
- For the first six months, you can't drive with a passenger under the age of 20 who isn't a member of your immediate family.
- For the second six months, you can't drive with more than three passengers under the age of 20 who are not members of your immediate family.
- For the first year after you get your license, you cannot drive between midnight and 5 a.m. unless you are:
  - a. driving between home and work;
  - b. driving between home and a school event (for which there is no other transportation available);
  - c. driving for employment purposes; or
  - d. accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 25 years old.

## DE Instructor Qualifications

All driver educators must complete the Foundations of Traffic Safety Education course and the Fundamentals of Behind-the-Wheel Instruction course and/or the Fundamentals of Classroom course.

The three courses have been made available through Western Oregon University (WOU) at no tuition expense to participants except for book fees and their time. In some cases a few trainer of trainers are offering courses outside of the WOU program that also may qualify as meeting the mandatory training.

<http://highway.odot.state.or.us/cf/sdese/index.cfm?fuseaction=providerforms>

Traffic safety education course; curriculum; rules.

- (1) The Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Transportation Safety Committee, shall establish a curriculum for a traffic safety education course under ORS 336.800. The curriculum shall establish standards for a course of instruction to be devoted to the study and practice of rules of the road, the safe and proper operation of motor vehicles, accident prevention and other matters that promote safe and lawful driving habits and reduce the need for intensive highway policing. The course shall include classroom instruction and on-street driving or simulated driving in a driving simulator. No pupil may participate in on-street driving instruction unless the pupil is enrolled in or has completed a course in classroom instruction.
- (2) The department shall adopt by rule a procedure to certify that a traffic safety education course meets curriculum standards established under subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) The department shall adopt rules establishing qualifications for a person to teach a traffic safety education course.
- (4) The department shall adopt rules necessary to administer ORS 336.805 and 336.810. [1999 c.328 §4] OAR-737-015-0070 (Excerpts)

Qualifications of an Educational Facility Traffic Safety Education Instructor: all educational facility traffic safety education course instructors shall:

- (a) Meet all requirements of their employers;
- (b) A person assigned to teach classroom instruction, behind-the-wheel driving instruction, or behind-the-wheel driving observation for the traffic safety education course shall certify and provide verification yearly to their employer that they hold a valid Oregon driver license or a license issued by a State adjacent to Oregon, if the person is a legal resident of that State and is employed by an educational facility;
- (c) A person assigned to teach only traffic safety education practice driving (behind-the-wheel instruction) in an educational facility shall complete a Division approved course of study for practice driving instructor (behind the wheel) preparation, including an in-car practicum with beginning drivers;
- (d) A person assigned to teach traffic safety education classroom instruction in an educational facility shall complete a Division approved course of study for classroom instruction;
- (e) Obtain re-certification every two years that includes:
  - (A) Attending a State or national traffic safety education course workshop once per recertification period of 24 months;
  - (B) Teaching a minimum of 30 hours of classroom or behind-the-wheel practice driving or simulator during the re-certification period;

- (C) Retaining current first aid/CPR/Blood Born Pathogens Certification;
- (D) Obtain a physical examination and statement from a licensed physician completed within the six-month period preceding the application, that the applicant is free of any ailment, disease or physical defect(s) that might impair the applicant's ability to drive safely or instruct novice drivers;
- (f) A waiver for behind-the-wheel instruction of the Division approved driver instructor preparation course may be granted by the Division Manager or his or her designee for one year. An additional one-year waiver is available upon review of written request. The waiver would be based on the applicant's showing of completion of traffic safety education that has included defensive driver training such as police training or school bus driver training;
- (g) An applicant shall be refused approval to teach traffic safety education or a current approval shall be suspended or revoked if the applicant or teacher has his or her driver license or privilege suspended or revoked or canceled for any reason or is involved in the DMV Driver Improvement Program;
- (h) Approval to teach traffic safety education shall be granted when the traffic safety education teacher's driver license or privilege in Oregon is reinstated in full or one year has passed since the last Driver Improvement Program entry on the driving record;
- (i) Opportunities for reinstatement and appeal shall be available according to provisions equivalent to those specified in ORS 342.175(4) and 342.180; and
- (j) Educational facilities, who hire a traffic safety education practice driving instructor, are required to comply with OAR 581-022-1730, Fingerprinting of Subject Individuals in Positions Not Requiring Licensure as Teachers, Administrators, Personnel Specialists, School Nurses for such instructors.

Qualifications of a Driving School Traffic Safety Education Instructor a driving school owner, operator or instructor may provide a traffic safety education course to students for purposes of obtaining a provisional license under ORS 807.065 if:

- (a) The driving school owner, operator or instructor remains in compliance if they meet the requirements of their employer and certify and provide verification yearly that they meet the requirements of OAR 735-160-0000 through 735-160-0130; and
- (b) A person assigned to teach only traffic safety education practice driving (behind- the-wheel instruction) in an educational facility shall complete a Division approved course of study for practice driving instructor (behind the wheel) preparation, including an in-car practicum with beginning drivers;
- (c) A person assigned to teach traffic safety education classroom instruction in an educational facility shall complete a Division approved course of study for classroom instruction;
- (d) Obtain re-certification every two years that includes:
  - (A) Driver license check for validity and citations;
  - (B) Criminal background check meeting the requirements of OAR 735-160-0085;
  - (C) Attend a State or national traffic safety education course workshop once per recertification period of 24 months;
  - (D) Teach a minimum of 30 hours of classroom or behind-the-wheel practice driving or simulator during the re-certification period;
  - (E) Retain current first aid/CPR/Blood Born Pathogens Certification; and
  - (F) Obtain a physical examination and statement from a licensed physician completed within the six-month period preceding the application, that the applicant is free of any ailment, disease or physical defect(s) that might impair the applicant's ability to drive safely or instruct novice drivers;

- (e) Is a minimum of 21 years of age; and
- (f) If the driving school traffic safety education curriculum has been approved by the Stat. Auth.

## **Curriculum**

Mod 1 Uniting Driver & Vehicle  
Mod 2 Knowing Where You Are  
Mod 3 You Are In Control  
Mod 4 Searching For LOS-POT's  
Mod 5 You Control The Intersection  
Mod 6-D The Deadly D's  
Mod 6 Space Management  
Mod 7 Interacting With Others  
Mod 8 Practicing Your Skills  
Mod 9 Managing Driver Vehicle and Env Risks  
Module 10 Putting It All Together

### Oregon Works Cited

[www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/TEEN/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/TEEN/index.shtml)

[www.otsea.org/curriculum/](http://www.otsea.org/curriculum/)

ODOT, Transportation Safety Division: [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/)

Driver Education Program: [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/drivers\\_ed.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/drivers_ed.shtml)

Oregon Revised Statutes and Legislation: [www.leg.state.or.us/ors/](http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/)

Oregon Administrative Rules: <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/banners/rules.htm>

Legislation Information: [www.leg.state.or.us/bills\\_laws/home.htm](http://www.leg.state.or.us/bills_laws/home.htm)

DE Program Curriculum Information: [www.otsea.org](http://www.otsea.org)

**8/23/2006**  
**Pennsylvania**

**Educational Requirements:**

Driver education programs in Pennsylvania can either provide 30 hours of classroom theory, six hours of behind-the-wheel training or both. The Pennsylvania Department of Education oversees the approval of the programs offered.

Four courses are required totaling 10 credits to teach driver education.

**Licensing Requirements:**

Learners Permit:

- 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. driving restriction
- Number of passengers must not exceed number of seat belts in vehicle
- Mandatory six-month skill-building period before road test is permitted
- Must hold a valid permit for one year
- Supervising adult must be over 21 years of age
- 50 hours of behind-the-wheel practice with a supervising adult is required
- Mandatory 90-day suspension for a 6+ point accumulation or a single high speed conviction (26 mph+ over posted speed limit)

Junior License:

- 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. driving restriction
- Number of passengers must not exceed number of seat belts in vehicle
- Mandatory 90 day suspension for a 6+ point accumulation or a single high speed conviction (26 mph+ over posted speed limit)

Unrestricted License:

- Number of passengers must not exceed number of seat belts in vehicle for all drivers under age 18
- Possible before age 18 with a crash- and conviction-free period of 12 months and completion of an approved driver education course
- Mandatory 90-day suspension for a 6+ point accumulation or a single high-speed conviction (26 mph+ over posted speed limit)

[www.dmv.state.pa.us/young\\_drivers/young\\_driver\\_faq.shtml](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/young_drivers/young_driver_faq.shtml)

The Learner's Permit

- Learner's Permit holders are required to complete a six-month skill-building period before taking the on-road skills test.
- A parent or guardian must certify that his or her young driver has completed at least 50 hours of behind-the-wheel practice supervised by adult(s) age 21 or older (or a parent, guardian, person officially designated in loco parentis or spouse at least 18 years of age). All 50 hours need not be supervised by the same adult.

- All permit holders must be supervised by an adult 21 years old or older (or a parent, guardian, person officially designated in loco parentis or spouse at least 18 years of age).
- Any permit holder under age 18 is subject to a mandatory 90-day license suspension if he or she accumulates six or more points or is convicted of a single high-speed violation (driving 26 miles per hour or more over the speed limit).
- A learner's permit is valid for one year. After one year, the learner's permit can be renewed for another year for a fee of \$5.00.
- When young drivers are issued a learner's permit, they will also receive a Parent/Guardian Certification Form (DL-180C), which is a form that documents the 50 hours of behind-the-wheel practice. Young drivers must bring the completed certification form with them when they return to take the road portion of the driver licensing test (six months or more after obtaining their permit). Even if a young driver does not return to the driver license center for the road test but instead takes an end-of-course skills test with his or her driver's education teacher, the young driver must still provide a completed Parent/Guardian Certification form to the teacher before a road test can be administered.
- Every young driver who applies for a permit at a PENNDOT Driver License Center will also receive a copy of our tutor's guide, "How to Steer Them to Safe Driving." This guide tutors in organizing time spent supervising young drivers during their 50 hours of on-road practice. A driving log is included in the guide to help track all driving activity and to help parents and guardians determine when they can certify that their young driver has completed the minimum 50 adult-supervised hours on the road.
- If a young driver has taken a PENNDOT-approved driver's education course, part of the class may have included at least six hours of behind-the-wheel practice supervised by an instructor. These six hours can be credited toward the 50-hour requirement; however, driver's education in the classroom is not a substitute for supervised behind-the-wheel experience and does not count toward the required 50 hours. A young driver needs significant practice time to become a safe, skilled driver. The Young Driver Law provides for this crucial training time in the form of 50 on-road practice hours accumulated over at least a six-month period.
- The parent or guardian of the young driver is responsible for assuring 50 hours of behind-the-wheel practice has taken place under the direct supervision of responsible, experienced driver(s) age 21 or older.
- The six-month waiting period and the 50 hours of skill-building practice still apply. Please note that the six-months/50 hours of skill building are required for each type of permit a young driver acquires, even if he or she has already met those requirements for another type of permit.

### The Junior Driver's License

The following requirements apply to all 16- and 17-year-old junior license holders:

All junior drivers are restricted from driving between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Second, there are mandatory sanctions against all high-risk drivers under the age of 18, regardless of whether they hold a permit, a junior license or an unrestricted license. A junior license holder's operating privileges will be suspended for 90 days if he or she accumulates six points or is convicted of a single high speed violation (26 miles per hour or more over the speed limit).

Third, all drivers under 18, regardless of the type of license they hold, must ensure the number of passengers in their vehicle does not exceed the number of seat belts.

Yes, provided the junior driver has a certificate of authorization or affidavit from his or her employer documenting the work schedule. Junior drivers should keep this documentation with them at all times. This exception to the nighttime driving restriction also applies to teens involved in fire fighting or volunteer, charitable service, who must also carry the same type of documentation.

Yes. The earliest age that young drivers can qualify is 17½. These drivers must have held a junior driver's license for at least one full year, remained crash- and conviction-free, and completed a State-approved driver's education course to qualify for an unrestricted license before the age of 18.

Individuals under age 18 must get the consent of a parent, official guardian, person officially designated as acting in loco parentis or a spouse age 18 or older to get a driver's license.

Although the requirements do not apply to drivers 18 and older, PENNDOT encourages all new drivers to acquire as much behind-the-wheel experience as possible. This is paramount to safety. Research shows the most competent and safest drivers are those who have practiced extensively in a wide variety of driving and traffic conditions. It would be advisable to wait to take your road test until your driving skills are well developed and you have had extensive exposure to diverse situations. While not required for those 18 and over, completing six months of skill building and gaining at least 50 hours of behind-the-wheel experience before taking the road test is a good rule of thumb for any new driver to follow.

Upon conviction of violating the nighttime driving restriction, junior drivers are subject to a \$25 fine and could receive two points on his or her driving record. The young driver would be responsible for paying this fine plus associated costs and fees. Also please keep in mind that, under the law, a junior driver is not eligible for an unrestricted license until he or she either:

- Completes a State-approved driver's education course and maintains a crash- and conviction-free driving record for one year; or
- Reaches the age of 18, whichever comes first.

Therefore, being convicted of violating the nighttime driving restriction would severely limit a young driver's opportunity for obtaining a full, unrestricted license before his or her 18th birthday.

Upon conviction, these drivers would be subject to a \$10 fine. The young driver would be responsible for paying this fine plus associated costs and fees. Also please keep in mind that, under the law, a junior driver is not eligible for an unrestricted license until he or she either: 1) completes a state-approved driver's education course and maintains a crash- and conviction-free driving record for one year, or 2) reaches the age of 18, whichever comes first. Therefore, being convicted of violating the passenger restriction would severely limit a young driver's opportunity for obtaining a full, unrestricted license before his or her 18th birthday and may, in fact, make it impossible.

The driver education instructor is not able to give the test until six months have elapsed and the student has completed the 50 hours of skills-building practice.

PENNDOT has developed an entertaining and educational Web site called Crossroads. The site engages young drivers by providing driving situations that are familiar to teens and highlights factors that contribute to the problems that novice drivers face such as: driving rules, safe and unsafe driving practices, consequences of poor decision-making and carelessness. The home page provides users with

a quick introduction to the characters that will lead them into situations with unique story lines, and a quiz accompanies each story to challenge the user's driving knowledge.

Commercial Learner's Permit.

1. Please complete the front of the Non-Commercial Learner's Permit Application no earlier than 6 months prior to your 16th birthday.
2. Your medical provider must complete the back of the Non-Commercial Learner's Permit Application.
3. If you are under 18 years of age your parent, guardian, person in loco parentis, or spouse who is 18 years of age or older must complete the Parent or Guardian Consent.

If you are over 18 years of age you must present two proofs of residency:

- Current Utility Bills (water, gas, electric, cable, etc.)
  - Cellular/Mobile or Pagers are not acceptable
  - Tax Records
  - Lease Agreements
  - Mortgage Documents
  - W-2 Form
  - Current Weapons Permit
4. You will need to take and pass the following three tests to get your license: Vision, Knowledge, and Road Tests.

After passing the Knowledge Test, the examiner will give you a learner's permit which is valid for one year. When you receive your learner's permit, you may begin to practice driving.

If you fail the knowledge test, the examiner will return the Non-Commercial Learner's Permit Application and your Parent or Guardian Consent Form to you. You may take the knowledge test only one time on any day regardless of test location. Keep your forms in a safe place since you must bring them with you when you are tested again. The DL-180 form is valid for one year from the date of your physical examination; however, the physical examination date may not be more than six months prior to your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

If you are under the age of 18, you are required to complete at least 50 hours of behind-the-wheel skill-building before taking your Road Test. This training will help teach you the skills necessary to become a good, safe driver.

[www.dmv.state.pa.us/young\\_drivers/young\\_driver\\_faq.shtml#Q02](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/young_drivers/young_driver_faq.shtml#Q02)

REMEMBER:

- A driver licensed in Pennsylvania who is at least 21 years of age or a spouse, guardian, or parent who is at least 18 years of age must ride with you in the front seat of your vehicle at all times. In addition, drivers under the age of 18 cannot have more passengers in the vehicle than the number of seat belts.

- After you have waited the mandatory six months from your permit issue date and have a signed certificate of completion for the 50 hours of skill-building, you may take your Road Test.
- If your learner's permit expires or if you do not pass your Road Test after three tries, you may obtain an Application to Add/Extend/Replace/Change/Correct Non-Commercial Learner's Permit (Form DL-31).
- If you are using your learner's permit for driving outside of the State of Pennsylvania, please check with your insurance company and the other State's Department of Transportation to make sure your learner's permit is valid.
- If any information on your learner's permit is not correct, bring proof of the correct information to the examiner when you come to the Driver License Center for testing.

### Pennsylvania Vision Standards

You may have poor vision in either eye and still be able to obtain a driver's license; however, you may be required to wear glasses or contact lenses, be restricted to daylight driving or be allowed to operate only vehicles equipped with outside mirrors.

### Junior Driver License Information

Like the junior learner's permit, there are some limitations to the junior driver's license.

They are:

- You may not drive between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless your spouse, guardian, or parent who is a driver licensed in Pennsylvania and is at least 18 years of age is with you.
- However, you may drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. if you are involved in public or charitable service, a member of a volunteer fire company, or employed during those hours. In these cases, you must carry a notarized affidavit or certificate of authorization from your employer, supervisor, or fire chief indicating your probable schedule of activities. This notarized affidavit should be kept with your license.
- You may not carry more passengers than seat belts available in the vehicle you are driving.
- You will receive a mandatory 90-day suspension if you accumulate six or more points or are convicted of driving 26 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit.
- You may get a regular license after you have held a junior license for one (1) year, if you meet the following conditions:
  - Have passed a driver training course approved by the PA Department of Education;
  - Have not been involved in a crash for which you are partially or fully responsible for one year;
  - Have not been convicted of any violation of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code for one year; and
  - Have the consent of your parent, guardian, person in loco parentis, or spouse who is at least 18 years of age.
- If you meet these requirements you may apply for a regular license by submitting form DL-59 "Application for Change from Junior Driver's License to a Regular Non-Commercial License." Your junior license will automatically become a regular license when you turn 18 years of age.

What Class of License Do You Need?

In Pennsylvania, driver's licenses are issued specifically for the class and type of vehicle you operate.

Therefore, the class of license you should have depends specifically upon the type of vehicle you operate.

Generally speaking, the majority of applicants for a Pennsylvania driver's license will be operators of regular passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, or vans. This manual is designed to provide the information you need to get a non-commercial Class C license, which is the class that covers these types of vehicles.

### Class of Licenses

- **CLASS A** (minimum age 18): Required to operate any combination of vehicles with a gross weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, where the vehicle(s) being towed is/are in excess of 10,000 pounds. Example:  
Recreational vehicle when the towing vehicle is rated at 11,000 pounds and the vehicle towed is rated at 15,500 pounds (total combination weight of 26,500 pounds).
- **CLASS B** (minimum age 18): Required to operate any single vehicle rated in excess of 26,000 pounds.  
Example: Motorhomes rated at 26,001 pounds or more.
- **CLASS C** (minimum age 16): A Class C driver's license will be issued to persons 16 years of age or older who have demonstrated their qualifications to operate any vehicles, except those requiring a Class M qualification, and who do not meet the definitions of Class A or Class B. Any firefighter or member of a rescue or emergency squad who is the holder of a Class C driver's license and who has a certificate of authorization from a fire chief or head of the rescue or emergency squad will be authorized to operate any fire or emergency vehicle registered to that fire department, rescue or emergency squad or municipality (emergency use only). The holder of a Class C driver's license is also authorized to drive a motorized pedalcycle (a motor-driven cycle) or a three-wheeled motorcycle equipped with an enclosed cab, but not a motorcycle.
- **CLASS M** (minimum age 16): A Class M driver's license will be issued to those persons 16 years of age or older who have demonstrated their ability to operate a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle. If a person is qualified to operate only a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, he/she will be issued a Class M license.  
Please refer to the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Operator's Manual (Pub. 147). If your motorcycle is less than 50 CCs, a "V" restriction will appear on your license. This restriction prohibits you from operating a motorcycle 50 CCs or larger.
- **COMMERCIAL CLASS A, B, or C**: Drivers who need a commercial driver's license should obtain the Commercial Driver License Manual (Pub. 223), which contains detailed information necessary to prepare for the tests.

### **Knowledge Test**

The Knowledge Test will measure your knowledge of traffic signs, Pennsylvania's driving laws, and safe driving practices. The Knowledge Test can be given in oral form and in Spanish, upon request, at all Driver License Centers across the Commonwealth. If you fail the knowledge portion of the driver's test, you will be permitted to retake the test the following business day. This test needs to be successfully completed before you can receive a valid learner's permit.

The Knowledge or Learner's Permit Test will consist of 18 multiple-choice questions. You will need to answer 15 questions correctly to pass the test.

## Road Test

- After you have received your valid learner's permit, you may go to any Driver License Center to take your Road Test unless you are under the age of 18. If you are under the age of 18, you must wait the mandatory 6 months from your permit issue date and have a signed Certificate of Completion (DL-180C) for the 50 hours of skill-building before taking your Road Test.

### If You Pass the Road Test

If you pass the Road Test, you will receive your new driver's license at that time.

Acceptable forms of identification at the Photo License Centers are:

- Pennsylvania Learner's Permit or a Temporary License issued by PennDOT
- Passport
- Certification of United States Citizenship
- Certification of Naturalization
- Expired Pennsylvania Photographic Driver's License
- Pennsylvania Photographic Identification Card
- Photographic Employee Identification Card
- Photographic Military Identification Card
- Weapons Permit
- Pennsylvania Vehicle Registration Card
- Pennsylvania Photographic Welfare Card
- Photographic Bank Identification Card
- Photographic School Identification Card
- Voter Registration Card
- Medicaid Card

### If You Fail the Road Test.

Below are some examples of possible reasons for failing the Road Test:

- Inability to operate any vehicle controls
- Violating any traffic laws (e.g., failing to obey a stop sign)
- Causing a crash
- Driving dangerously or recklessly
- Failing to wear your seat belt
- Making errors in safe driving practices
- Failing to follow instructions given by the examiner
- Not using turn signals when attempting to parallel park

If you are under the age of 18 and fail the Road Test, you will be required to wait seven days before you can retake the Road Test. This delay in retaking the test will give you time to practice and to improve your driving skills. You have three chances with each learner's permit to pass the Road Test before the permit's expiration date. After the third failure, you must reapply to extend your learner's permit.

If you do not pass your Road Test after three tries or if your learner's permit expires, you may obtain an Application to Add/Extend/Replace/Change/Correct Non-Commercial Learner's Permit (Form DL-31). If you have not taken or successfully completed the Road Test within three (3) years of your physical examination date, you **MUST** start over.

#### Pennsylvania Works Cited

[www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us)

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**Rhode Island**

**Educational Requirements:**

Rhode Island driver education courses are offered through the CCRI's Division for Lifelong Learning throughout the State, and in most high schools.

33 hours of classroom instruction is required.

**Licensing Requirements:**

One can begin the licensing process at age 16. Upon obtaining a learners permit, there is a mandatory six-month holding period. Fifty hours of parent/guardian practice is required. At 16 years and 6 months, one can apply for an intermediate license which has a restriction of no driving between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. There are no passenger restrictions outlined. The minimum age when restrictions can be lifted is 17 years and 6 months.

Limited Instruction Permit

If you are between the ages of 16 and 18, you need to have completed a 33-hour driver education course certified by the Community College of Rhode Island.

- The Rhode Island Driver Education Program is administered by CCRI.
- If you have completed an out-of-State driver education course it must be approved by the Community College of Rhode Island ([www.ccri.edu](http://www.ccri.edu)). Once you have completed the course and passed the written exam you will be given a certificate. You need to submit that certificate along with a completed permit application to the DMV.
- Applicants for permits must show:
  - A certified birth certificate (not a copy)
  - Driver Education certificate
  - A Social Security card
- Your parent, legal guardian, licensed foster parent, or adult spouse must sign the permit application and have their signature notarized. If your parent, guardian, or foster parent accompanies you to the DMV, they must show ID in order to have their signature notarized on the permit application. If you have a legal guardian or licensed foster parent, they must have documentation to verify this.
- This permit is valid for one year.
- The fee for an instruction permit is \$10.00

Instruction Permit

If you are 18 or older, and have never held a driver's license in Rhode Island, or if your license has expired over three years, you must apply for an Instruction Permit.

- You are not required to take any driver education course.
- You ARE required to take and pass the written exam given by the DMV.
- Applicants for permits for a new driver's license must show:
  - Identity document

- Signature document
- Proof of Rhode Island residency
- The fee for an instruction permit is \$5.00

[www.dmv.ri.gov/licenses/new.php](http://www.dmv.ri.gov/licenses/new.php)

## **RI Driver Education Program**

Driver Education courses are offered through CCRI's Division for Lifelong Learning at various locations throughout the State, including most high schools and CCRI's four campus locations.

### Age Requirement

Rhode Island law requires 33 hours of classroom driver education for individuals between the ages of 15 years and 10 months, and 18 years of age. Students must be 15 years and 10 months of age by the first class. Students must attend all 33 hours!

### Refund Policy

There are no refunds for the Driver Education Program unless class has been cancelled or for valid medical reasons. It is the College's policy to make refunds on credit card payments, by check, to the registered student.

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If you are age 16 before January 1, 1999, you may apply for a temporary driver's permit. After the permit period and a driving test, persons in this category can apply for a full operator's license. The graduated license law does not apply to those 16 years of age prior to January 1, 1999.

Rhode Island has a graduated licensing system for persons under age 18 wishing to drive a motor vehicle. This applies to all persons who reach the age of 16 on or after January 1, 1999. The three levels are: limited instructional permit, limited provisional license, and full operator's license. They are described below.

## **BEFORE GETTING A LIMITED INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT**

What do I do first if I want to get my Limited Instructional Permit?

If you are between the ages of 16 and 18, there are two requirements you must complete before you can get your Limited Instructional Permit. First, you must pass an accredited 33-hour classroom driver education class. Second, you must take a written test. If you are over age 18, you are not required to attend the classroom course, but you must take the written test.

How do I enroll in a driver education class?

Contact the Rhode Island Department of Education at 222-4600 (TTY# 1-800-745-5555) for information about locations and dates of classes. You will be required to bring the following items:  
proof of identity

## Applying for a Rhode Island Driver's License

Can I take the driver education course before the age of 16?

Although you cannot obtain a Limited Instruction Permit until you are 16, you are eligible to enroll in a driver education course in your area when you are between 15 years, 10 months of age and 18 years of age. At all locations the oldest youth present during registration will be enrolled first.

Who must take the written test?

All applicants required to take the 33-hour driver education course must take the written examination through the Department of Education. Applicants must successfully complete the course and the written test to apply for their Limited Instruction Permit. Other first time applicants must take the examination at one of the offices of the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). All applicants must take a vision test.

Singing along to your favorite tunes while driving began when the car radio was invented in 1929.

- The test is untimed and usually takes 20-30 minutes to complete. No appointment is necessary.
- Licensed applicants from other States are exempt from taking the written test, but must turn in their out-of-State licenses for cancellation.
- Applicants holding active licenses from foreign countries may retain their foreign country license but must take the written examination as well as a driving test.

How do I prepare for the written test?

The written test questions are based on the motor vehicle laws and the rules of the road. Applicants should study this manual to prepare for the written test. The test is available in other languages on request.

## LEVEL ONE: LIMITED INSTRUCTION PERMIT

What is a Limited Instruction Permit?

The Limited Instruction Permit is a kind of preliminary license for persons learning to drive who have passed the written test.

How do I get my Limited Instruction Permit?

You may apply for a Limited Instruction Permit at the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Applicants for permits must show a certified birth certificate (not a copy) plus a driver education certificate if they are under age 18, and pay a \$10.00 fee. Your parents, legal guardian, licensed foster parent or adult spouse must accompany you and sign the Instruction Permit application in the presence of a notary who witnesses the signature. This person must be a resident of Rhode Island

and qualified to be a supervising driver. A supervising driver must be a licensed driver who has been licensed to drive for at least five years.

What does a Limited Instruction Permit allow me to do?

With a Limited Instruction Permit, you can practice driving under the supervision of a properly licensed driver who has held a license for at least five years. The licensed driver must be sitting beside you at all times and be ready to take control of the vehicle in an emergency. The licensed driver is legally responsible for any driving violation you may commit. You must wear a seat belt as required by law unless you provide the DMV with a physician's letter indicating you cannot wear a seat belt for medical reasons. All passengers must wear a seatbelt or be in a child restraint as required by law.

How long must I drive with a Limited Instruction Permit?

You must hold a Limited Instruction Permit for at least six months. If it expires before you have passed the driving test, you must take the written test again or be recertified by the Rhode Island Department of Education and obtain a new Limited Instruction Permit.

How long is a Limited Instruction Permit valid?

The Permit is valid for one year or until you reach the age of 18, whichever comes first. A Permit may be extended if satisfactory evidence of a hardship is presented to the DMV. If you reach the age of 18 before having a Limited Instructional Permit for one year, you may apply for a full Operator's License at this time.

## LEVEL TWO: LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE

When can I get a Limited Provisional License?

In order to get this license, you must:

- ✓ ...have held for at least six months a Limited Instructional Permit issued by the DMV.
- ✓ ...not have been convicted of a motor vehicle moving violation or a seat belt infraction during the previous six months.
- ✓ ...have passed the driving test administered by the DMV.

What is the driving test?

An applicant for a Limited Instruction Permit or a first license must pass a driving test administered by a DMV motor vehicle examiner. You provide the automobile to be used in the test.

How do I apply for the driving test?

Once a Limited Instruction Permit is issued, you should begin practicing your driving. Be sure to schedule your road test with the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) before the one (1) year Limited Instruction Permit expires. Call or visit the main office of the Division of Motor Vehicles

in Pawtucket (401-588-3009) or one of the branch offices to schedule your driving test(see back of manual for addresses and phone numbers of local branches).

What is covered on the driving test?

The test includes pre-driving procedures, driving in traffic, parking, making proper turns, and other common driving experiences. If you fail the road test, you must reschedule your test and take it again.

Who must take the driving test?

All first time applicants must take the driving test. Persons with a valid driver's license from another State are not required to take the driving test.

Once I pass the driving test, what's next?

You must go to the Division of Motor Vehicles to get your Limited Provisional License if you were age 16 on or after 1/1/99 or to get your full operator's license if you were age 16 before 1/1/99. You must do this before your Limited Instruction Permit expires. If you are under 18, you must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, licensed foster parent or adult spouse. In the event there is not a person who meets these requirements, then you may bring with you a responsible adult who is willing to assume the legal obligation of a person signing the application of a minor under age

18. In all cases, the person must be a resident of Rhode Island and qualified to be a supervising driver, that is, a driver who has been licensed to drive for at least five years.

What is the fee for a Limited Provisional License?

The fee is \$10.00. This fee is subject to change through statute. Please check with the DMV to verify this fee.

What are the conditions of a Limited Provisional License?

With a provisional license in your possession you can drive a motor vehicle under certain conditions:

With supervision:

- ✓ At any time.
- ✓ A supervising driver must be seated beside you while the vehicle is in motion.

Without supervision in any of the following circumstances:

- ✓ Between 5 a.m. and 1 a.m.
- ✓ When driving to or from work.
- ✓ When driving to or from any activity of a volunteer fire department, volunteer rescue squad, or volunteer emergency medical service if you are a member of such organization.

At all times everyone in the vehicle must be properly fastened by seat belts or child restraint systems. This license expires on your eighteenth (18) birthday.

## LEVEL THREE: FULL OPERATOR'S LICENSE

When can I get my Full Operator's License?

In order to get your full operator's license you must:

- ✓ ...be at least seventeen 17 years and 6 months old.
- ✓ ...have held for at least 12 months a Limited Provisional License issued by the DMV.
- ✓ ...have not been convicted of a motor vehicle moving violation or seat belt infraction during the past six (6) months.

Are there any restrictions for the Full Operator's License?

With a Full Operator's License, you may drive without restrictions concerning time of driving and supervision. You are, of course, still required to follow all other rules of the road, including those applying to seat belts and child restraint systems.

What is the fee for a driver's license?

First-license applicants receive two-year licenses at a fee of \$12.00. The normal license fee is \$30.00 for a five-year license. These fees are subject to change through statute. Please check with the DMV to verify these fees.

What happens if my license is suspended?

You will be required to turn in your license in person to the Operator Control Section or the Accident Section of the DMV. Failure to comply will affect the reinstatement of your license. A license suspension will affect you in the following ways:

1. You cannot legally drive a car in Rhode Island or any other State for any reason.
2. Your motor vehicle violations become a matter of public record. They are open to public inspection by insurance companies and other interested parties. Your insurance rates may go up significantly.

## RHODE ISLAND'S GRADUATED LICENSING SYSTEM

The following is a summary of the three levels of licensing.

To receive a Level 1: Limited Instruction Permit you must:

- ✓ ...be 16 to 18 years of age.
- ✓ ...successfully complete the 33-hour Rhode Island Driver Education course administered by the RI Department of Education or its equivalent.
- ✓ ...apply for a permit at the Registry of Motor Vehicles in the company of a parent, guardian, adult spouse or licensed foster parent.

At level 1, you are permitted to drive a motor vehicle under the following conditions:

- ✓ ...The permit holder must be in possession of the permit.
- ✓ ...A supervising driver must be seated beside the permit holder in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion (a supervising driver is defined as a properly licensed driver who has held a license for at least five (5) years.

- ✓ ...No person other than the supervising driver is located in the front seat of the automobile.
- ✓ ...Every person occupying the vehicle is properly fastened by a seat belt or child restraint system.

To receive a Level 2: Limited Provisional License you must:

- ✓ ...have held a limited instruction permit for at least six months without any conviction of motor vehicle moving violation or seat belt infraction.
- ✓ ...pass the motor vehicle road test administered by the Rhode Island Registry of Motor Vehicles.
- ✓ ...apply for the license at the Registry of Motor Vehicles in the company of a parent, guardian, adult spouse, or licensed foster parent.

At level 2, you are permitted to drive a motor vehicle under the following conditions:

- ✓ ...The license holder must be in possession of the Limited Provisional License.
- ✓ ...At anytime with a supervising driver seated beside the provisional license holder in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion.
- ✓ ...Without supervision in any of the following circumstances: from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m., when driving to or from work, when driving to or from an activity of a volunteer fire department, rescue squad or emergency medical service if the driver is a member of such organization.
- ✓ ...Every person occupying the vehicle is properly fastened by a seat belt or child restraint system.

To receive a Level 3: Full Operator's License You must:

- ✓ ...be 17 years and 6 months (17½) to 18 years of age.
- ✓ ...have held a limited provisional license for at least 12 months without conviction for motor vehicle moving violation or seat belt infraction for 6 months.
- ✓ ...apply for this license in the company of a parent, guardian, adult spouse, or licensed foster parent.
  
- ✓ At level 3 you may drive a motor vehicle without Level 1 and 2 restrictions concerning time of driving, supervision, and passenger limitations.

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**South Carolina**

**Educational Requirements:**

**Driver Training**

A school program shall include the complete program of driver education, classroom, and behind-the-wheel phases, and it shall be provided each semester on an elective basis for eligible students. Schools organized in grades 9-12 or 10-12 shall provide this program.

Summer programs of driver education are permissible and recommended but may not be substituted for the regular school year program.

1. The course shall be organized on a semester basis and shall include as a minimum 30 classroom hours of instruction in driver education, 6 hours of actual behind-the-wheel driving, and 6 hours of actual observation. Twelve hours of simulation instruction may replace 3 hours of behind-the-wheel driving.
2. Behind-the-wheel driving refers to actual experiences in road instruction with the student as the driver with the teacher present.  
Behind-the-wheel instruction shall include the following:
  - a. Actual experience in driving a properly marked automobile. It is required that a dual-control automobile be used.
  - b. A minimum of 6 hours of behind-the-wheel practice driving with a certified driving instructor. Twelve hours of simulation instruction may replace 3 hours of behind-the-wheel driving.
3. The instructional materials shall be selected from the list of State-adopted instructional materials list for driver education.

Driver education must be offered at a grade level that complies with Section 8 of the Highway Safety Act (R-521, Act No. 362 of 1965). It is recommended that the course be offered at the grade level where most of the students have reached or are approaching legal driving age which is the ninth grade. However, the course may be offered in any grade 9-12. The course shall be limited to students whose physical and mental condition gives reasonable promise of being able to pass the requirements of the State Highway Department for a driver's license.

**Instructor Requirements:**

The teacher must (a) hold a valid South Carolina teacher's certificate, (b) be certified to teach driver education, (c) have completed successfully a basic and advanced driver and traffic education instructor's course, (d) have a good personal driving record, (e) hold a valid South Carolina driver's license, and (f) hold a valid behind-the-wheel instructor permit (South Carolina Department of Education).

The behind-the-wheel instructor permit is issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles

According to the South Carolina Department of Education, driving instructors need to meet the following requirements:

- Have a Bachelor's degree

- Earn a temporary, initial, or professional certificate at the early childhood, elementary, middle, secondary, or pre-K–12 level
- Have evidence of at least three years of successful driving experience. Applicant must provide a copy of his or her driver’s record from the applicable State transportation department.
- An applicant whose driver’s license has six or more points against it will not be accepted for add-on certification in driver education.
- Valid driver’s license issued by South Carolina or another State in which the teacher is a legal resident. (If a teacher holding certification in driver education has his or her driver’s license revoked or suspended, the teacher must report this action to the Office of Teacher Certification upon which the certification in driver education will automatically be rescinded.)

[www.myschools.com/offices/cso/driver\\_education/drivered.htm](http://www.myschools.com/offices/cso/driver_education/drivered.htm)

Driver education courses for the certification endorsements are offered only during summer sessions. At the present time, two colleges provide the courses: Erskine College in Due West or at Coastal Carolina.

The South Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (SCDTSEA) provides a yearly workshop in the Columbia area for driver education teachers.

### **Licensing Requirements:**

A regular passenger vehicle beginner's permit allows applicants to practice driving a vehicle while accompanied by an experienced licensed driver.

To get a Class D Beginner's Permit:

- You must be at least 15 years old.
- You must bring your birth certificate, social security card, proof of residency, and insurance information.
- If you are under 18 years of age, you must bring your parent or legal guardian with you to sign your application.
- You must pass the vision and knowledge tests.

Restrictions:

- You may drive from 6 a.m. to midnight if a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old and has at least one year of driving experience accompanies you in the front seat.
- From midnight to 6 a.m., you may drive if a licensed parent or guardian accompanies you in the front seat.
- You must have your beginner's permit for 180 days before you can apply for a driver's license.
- If you are under 18 years of age, you must practice driving with your licensed parent or legal guardian for at least 40 hours, including 10 hours during darkness, before you can apply for your driver's license.

State Board Regulations: Driver Training

A school program shall include the complete program of driver education, classroom, and behind-the-wheel phases, and it shall be provided each semester on an elective basis for eligible students. Schools organized into grades 9-12 or 10-12 shall provide this program.

Summer programs of driver education are permissible and recommended but may not be substituted for the regular school year program.

1. The course shall be organized on a semester basis and shall include as a minimum 30 classroom hours of instruction in driver education, 6 hours of actual behind-the-wheel driving, and 6 hours of actual observation. Twelve hours of simulation instruction may replace 3 hours of behind-the-wheel driving.
2. Behind-the-wheel driving refers to actual experiences in road instruction with the student as the driver with the teacher present.  
Behind-the-wheel instruction shall include the following:
  - a. Actual experience in driving a properly marked automobile. It is required that a dual-control automobile be used.
  - b. A minimum of 6 hours of behind-the-wheel practice driving with a certified driving instructor. Twelve hours of simulation instruction may replace 3 hours of behind-the-wheel driving.
3. The instructional materials shall be selected from the list of State-adopted instructional materials list for driver education.
4. Driver education must be offered at a grade level that complies with Section 8 of the Highway Safety Act (R-521, Act No. 362 of 1965). It is recommended that the course be offered at the grade level where most of the students have reached or are approaching legal driving age which is the ninth grade. However, the course may be offered in any grade 9-12. The course shall be limited to students whose physical and mental condition gives reasonable promise of being able to pass the requirements of the State Highway Department for a driver's license.
5. The teacher must (a) hold a valid South Carolina teacher's certificate, (b) be certified to teach driver education, (c) have completed successfully a basic and advanced driver and traffic education instructor's course, (d) have a good personal driving record, (e) hold a valid South Carolina driver's license, and (f) hold a valid behind-the-wheel instructor permit.
6. All school districts operating driver education programs must have liability insurance as required by State Law. The Board recommends that medical expense insurance be obtained for drivers and passengers in an amount to be determined by the school district or county.

## **Licensing:**

### **Conditional License for 15-Year-Old Drivers**

If you are 15 years old and have held a beginner's permit for at least 180 days, you are eligible for a conditional license.

To get a Conditional License:

- Bring your parent or legal guardian with you to sign your application.
- Bring your birth certificate, social security card, proof of residency, and insurance information.
- Submit Form PDLA that certifies you have:

- Completed a driver's education course
- Had satisfactory school attendance
- Practiced driving with your licensed parent or guardian for 40 hours, including 10 hours of driving practice at night.
- You must pass the vision and road skills tests.

### **Driving Restrictions:**

- You may drive alone during daylight hours from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. (or 8 p.m. during daylight savings time).
- From 6 p.m. (or 8 p.m. during daylight savings time) until midnight, you may drive if a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age accompanies.
- Between midnight and 6 a.m., you may drive if your licensed parent or legal guardian accompanies you.
- You cannot transport more than two passengers under the age of 21 unless you are accompanied by a licensed adult who is at least 21 years old. The only exception is if you are transporting family members or students to and from school.
- You may obtain full driving privileges when you are 16 if you have had your license for one year and have no traffic offenses or been involved in any at-fault accidents. If you are under the age of 17 and accrue six or more points on your record before you have held your license for one year, your license will be suspended for six months.

### **Special Restricted License for 16-Year-Old Drivers**

If you are 16 years old and have held your beginner's permit for at least 180 days or have a conditional license, you are eligible for a special restricted license.

### **To Get a Special Restricted License:**

- To get a special restricted driver's license, you must bring your parent or legal guardian with you to sign your application.
- You must bring your birth certificate, social security card, proof of residency, and insurance information.
- You must submit Form PDLA that certifies you have:
  - Completed a driver's education course
  - Had satisfactory school attendance
  - Practiced driving with your licensed parent or guardian for 40 hours, including 10 hours of driving practice at night.
  - You must pass the vision and road skills tests.

### **Driving Restrictions:**

- You may drive alone during daylight hours from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. (or 8 p.m. during daylight savings time).
- From 6 p.m. (or 8 p.m. during daylight savings time) until midnight, you may drive if a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age accompanies.

- Between midnight and 6 a.m., you may drive if your licensed parent or legal guardian accompanies you.
- You cannot transport more than two passengers under the age of 21 unless you are accompanied by a licensed adult who is at least 21 years old. The only exception is if you are transporting family members or students to and from school.
- You will obtain full driving privileges when you are 16 if you have had your special restricted license for one year and have no traffic offenses or been involved in any at-fault accidents. If you are under the age of 17 and accrue six or more points on your record before you have held your license for one year, your license will be suspended for six months.

### **Regular Driver's License for 17-Year-Old and Older Drivers:**

If you are at least 17 years old and have held a beginner's permit for 180 days, you are eligible for a regular SC Driver's License.

### **To Get a Regular Driver's License:**

- If you are under 18 years of age and have never been licensed, you must bring your parent or legal guardian with you to sign your application.
- If you are 18 years old or older, you do not need the signature of your parent or legal guardian.
- You must bring your birth certificate, social security card, proof of residency, and insurance information.
- You must pass the vision and road skills tests.
- Motorcycle License
- If you are 15 years old and have held another class beginner permit for 180 days, you are eligible for a motorcycle beginner's permit by taking the vision test and motorcycle knowledge test. If you have a conditional driver's license, you can get a motorcycle conditional license by taking the vision test, the motorcycle knowledge test and the motorcycle skills test.

### **If You Are Under 18 Years of Age:**

- You must bring your parent or legal guardian with you to sign your application.
- You must bring your birth certificate, social security card, proof of residency, and insurance information.
- You must submit Form PDLA that certifies you have:
  - Completed a driver's education course
  - Had satisfactory school attendance
  - Practiced driving with your licensed parent or guardian for 40 hours, including 10 hours of driving practice at night.
- Form PDLA allows you to submit all of these certifications and is available at your school and [www.dmv.org/sc-south-carolina/driver-education.php](http://www.dmv.org/sc-south-carolina/driver-education.php).
- You must pass the vision and road skills tests.

### **If You Are 18 Years of Age or Older:**

- You must bring your birth certificate, social security card, proof of residency, and insurance information.
- You must pass the vision and road skills tests.
- Driver Skills Tests in DMV Offices
- DMV branch offices do not offer road tests for any type of driver license during inclement weather. Rainy streets can make maneuvering a vehicle more difficult for new drivers, and ice on the roads can be hazardous for all drivers.

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South Carolina Code of Laws

Title 56 - Motor Vehicles: DRIVER'S LICENSE

The Department of Motor Vehicles may not issue a motor vehicle driver's license to or renew the driver's license of a person:

- (1) who is under 17 years of age, except that the department may issue a license to a 16-year-old who is licensed to drive pursuant to Section 56-1-175 after one year from the date of the issuance of the conditional license, if the driver has not been convicted of a traffic offense or has not been involved in an accident in which he was at fault during that period. However, the department may issue a beginner's permit as provided in Section 56-1-50 to a person who is at least 15 years of age and meets the requirements of that section. The department also may issue a special restricted driver's license to a person who is at least sixteen years of age and less than seventeen years of age as provided in Section 56-1-180 and meets the requirements of that section;
- (2) whose driver's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle currently is suspended or revoked in this State or another jurisdiction, except as otherwise provided for in this title;
- (3) who is an habitual user of alcohol or any other drug to a degree which prevents him from safely operating a motor vehicle;
- (4) who has a mental or physical condition which prevents him from safely operating a motor vehicle;
- (5) who is required by this article to take an examination, unless the person successfully has passed the examination;
- (6) who is required under the laws of this State to provide proof of financial responsibility and has not provided the proof;
- (7) who is not a resident of South Carolina. For purposes of determining eligibility to obtain or renew a South Carolina driver's license, the term "resident of South Carolina" shall expressly include all persons authorized by the United States Department of Justice, the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, or the United States Department of State to live, work, or study in the United States on a temporary or permanent basis who present documents indicating their intent to live, work, or study in South Carolina. These persons and their dependents are eligible to obtain a motor vehicle driver's license or have one renewed pursuant to this provision. A driver's license issued pursuant to this item to a person who is not a lawful permanent resident of the United States shall expire on the later of: (1) the expiration date of the driver's license applicant's authorized period of stay in the United States; or (2) the expiration date of the driver's license applicant's employment authorization document. However, in no event shall a driver's license issued pursuant to this item expire less than one year or more than five years from the date of its issue. In addition, a person pending adjustment of status who presents appropriate documentation to the Department

of Motor Vehicles shall be granted a one-year extension of his driver's license which is renewable annually.

(8) who must not be issued a license as otherwise provided by the laws of this State.

SECTION 56-1-50. Beginner's permit; hours and conditions of vehicle operation; renewal and fee; driver's training course; eligibility for full licensure.

- (A) A person who is at least fifteen years of age may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for a beginner's permit. After the applicant has passed successfully all parts of the examination other than the driving test, the department may issue to the applicant a beginner's permit which entitles the applicant having the permit in his immediate possession to drive a motor vehicle under the conditions contained in this section on the public highways for not more than 12 months.
- (B) The permit is valid only in the operation of:
- (1) vehicles after 6 a.m. and not later than midnight. Except as provided in subsection (E), while driving, the permittee must be accompanied by a licensed driver twenty-one years of age or older who has had at least one year of driving experience. A permittee may not drive between midnight and 6 a.m. unless accompanied by the permittee's licensed parent or guardian;
  - (2) motorcycles, motor scooters, or light motor-driven cycles of five-brake horsepower or less after 6 a.m. and not later than 6 p.m. However, beginning on the day that daylight saving time goes into effect through the day that daylight saving time ends, the permittee may operate motor scooters or light motor-driven cycles after 6 a.m. and not later than 8 p.m. A permittee may not operate a motorcycle, motor scooter, or light motor-driven cycle at any other time unless supervised by the permittee's motorcycle licensed parent or guardian.
- (C) The accompanying driver must occupy a seat beside the permittee, except when the permittee is operating a motorcycle. A three-wheel vehicle requires the accompanying driver to be directly behind the permittee on a saddle-type seat or beside the permittee on a bench-type seat.
- (D) A beginner's permit may be renewed or a new permit issued for additional periods of 12 months, but the department may refuse to renew or issue a new permit where the examining officer has reason to believe the applicant has not made a bona fide effort to pass the required driver's road test or does not appear to the examining officer to have the aptitude to pass the road test. The fee for every beginner's or renewal permit is \$2.50, and the permit must bear the full name, date of birth, and residence address and a brief description and color photograph of the permittee and a facsimile of the signature of the permittee or a space upon which the permittee shall write his usual signature with pen and ink immediately upon receipt of the permit. A permit is not valid until it has been signed by the permittee.
- (E) The following persons are not required to obtain a beginner's permit to operate a motor vehicle:
- (1) a student at least 15 years of age regularly enrolled in a high school of this State which conducts a driver's training course while the student is participating in the course and when accompanied by a qualified instructor of the course; and
  - (2) a person 15 years of age or older enrolled in a driver training course conducted by a driver training school licensed under Chapter 23 of this title. However, this person at all times must be accompanied by an instructor of the school and may drive only an automobile owned or leased by the school which is covered by liability insurance in an amount not less than the minimum required by law.
- (F) A person who has never held a form of license evidencing previous driving experience first must be issued a beginner's permit and must hold the permit for at least 180 before being eligible for full licensure.

- (G) The fees collected pursuant to this section must be credited to the Department of Transportation State Non-Federal Aid Highway Fund as provided in the following schedule based on the actual date of receipt by the Department of Motor Vehicles:

SECTION 56-1-70. Temporary driver's permit.

The Department of Motor Vehicles may, in its discretion, issue a temporary driver's permit to an applicant for a motor vehicle driver's license permitting him to operate a motor vehicle while the Department is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to such applicant's right to receive a driver's license. Such permit must be in his immediate possession while operating a motor vehicle, and it shall be invalid when the applicant's license has been issued or for good cause has been refused.

SECTION 56-1-130. License examinations; basic and classified licenses.

- (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall examine every applicant for a driver's license, except as otherwise provided in this article. The examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight, his ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic, and his knowledge of the traffic laws of this State and shall include an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of the type motor vehicle, including motorcycles, for which a license is sought. The department may require a further physical and mental examination as it considers necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle upon the highways, the further examination to be at the applicant's expense. The department shall make provisions for giving an examination in the county where the applicant resides, except for motorcycle three-wheel vehicles. The motorcycle three-wheel vehicle examination must be provided at the sites where the knowledge and skill examination for the commercial driver's license is offered. The department shall charge an appropriate fee for each complete examination or reexamination required in this article.
- (B) No persons, except those exempted under Section 56-1-30 and Section 56-1-60 or those holding beginner's permits under Section 56-1-50, shall operate any classification of motor vehicle without first being examined and duly licensed by the driver examiner as a qualified driver of that classification of motor vehicle.
- (C) A basic driver's license authorizes the licensee to operate motor vehicles, automotive three-wheel vehicles, or combinations of vehicles which do not exceed twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight; provided, that the driver has successfully demonstrated the ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle in this category. A basic driver's license also authorizes the licensee to operate farm trucks provided for in Sections 56-3-670, 56-3-680, and 56-3-690, which are used exclusively by the owner for agricultural, horticultural, and dairying operations or livestock and poultry raising. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the holder of a conditional license, or special restricted license operating a farm truck for the purposes provided in this subsection, may operate the farm truck without an accompanying adult after 6 a.m. and no later than 9 p.m., but may not operate a farm truck on a freeway. A person operating a farm truck while holding a conditional driver's license or a special restricted license may not use the farm truck for ordinary domestic purposes or general transportation.

A classified driver's license shall authorize the licensee to operate a motorcycle or those vehicles in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight which are indicated by endorsement on

the license. The endorsement may include classifications such as: motorcycle, motorcycle three-wheel vehicle, two-axle truck, three or more axle truck, combination of vehicles, motor-busses, or oversize or overweight vehicles. The department shall determine from the driving demonstration the endorsements to be indicated on the license.

- (D) The department shall include a noncommercial endorsement to the motorcycle classification license to indicate the type of motorcycle to be operated. The "M" classification is for motorcycle operation only. The "D" endorsement to the "M" classification is for motorcycle three-wheel vehicle and motorcycle with detachable side car. The "C" endorsement to the "M" classification is for motorcycle, motorcycle three-wheel vehicle, and motorcycle with detachable side car.

#### SECTION 56-1-175. Issuance of conditional driver's license.

- (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue a conditional driver's license to a person who is at least 15 years of age and less than 16 years of age, who has:
  - (1) held a beginner's permit for at least 180 days;
  - (2) passed a driver's education course as defined in subsection (E);
  - (3) completed at least 40 hours of driving practice, including at least 10 hours of driving practice during darkness, supervised by the person's licensed parent or guardian;
  - (4) passed successfully the road tests or other requirements the department may prescribe; and
  - (5) satisfied the school attendance requirement contained in Section 56-1-176.
- (B) A conditional driver's license is valid only in the operation of:
  - (1) vehicles during daylight hours. The holder of a conditional license must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age or older after 6 p.m. (or 8 p.m. during daylight saving time). A conditional driver's license holder may not drive between midnight and 6 a.m., unless accompanied by the holder's licensed parent or guardian;
  - (2) a motor scooter or light motor-driven cycle of five-brake horsepower or less, during daylight hours.
- (C) A conditional driver's license holder may not transport more than two passengers who are under 21 years of age unless accompanied by a licensed adult who is 21 years of age or older. This restriction does not apply when the conditional driver's license holder is transporting family members, or students to or from school.
- (D) Daylight hours, as used in this section, means after the hour of 6 a.m. and no later than 6 p.m. However, beginning on the day that daylight saving time goes into effect through the day that daylight saving time ends, the holder of the conditional license may operate a vehicle after 6 a.m. and no later than 8 p.m. For purposes of this section, all other hours are designated as nighttime hours.
- (E) A driver training course, as used in this section, means a driver's training course administered by a driver's training school or a private, parochial, or public high school conducted by a person holding a valid driver's instructor permit contained in Section 56-23-85.
- (F) For purposes of issuing a conditional driver's license pursuant to this section, the department must accept a certificate of completion for a student who attends or is attending an out-of-State high school and passed a qualified driver's training course or program that is equivalent to an approved course or program in this State. The department must establish procedures for approving qualified driver's training courses or programs for out-of-State students.

#### SECTION 56-1-176. Conditions for issuance of conditional driver's license and special restricted driver's license.

- (A) School attendance is a condition for the issuance of a conditional driver's license and a special restricted driver's license. The Department of Motor Vehicles may not issue a conditional driver's license or a special restricted driver's license to a person pursuant to Section 56-1-175 or Section 56-1-180 unless the person:
  - (1) has a high school diploma or certificate, or a General Education Development Certificate; or
  - (2) is enrolled in a public or private school or is home schooled under the provisions contained in Section 59-65-40, 59-65-45, or 59-65-47, and:
    - (a) the person has conformed to the attendance laws, regulations, and policies of the school, school district, and the State Board of Education, as applicable; and
    - (b) the person is not suspended or expelled from school.
- (B) Documentation of enrollment status must be presented to the department by the applicant on a form approved by the department. The documentation must indicate whether the student is in compliance with the requirements as provided in item (2).

**SECTION 56-1-180. Special restricted licenses for certain minors.**

- (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue a special restricted driver's license to a person who is at least 16 years of age and less than 17 years of age, who has:
  - (1) held a beginner's permit for at least 180 days;
  - (2) passed a driver's education course as defined in subsection (F);
  - (3) completed at least 40 hours of driving practice, including at least ten hours of driving practice during darkness, supervised by the person's licensed parent or guardian;
  - (4) passed successfully the road test or other requirements the department may prescribe; and
  - (5) satisfied the school attendance requirement contained in Section 56-1-176.
- (B) The special restricted driver's license is valid only in the operation of:
  - (1) vehicles during daylight hours. During nighttime hours, the holder of a special restricted driver's license must be accompanied by a licensed adult, twenty-one years of age or older. The holder of a special restricted driver's license may not drive between midnight and 6 a.m., unless accompanied by the holder's licensed parent or guardian. The restrictions in this section may be modified or waived by the department if the restricted licensee proves to the department's satisfaction that the restriction interferes or substantially interferes with:
    - (a) employment or the opportunity for employment;
    - (b) travel between the licensee's home and place of employment or school; or
    - (c) travel between the licensee's home or place of employment and vocational training;
  - (2) a motor scooter or light motor-driven cycle of five-brake horsepower or less during daylight hours.
- (C) The waiver or modification of restrictions provided for in item (1) must include a statement of the purpose of the waiver or modification executed by the parents or legal guardian of the holder of the restricted license and documents executed by the driver's employment or school official, as is appropriate, evidencing the holder's need for the waiver or modification.
- (D) A special restricted license holder may not transport more than two passengers who are under 21 years of age unless accompanied by a licensed adult twenty-one years of age or older. This restriction does not apply when the special restricted license holder is transporting family members or students to or from school.
- (E) Daylight hours, as used in this section, means after the hour of 6 a.m. and no later than 6 p.m. However, beginning on the day that daylight saving time goes into effect through the day that daylight saving time ends, the holder of the special restricted license may operate a vehicle after 6

a.m. and no later than 8 p.m. For purposes of this section, all other hours are designated as nighttime hours.

- (F) A driver training course, as used in this section, means a driver's training course administered by a driver's training school or a private, parochial, or public high school conducted by a person holding a valid driver's instruction permit contained in Section 56-23-85.
- (G) For purposes of issuing a special restricted driver's license pursuant to this section, the department must accept a certificate of completion for a student who attends or is attending an out-of-State high school and passed a qualified driver's training course or program that is equivalent to an approved course or program in this State. The department must establish procedures for approving qualified driver's training courses or programs for out-of-State students.

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## South Dakota

### Driver Education Requirements:

Not reported

### Drivers Licensing:

Teens must be 14 to get their first permit. They must hold an Instruction Permit for 180 consecutive days or 90 days with completion of a State-approved driver education program (with a score of 80 percent or higher on both the written and drive portions of the class.)

A Restricted Minor's Permit may be issued after holding the Instruction Permit for the required amount of days, provided you have not had any traffic convictions in the six-month period prior to upgrading to the Restricted Minor's Permit.

Teens must go to an exam station to upgrade to an Operator License after turning 16. Parental consent is needed for all applicants younger than 18. At age 16 an individual must go to the local exam station and perform the necessary skill testing. The driver must be free of any traffic convictions for the six-month period prior to the conversion and have held the Instruction Permit for the required time. If the Instruction Permit has expired, the driver will be required to obtain another Instruction Permit for 90 or 180 days. The parent/guardian who signed the consent on the application may request cancellation of their teen's license.

Instruction Permits allow individuals at least 14 years old to drive for one year during the hours of 6 a.m.-10 p.m., if the motor vehicle is operated under the direction of a licensed driver at least 18 years old who has at least one year driving experience. To drive between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., you must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

[www.state.sd.us/dps/dl](http://www.state.sd.us/dps/dl)

### Types of Drivers' Licenses

**Instruction Permit** — An Instruction Permit holder is entitled to drive during the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. if the motor vehicle is operated under the direction of a licensed adult. During the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the permit holder must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is occupying a seat beside the driver.

To obtain an Instruction Permit, teens must be at least 14 years of age and pass the vision and knowledge test. The permit is valid for one year, for a cost of \$8.00. Minors at least 14 years of age, but less than 18 years of age, must hold the valid permit continuously for 180 days (90 days if successful completion of an approved Department of Education and Cultural Affairs driver education course prior to upgrade of permit to a Restricted Minor's permit or Operator's License).

Restrictions: A licensed driver 18 years of age or older with at least one year's driving experience must be present in the seat next to the person holding the Instruction Permit.

**Restricted Minor's Permit** — A Restricted Minor's Permit is issued to a minor 14 to 17 years old allowing them to operate a motor vehicle with parental permission during the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

To obtain a Restricted Minor's Permit, you must be at least 14 years of age and pass the vision, knowledge, and driving test, complete the requirements of the Instruction Permit, and have not been convicted of a traffic violation during the past six months prior to obtaining the Restricted Minor's Permit. An individual up to age 18 years of age may hold a Restricted Minor's Permit. The permit is valid for 5 years, for a cost of \$8.00.

Restrictions: Entitles the holder, while having the permit in his immediate physical possession, to operate a motor vehicle during the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. if the motor vehicle is being operated with the permission of the minor's parent or legal guardian; and during the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. if the minor's parent or legal guardian is occupying a seat beside the driver. Upon attaining age 18, permit converts to Operator's License.

**Operator's License** — To obtain an Operator's License, you must be at least 16 years of age and pass the vision, knowledge, and driving test. If a minor is at least 16 years of age, but under 18 years of age, they must complete the requirements of the Instruction Permit and have not been convicted of a traffic violation during the past six months prior to obtaining the Operator's License. The license is valid for 5 years, for a cost of \$8.00. To renew an Operator's License you must pass the vision test.

When applying for your South Dakota Driver License, your social security number will be requested, and your current South Dakota or out-of-State driver license, or out-of-State ID card must be surrendered at the time of application. If you do not have a license to surrender, you must establish your identity by providing TWO forms of identity, one indicating your date of birth. If you are currently holding a valid out-of-State driver license, no testing will be required for the transfer of that license. Examiners may request additional documentation for proof of identity.

#### 1. Vision Test:

If you wear glasses or contact lenses while taking the vision test, you will be required to wear them whenever driving. If you do not pass the vision test, you must present a statement from an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist certifying that you possess the visual ability to drive safely before continuing the examination process.

#### 2. Knowledge Test:

You will be required to pass a test covering the rules of the road and safe driving practices. Those wishing to obtain a motorcycle or commercial operators license should also obtain those operator manuals from any South Dakota driver licensing office.

#### 3 Driving Test:

This test will provide you the opportunity to demonstrate your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. The driving test consists of normal driving tasks. You will not be asked to do anything against the law.

South Dakota Works Cited

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**Tennessee**

**Educational Requirements:**

The State Board of Education requires that driver education courses offer a minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. The State curriculum utilized is revised every five years according to survey reports.

**Licensing Requirements:**

Anyone under the age of 18 who has a learner permit will be prohibited from driving between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. When driving, permit holders must have a licensed driver age 21 or older in the vehicle with them. Seat belt use is mandatory for everyone in the vehicle under the age of 18 (passengers age 3 and under must be in an approved child restraint device).

Under the GDL law, anyone under the age of 18 must have their Tennessee learner permit for a minimum of 180 days (approximately 6 months) before they can apply for an intermediate restricted license. The minimum age for applying for an intermediate license is 16. BOTH of these requirements must be met before a minor can qualify for an Intermediate license. For example, even if the teen has already held their permit for 180 days but has not yet turned age 16, they cannot get an Intermediate license yet. Similarly, just because a teen is already age 16, if they have not held a learner permit for 180 days, they will not qualify to get an Intermediate license until both qualifications are met.

If someone with a Tennessee learner permit gets 6 or more points on their driving record during the 180 days before applying for the intermediate restricted license, they have to continue to hold the Tennessee learner permit until their record has been clear for 180 days.

A major feature of the GDL law includes the requirement that applicants applying for an intermediate license must present certification that the intermediate license applicant has a minimum of 50 hours of behind-the-wheel driving experience, including a minimum of 10 hours of driving at night. This certification must be signed by the minor applicant's parent, legal guardian, or certified license instructor confirming this experience.

Seat belt use is mandatory for all vehicle occupants (passengers age 8 and under must be in an approved child restraint device as outlined in Tennessee's New Child Restraint Law).

Those with an intermediate restricted license can only have one other passenger in the vehicle, UNLESS:

- One or more of the passengers is age 21 or older and has a valid, unrestricted license;
- The passengers are brothers and sisters, step-brothers or step-sisters, adopted or fostered children residing in the same house as the driver and going to and from school AND the intermediate license holder has in their possession written permission from their parent or guardian to transport their siblings.

Those with an intermediate restricted license are prohibited from driving between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., UNLESS:

- They are accompanied by a parent or guardian;
- They are accompanied by a licensed driver 21 or older who has been designated by the parent or guardian. This designation must be in writing and be in the possession of the teen driver;
- They are driving to or from a specifically identified school-sponsored activity or event and have in their possession written permission from a parent or guardian to do this;
- They are driving to or from work and have in their possession written permission from a parent or guardian identifying the place of employment and authorizing the driver to go to and from work;
- They are driving to or from hunting or fishing between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. and have in their possession a valid hunting or fishing license.

Teens must hold their Intermediate Restricted License for a minimum of one year. After one year, they can apply for an Intermediate Unrestricted License. There is a \$2 application fee. Teens need to apply in person at any of the driver testing centers. The word "Intermediate" will still be on the license, but the restrictions will be lifted.

However, if a teen driver has received six or more points (equivalent of two minor traffic citations) on their intermediate restricted license; contributes to a traffic crash; or is convicted of a second seat belt violation, they will have to wait an additional 90 days to apply for an intermediate unrestricted license.

Also, if the teen driver gets a second moving violation while holding the Intermediate Restricted Driver License, he or she will need to complete an approved Driver Education class before being allowed to get an Intermediate Unrestricted Driver License.

At age 18, a driver could apply for a regular unrestricted license without the word "Intermediate" printed on it. There will be an \$8 duplicate fee unless the driver chooses to keep the license with the word "Intermediate" on it until that license is at the end of its five-year renewal cycle.

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## **GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE PROCEDURES**

If Under Age Eighteen:

First License or Learner Permit

### Graduated Driver License

The rules for getting a driver license (or CFD) for those under age 18 are covered in this chapter. Motor vehicle crashes are the major cause of death for young people between the ages of 15 and 20. By requiring more supervised practice, the State of Tennessee hopes to save lives and prevent tragic injuries.

## **LEARNER PERMIT**

To apply for an intermediate license, a parent, legal guardian, or license instructor must present certification that the intermediate license applicant has a minimum of 50 hours of behind-the-wheel driving experience, including a minimum of 10 hours of driving at night.

Anyone under the age of 18 who has a learner permit will be prohibited from driving between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. When driving, permit holders must have a licensed driver age 21 or older in the vehicle with them on the front seat. Seat belt use is mandatory for everyone in the vehicle under the age of 18 (passengers age 4 and under must be in an approved child restraint device).

- You must be 15 years old and pass the standard written and visual exams.
- You must hold a learner permit for 180 days.
- You may drive a car only when accompanied by a license driver 21 years or older who is riding in the front seat of the vehicle.
- You may not drive between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Passengers between 4 and 17 years of age must wear seat belts.

### **Intermediate License:**

There are two (2) Intermediate License levels for those who are under 18 years of age. The first level is the Intermediate Restricted License and the second level is the Intermediate Unrestricted License. Their learner permit for a minimum of six months before they can apply for an intermediate restricted license. The minimum age for applying for an intermediate restricted license is 16. If someone with a learner permit gets 6 or more points on their driving record during the 180 days before applying for the intermediate restricted license, they have to continue to hold the learner permit until their record has been clear for a full 180 consecutive days.

B. Those with an intermediate license can only have one other passenger in the vehicle

UNLESS:

One or more of the passengers is age 21 or older and has a valid, unrestricted license;  
The passengers are brothers and sisters, step-brothers or step-sisters, adopted or fostered children residing in the same house as the driver and going to and from school AND the intermediate license holder has in their possession written permission from their parent or guardian to transport their siblings.

C. Those with an intermediate license are prohibited from driving between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

UNLESS:

- They are accompanied by a parent or guardian;
- They are accompanied by a licensed driver 21 or older who has been designated by the parent or guardian. This designation must be in writing and be in the possession of the teen driver;
- They are driving to or from a specifically identified school-sponsored activity or event and have in their possession written permission from a parent or guardian to do this;

- They are driving to or from work and have in their possession written permission from a parent or guardian identifying the place of employment and authorizing the driver to go to and from work;
- They are driving to or from hunting or fishing between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. and have in their possession a valid hunting or fishing license.

What would happen to an intermediate license holder who is caught with a forged or fake letter?

A driver with an intermediate license who is convicted of having a forged or fraudulent letter or statement will have his intermediate license revoked and will be reissued a learner permit until the the driver reaches the age of 18.

How long do I have to keep an intermediate restricted license?

Teens must hold their intermediate restricted license for a minimum of one year. After one year, they can apply for an unrestricted intermediate license. There is a \$2 application fee. The word “Intermediate” will still be on the license, but the restrictions will be lifted.

### **FIRST LEVEL - INTERMEDIATE RESTRICTED LICENSE**

- You must be sixteen (16) years old and pass the driving test.
- You must have held a learner permit for 180 days.
- You cannot have more than six (6) points on your record during the immediate 180 days preceding your application.
- You must have verification from a parent, legal guardian, or driving instructor stating you have fifty (50) hours (10 hours at night) of driving experience.
- Passengers between 4 and 17 years of age must wear seat belts.

### **SECOND LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE UNRESTRICTED LICENSE**

- To obtain this license you must be 17 years old.
- No additional tests are required.
- You must have held an Intermediate Restricted License for one (1) year.
- You cannot have accumulated more than six points on your driving record.
- You cannot have had a traffic accident that was your fault.
- You cannot have two seat belt violations.
- Passengers between 4 and 17 years of age must wear seat belts.

### **FINAL LEVEL - REGULAR DRIVER LICENSE**

- You may obtain a Class D regular driver license when you are 18 years of age, or
- Upon graduating from high school or receiving a GED.

### **Proof of Behind-the-Wheel Driving Experience:**

- Applicants under 18 applying for the Intermediate Restricted Class D must provide certification that they have completed fifty (50) hours of supervised driving experience while holding a valid permit. This experience must include a minimum of ten (10) hours of night-time driving.

- Certification of driving experience must be made on the official form (SF-1256) provided by the Department of Safety.

### **Hardship Driver Licenses:**

- Hardships can still be issued at age 14 and will always expire on the driver's 16th birthday.
- Hardships will still automatically serve as a PD once the holder turns 15 years of age.

If the Hardship (or PD) has not been held by the driver for the minimum of 180 days by the time the Hardship expires on the sixteenth birthday the driver will have to be re-issued the learner permit. This permit will need to be carried for the remainder of time to complete the required 180 days before the issuance of an Intermediate Restricted (IR) can be allowed.

The Hardship license still CANNOT be renewed. only be issued a learner permit, until the previous state record can be reviewed and evaluated by the Driver Improvement Section to see if it complies with the "less than 6 points" requirement of Tennessee law.

Regardless of the length of time the minor has carried the license in the previous State they will be required to hold the Tennessee Intermediate Restricted license for a full year before qualifying for the second level GDL.

If the minor has graduated from high school or received their GED prior to turning 18 they may apply for the regular

### **INTERMEDIATE UNRESTRICTED**

- At least 17 years old
- Held a valid Restricted Intermediate for 1 year

Cannot have:

- Six or more points on driving record
- Have been at fault in a traffic crash
- Have been convicted of a second seat belt violation [these would add a 90-day waiting period to the 1-year Intermediate Restricted duration]

### **REGULAR CLASS D**

- Must be at least 18 years of age

### **Restrictions:**

- Must have licensed driver age 21 or older in front seat
- Cannot drive between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Seat belts mandatory for all passengers ages 4 thru 17 (or child restraint device if under age 4)
- Only one passenger
- Cannot drive between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

- Seat belts mandatory for all passengers ages 4 thru 17(or child restraint device if under age 4)
- Seat belts mandatory for all passengers ages 4 thru 17 (or child restraint device if under age 4)
- No additional restrictions, however, license still states “Intermediate” prominently on the face of the license
- No restrictions and license looks like regular “Under 21 license”

**Unrestricted Driver License:** At age 18, a driver could apply for a regular unrestricted license without the word “Intermediate” printed on it.

The GDL law will not apply to anyone age 18 and older OR anyone under the age of 18 who has graduated high school.

Tennessee Works Cited

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**Texas**

**Education:**

A student must be at least 14 years of age before being permitted to enter the classroom phase of driver education. The student must be at least 15 years of age to enter the in-car phase. Texas law requires people under 18 years of age to successfully complete a State-approved course in driver education before becoming eligible to receive driver licenses. A student is not permitted to apply for an instructional permit until he is at least 15 years of age and has completed at least six hours of the driver education classroom program.

- The classroom portion of the driver education course is at least 32 hours which cannot be completed in less than 16 days.
  - Fourteen hours of behind-the-wheel training, whether the student is involved in a commercial school, public school, or parent-taught program.
  - Minimum passing grade of 70 percent is required
  - The in-car portion of the course consists of seven hours of driving plus seven hours of in-car observation which cannot be completed in less than six days.
  - There are restrictions on the number of hours of driver education training per day.
  - Driver education training in licensed schools is limited to five hours per day no matter what combination of training is provided, with the exception of classroom make-up lessons.
  - Simulator hours may be exchanged for driving hours at a ratio of four simulator hours equaling one driving hour.
  - Further, for each calendar day, a student shall be limited to a maximum of:
    - (A) two hours of scheduled classroom instruction;
    - (B) one hour of behind-the-wheel (BTW) instruction;
- NOTE: On one day only per student, a two-hour BTW session may be conducted;
- (C) four hours of in-car observation;
  - (D) three hours of simulation instruction; and/or
  - (E) two hours of multicar range driving.

Note: The Driver Training Division regulates licensed commercial schools.

**Instructor Requirements:**

An in-car instructor needs six semester hours of driver and traffic safety education courses from an approved college or university. In addition, there are requirements of good reputation and professional conduct (i.e., no DWI convictions within seven years).

A teaching assistant is only allowed to provide in-car instruction. However, as of 4/21/05, an instructor, who has completed 9 hours of driver and traffic safety education subjects and who is a licensed (full) teaching assistant is permitted to teach the 32 classroom hours in a commercial driving school if the supervising teacher will sign off on student records as the "Teacher of Record."

Classroom teachers must possess a Texas Teaching Certificate, and have passed the TECAT, ExCET or TExES; and successfully completed 9 semester hours of driver and traffic safety education from an approved provider.

Continuing education credit hours are required. Four clock hours are required annually.

**Driver’s Education Curriculum Modules:**

Module One—Texas Driver Responsibilities-Knowing Texas Traffic Laws

Module Two—Preparing to Operate the Vehicle

Module Three—Basic Maneuvering Tasks-Low Risk Environment

Module Four—Basic Maneuvering Tasks-Moderate Risk Environment

Module Five—Information Processing-Moderate Risk Environment

Module Six—Information Processing-Multiple Lane Expressways

Module Seven—Driver Performance-Personal Factors

Module Eight—Driver Responsibilities-Adverse Conditions (purple cover)

Curriculum File    In-Car Instruction File    Supplement and Worksheets File    Transparencies File

Module Nine—Texas Driver Responsibilities-Vehicle Functions

Module Ten—Texas Driver Responsibilities-The Wise Consumer and Driver Assessment.

**Texas Universities and Service Centers That Offer Driver Education Teacher Preparation Courses**

ESC VI and these 5 universities have provided e-mail addresses below their teachers' names.

UNIVERSITY OR ESC	TEACHER	DEPT	MAILING ADDRESS	CITY AND ZIP	PHONE
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER, REGION VI	BENNEY RALEY <a href="mailto:braley@esc6.net">braley@esc6.net</a>	ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION	3332 MONTGOMERY ROAD	HUNTSVILLE, TX 77340	936-435-8329
LAMAR UNIVERSITY	DR. BOATWRIGHT <a href="mailto:boatwrigjd@hal.lamar.edu">boatwrigjd@hal.lamar.edu</a>	HEALTH & KINESIOLOGY	BOX 10039	BEAUMONT, TX 77710	409-880-8724
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY	SCOTT ROWE <a href="mailto:sr13@txstate.edu">sr13@txstate.edu</a>	TECHNOLOGY	TRAFFIC SAFETY CENTER	SAN MARCOS, TX 78666	512-245-2137
SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY	ROGER GRANT <a href="mailto:rgrant@sulross.edu">rgrant@sulross.edu</a>	HPE	BOX C17	ALPINE, TX 79832	915-837-8226
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	DR. DENNIS <a href="mailto:med@hlkn.tamu.edu">med@hlkn.tamu.edu</a>	HPE	SAFETY EDUCATION P.O. BOX S-5	COLLEGE STATION, TX 77844-9175	979-845-3019
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - COMMERCE	SCOTTY CONLEY <a href="mailto:scotty_conley@tamu-commerce.edu">scotty_conley@tamu-commerce.edu</a>	HK & SS	EAST TEXAS STATION P.O. BOX 3011	COMMERCE, TX 75429	903-886-5549

## Licensed Driver Education Schools With TEA-Approved Driver Education Teacher Preparation Courses

Most of the school owners have provided e-mail addresses below their contact persons' names.

DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOL	CONTACT PERSON	ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP	PHONE
A. OK. DRIVING SCHOOL, INC.	PAULA J. ADAMS <a href="mailto:paulapja@aol.com">paulapja@aol.com</a>	1433 SOUTH 14th	ABILENE, TX 79602	915/677-0850
A-1 DRIVING ACADEMY, INC.	SANDRA BROYLES <a href="mailto:A1DrivingAcademy@aol.com">A1DrivingAcademy@aol.com</a>	4612 JUDSON RD.	LONGVIEW, TX 75605	903/663-1103
AUSTIN DRIVING SCHOOL	RICHARD REYNA <a href="mailto:BurroBuz@aol.com">BurroBuz@aol.com</a>	2049 WEST STASSNEY LANE	AUSTIN, TX 78745	512/280-4499
CENTRAL PARK DRIVING SCHOOL	KENNETH KOOP <a href="mailto:kkoop@yahoo.com">kkoop@yahoo.com</a>	7115 BLANCO RD., SUITE 114	SAN ANTONIO, TX 78216	210/344-4351
COLONY DRIVING SCHOOL, INC.	RICHARD LUSBY <a href="mailto:SafeDriver@colonydriving.com">SafeDriver@colonydriving.com</a>	3352 HIGHWAY 6 SOUTH	SUGAR LAND, TX 77478	281/265-2277
COURTESY DRIVING SCHOOL, N/W INC.	STEVEN TRIMBLE <a href="mailto:courtesy@evl.net">courtesy@evl.net</a>	21924 KINGSLAND BLVD.	KATY, TX 77450	281/392-4646
DRIVING SCHOOL OF NORTH TEXAS	TAMMY HILZ <a href="mailto:dsnt01@msn.com">dsnt01@msn.com</a>	1434 N. CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY, #101	MCKINNEY, TX 75069	469/952-2400
** DRIVER EDUCATION SERVICES	ROBERT YOUNG	P.O. BOX 1163	ARLINGTON, TX 76004-1163	817/856-2040
** EL PASO NORTHEAST DRIVING SCHOOL	MANNY RODRIGUEZ <a href="mailto:coachmanny@yahoo.com">coachmanny@yahoo.com</a>	4727 HONDO PASS, SUITE G	EL PASO, TX 79924	915/755-8800
GREGORY'S DRIVING SCHOOL, INC.	MARY GREGORY FOX Fax: 956-729-8233	4217 MARCELLA AVENUE	LAREDO, TX 78041	956/722-6151
QUAD-CITIES DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOL	MARINA T. POTHEN	203-A E. CAMP WISDOM	DUNCANVILLE, TX 75116	972/709-5043
RIO GRANDE DEFENSIVE DRIVING SCHOOL	LINDA WANSEY	2220 NOLANA, SUITE K	MCALLEN, TX 78504	956/631-0008
SAFE-WAY DRIVING CENTRE CORPORATION	FOWLER E. WALKER <a href="mailto:gwalker@hal-pc.org">gwalker@hal-pc.org</a>	9319-A KATY FREEWAY	HOUSTON, TX 77024	713/468-1313

### Licensing:

- Most commercial and public school programs are conducted under the Core Program Plan.
- This program consists of at least 32 hours of classroom instruction, 7 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction, and 7 hours of in-car observation.
- Under this plan, a student may receive only local credit for the course. The Parent-Taught Program Plan consists of at least 32 hours of classroom instruction, 7 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction, and 7 hours of behind-the-wheel practice.
- Other public school driver education plans may include the following programs:

In-car only program. This program shall consist of at least seven hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and seven hours of in-car observation. Under this plan, a student may receive only local credit for the course.

Classroom only program. This program shall consist of at least 32 hours of classroom instruction. Under this plan, a student may receive only local credit for the course.

School day credit program. This program shall consist of at least one class period per scheduled day of school, for a semester (traditional, condensed, accelerated, block, etc.), covering the driver education classroom and in-car program of organized instruction or only the classroom program of organized instruction. This class traditionally consists of at least 56 hours of driver education classroom instruction and, if in-car instruction is provided, must include seven hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and seven hours of in-car observation. Under this plan, a student may receive one-half unit of State credit toward graduation.

Non-school day credit program. This program shall consist of at least 56 hours of driver education classroom instruction, and, if in-car instruction is provided, must include seven hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and seven hours of in-car observation. Under this plan, a student may receive one-half unit of State credit toward graduation.

Multi-phase school day or non-school day credit program. This program shall consist of at least 40 hours of driver education classroom instruction, 4 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction, 8 hours of in-car observation, and 12 hours of simulator instruction. Under this plan, a student may receive one-half unit of State credit toward graduation.

#### Instruction Permit:

- This is a permit issued without a photograph for the purpose of permitting a student driver to legally practice when accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age and has had at least one year driving experience and who is occupying the seat beside the driver.
- Minimum Age: 15 with driver education.
- Fee: \$5.00
- Expiration: Issued until the applicant's next birth date, plus one year. Not renewable as an instruction permit but must be renewed as a photo-type license at regular fees upon expiration or at the time the driving test is passed and the restrictions are removed.

#### School Attendance:

The Texas Education Agency has developed an attendance certification form that you must obtain from your respective school. Have the school officials complete and sign it, and then present it to the Driver License personnel when you are applying for or renewing your driver license.

If you are under 18 years of age you must prove when you apply for your first Texas driver license or instruction permit and again each time your license is renewed until your 18th birthday that you:

- 1) Have obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent; or
- 2) Are a student enrolled in a public or private school who attended school for at least 80 days in the fall or spring semester preceding the date of application; or

- 3) Have been enrolled for at least 45 days, and are currently enrolled in a program to prepare persons to pass the high school equivalency exam.

You are also required to present the documentation anytime the license is renewed prior to the 18th birthday. During the school year the certificate issued by the school may not be dated more than 30 days before the date of application. During the summer the certificate may not be dated more than 90 days before the date of application.

#### Phase One of Licensing System:

Applicants under age 18 must hold an instruction permit for a minimum of six months prior to issuance of a provisional Class A, B, or C driver license. In addition, the minimum age of the person who must accompany any instruction permit holder during the operation of the vehicle is 21 years of age. Except for hardship licenses, a minor is not eligible to graduate to Phase Two (provisional license) for a Class A, B, or C driver license until they have completed this phase and met all other current licensing and age requirements.

Under the GDL program, there is no minimum time that a person must hold a restricted motorcycle or moped license before they can apply for a Class M license. Phase One does not apply to Class M or Hardship license holders.

The instruction permit must remain valid during the mandatory six-month period to meet this regulation. If an instruction permit is suspended/revoked during this period, upon the completion of the suspension period, the remaining six-month period must be completed to meet the GDL Phase One requirement.

Once the applicant has held a valid instruction permit or hardship license for a minimum of six months, has reached the age of 16 for a Class C license (17 years of age for a Class A or B non-CDL), and has completed both the classroom and laboratory (driving) portions of driver education, they are eligible to "graduate" to Phase Two.

#### Phase Two:

Phase Two restricts the driving privileges of persons under 18 years of age during the six-month period following the issuance of an original Class A, B, or C driver license (Provisional License). These persons may not operate a motor vehicle with more than one passenger in the vehicle under the age of 21 who is not a family member. They may not operate a motor vehicle between midnight and 5 a.m. unless the operation of the vehicle is necessary for the operator to attend or participate in employment or a school-related activity or because of a medical emergency. In addition, they may not operate a motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device.

Under Phase Two, a person under 17 years of age who holds a restricted motorcycle license or moped license, during the 6-month period following the issuance of an original motorcycle license or moped license, may not operate a motorcycle or moped between midnight and 5 a.m. unless the person is in sight of the person's parent or guardian or the operation of the vehicle is necessary for the operator to attend or participate in employment or a school-related activity or because of a medical emergency.

Upon completion of the six-month period, the above time and/or passenger restrictions no longer apply. The licensee may wish to apply for a duplicate license at a driver license office to remove this restriction. A fee is required to obtain a duplicate license. If not, this restriction will be removed at the

time the applicant renews the license on their next birthday, provided the Phase Two six-month time has lapsed.

#### Provisional Driver License:

All original licenses, other than an instruction permit, issued to persons under 18 years of age will be marked "Provisional." The license will be vertical and will be dated to expire on the applicant's 18th birthday or next birthday occurring after the date of issuance. A fee is required to obtain this license. The renewal fee is required for each one year of renewal period. No renewal notice will be sent as it is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain a verification of enrollment and attendance from their school. If the instruction permit or driver license is not due for renewal, a fee is required for a duplicate instruction permit or duplicate license.

#### Related Changes in Traffic Safety Laws

##### NEW DRIVING-RELATED LAWS IN 2005

The following bills from the 79th Regular Session have become laws.

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- SB 1005 amended Article 45.051, Code of Criminal Procedure concerning persons younger than 25 years of age who commit a moving traffic violation. During the deferral period, the judge shall require the defendant to complete an approved driving safety course and if the defendant holds a provisional driver license, to complete a DPS road test prior to obtaining a driver license.
- SB 1257 amended Subsection (a), Section 521.292, Transportation Code, to disqualify a person from operating a commercial motor vehicle if the person's driving is determined to constitute an imminent hazard. It also amended Section 522.081, Transportation Code to specify that a person under 18 years of age, during the six-month period following issuance of an original Class A, B, or C driver's license to the person, may not operate a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device, and that a person may not use a wireless communication device while operating a passenger bus with a minor passenger on the bus except in case of emergency or if the passenger bus is not in motion.
- SB 1258 changed Section 522 of the Transportation Code to specify that an original commercial driver's license or commercial driver learner's permit expires in five years instead of six years.

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<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/drive/driveuni.html>

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**8/23/2006**  
**Utah**

**Driver Education Requirements:**

- 30 hours classroom instruction
- 6 hours behind-the-wheel instruction

**Driver Licensing Requirements:**

The minimum age to seek a learner's permit is 15 years and 6 months. There is no minimum specified time that an applicant must hold their permit. An Intermediate license can be obtained at age 16.

Forty hours of parent/guardian supervised practice is required with 10 hours of it taking place at night. No passengers are permitted for the first six months of driving, and driving is prohibited from midnight to 5 a.m.

**New Learner Permit Laws**

On August 1, 2006, a new law went into effect that allows a person 15 years old to apply for a Learner Permit.

**New Law for Drivers Under 18 Years of Age**

Beginning August 1, 2006, HB 363 "Learner Permit Provisions" went into effect. This law allows for an applicant who is at least 15 years of age to apply for a learner permit at the Driver License Division. The applicant must:

- Pass a 50-question closed-book knowledge test
- Pay a \$15.00 learner permit fee
- Complete an application
- Pass all medical and vision screenings
- Provide two forms of identification and provide the Social Security card or ITIN
- Provide proof of residency
- If under 18 years old have a parent, legal guardian, or a responsible adult willing to sign for financial responsibility.

Upon successful completion of these requirements, the Driver License Division will issue a ONE-YEAR learner permit with photo and learner permit number.

- Applicants do not have to be enrolled in a driver education course to qualify for a learner permit.
- If the driver is under 18 years old this permit allows him to drive with an approved driving instructor, parent or legal guardian, or the responsible adult who signed for the learner permit.
- If the driver is under 18 years old he must hold the learner permit for 6 months from the issue date, be at least 16 years old, and have completed an approved driver education course prior to applying for a Class D driver license.

## Temporary Learner Permits, Practice Permits, and Instruction Permits Issued Prior to August 1, 2006

- These permits were accepted by the Driver License Division until February 1, 2007.
- These drivers will not have to hold a learner permit for 6 months.

### **State Codes and Legislation:**

#### 41-8-3. Operation of vehicle by persons under 16 and six months – Passenger limitations -- Exceptions -- Penalties.

- (1) In addition to the provisions of Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act, a person, whether resident or nonresident of this State, may not operate a motor vehicle upon any highway of this State with any passenger who is not an immediate family member of the driver until the earlier of:
  - (a) six months from the date the person's driver license was issued; or
  - (b) the person reaches 18 years of age.
- (2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under Subsection (1) that the person is operating a motor vehicle:
  - (a) accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years of age who is occupying a seat next to the driver;
  - (b) on assignment of a farmer or rancher and the driver is engaged in an agricultural operation; or
  - (c) in an emergency.
- (3) In addition to any penalties imposed under Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act, a violation of this section is a class C misdemeanor.
- (4) (a) Enforcement of this section by State or local law enforcement officers shall be only as a secondary action when an operator of a motor vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation of Title 41, other than this section, or for another offense.
  - (b) A peace officer may not seize or impound a vehicle if:
    - (i) the operator of the vehicle is cited for a violation of this section; and
    - (ii) the seizure or impoundment is not otherwise authorized under Section 41-1a-1101,

41-6a-1405, 41-6a-1608, or 73-18-20.1 or required under Section 41-6a-527.

#### 41-8-2. Operation of vehicle by persons under 17 during night hours prohibited -- Exceptions.

- (1) In addition to the provisions of Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act, a person younger than 17 years of age, whether resident or nonresident of this State, may not operate a motor vehicle upon any highway of this State between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.
- (2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under Subsection (1) that the person is operating a motor vehicle:
  - (a) accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years of age who is occupying a seat next to the driver;
  - (b) for the driver's employment, including the trip to and from the driver's residence and the driver's employment;
  - (c) directly to the driver's residence from a school-sponsored activity if:
    - (i) transportation to the activity is provided by a school or school district; and
    - (ii) the transportation under Subsection (2)(c)(i) commences from and returns to the school property where the driver is enrolled;
  - (d) on assignment of a farmer or rancher and the driver is engaged in an agricultural operation; or

- (e) in an emergency.
- (3) (a) In addition to any penalties imposed under Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act, a violation of this section is a class C misdemeanor.
- (b) A peace officer may not seize or impound a vehicle if:
  - (i) the operator of the vehicle is cited for a violation of this section; and
  - (ii) the seizure or impoundment is not otherwise authorized under Section 41-1a-1101,

41-6a-1405, 41-6a-1608, or 73-18-20.1 or required under Section 41-6a-527.

53-3-210 (Superseded 08/01/06). Temporary learner permit -- Instruction permit -- Commercial driver instruction permit -- Practice permit.

- (1) (a) The division upon receiving an application for a class D or M license from a person 16 years of age or older may issue a temporary learner permit after the person has successfully passed all parts of the examination not involving actually driving a motor vehicle.
- (b) The temporary learner permit allows the applicant, while having the permit in the applicant's immediate possession, to drive a motor vehicle upon the highways for six months from the date of the application in conformance with the restrictions indicated on the permit.
- (2) (a) The division, upon receiving an application, may issue an instruction permit effective for one year to an applicant who is at least 15 years and six months of age and who is enrolled in a driver education program that includes practice driving, if the program is approved by the State Board of Education or the division, even though the applicant has not reached the legal age to be eligible for a license.
- (b) The instruction permit entitles the applicant, while having the permit in his immediate possession, to drive a motor vehicle, only if an approved instructor is occupying a seat beside the applicant.
- (3) The division may issue a commercial driver instruction permit under Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 4, Uniform Commercial Driver License Act.
- (4) (a) The division shall issue a practice permit to an applicant who:
  - (b) is at least 15 years and six months of age;
    - (i) has been issued an instruction permit under this section;
    - (ii) is enrolled in a driver education program or has successfully completed a driver education course in a:
      - (A) commercial driver training school licensed under Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 5,

Commercial Driver Training Schools Act; or

- (a) driver education program approved by the division;
  - (i) has passed the knowledge test required by the division;
  - (ii) has passed the physical and mental fitness tests; and
  - (iii) has submitted the nonrefundable fee for a class D license.
- (b) The division shall supply the practice permit form. The form shall include the following information:
  - (i) the applicant's full name, date of birth, sex, home address, height, weight, and eye color;
  - (ii) the name of the school providing the driver education course;
  - (iii) the dates of issuance and expiration of the permit;
  - (iv) the statutory citation authorizing the permit; and
  - (v) the conditions and restrictions contained in this section for operating a class D motor vehicle.

- (c) The practice permit is valid for up to six months from the date of issuance. The practice permit allows the person, while having the permit in the applicant's immediate possession, to operate a class D motor vehicle when the person's parent, legal guardian, or adult spouse, who must be a licensed driver, is occupying a seat next to the person.
- (d) If an applicant has been issued a practice permit by the division, the applicant may obtain an original or provisional class D license from the division upon passing the skills test administered by the division and reaching 16 years of age.

41-8-3. Operation of vehicle by persons under 16 and six months -- Passenger limitations -- Exceptions -- Penalties.

- (1) In addition to the provisions of Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act, a person, whether resident or nonresident of this state, may not operate a motor vehicle upon any highway of this state with any passenger who is not an immediate family member of the driver until the earlier of:
  - (a) six months from the date the person's driver license was issued; or
  - (b) the person reaches 18 years of age.
- (2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under Subsection (1) that the person is operating a motor vehicle:
  - (a) accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years of age who is occupying a seat next to the driver;
  - (b) on assignment of a farmer or rancher and the driver is engaged in an agricultural operation; or
  - (c) in an emergency.
- (3) In addition to any penalties imposed under Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act, a violation of this section is a class C misdemeanor.
- (4) (a) Enforcement of this section by State or local law enforcement officers shall be only as a secondary action when an operator of a motor vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation of Title 41, other than this section, or for another offense.
  - (b) A peace officer may not seize or impound a vehicle if:
    - (i) the operator of the vehicle is cited for a violation of this section; and
    - (ii) the seizure or impoundment is not otherwise authorized under Section 41-1a-1101, 41-6a-1405, 41-6a-1608, or 73-18-20.1 or required under Section 41-6a-527.

**Graduated Licensing:**

Involves restrictions on driving by minors in the following areas (from the Utah Driver Handbook, revised 7/04):

A person younger than 17 years of age may not operate a motor vehicle upon any highway between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. except for the following:

1. When accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years of age;
2. When driving to and from the driver's employment;
3. When driving to and from the driver's religion-sponsored or school-sponsored activity;
4. When engaged in an agricultural operation; or
5. In an emergency.

A person may not operate a motor vehicle upon any highway with any passenger who is not an immediate family member of the driver until:

1. Six months from the date the person's driver license was issued; or
2. The person reaches 18 years of age.

Exceptions to this rule are:

1. If accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years of age;
2. On assignment of a farmer or rancher and the driver is engaged in an agricultural operation;
3. With written consent of the driver's parent or guardian to drive to and from school, a school-sponsored or religion-sponsored activity; or
4. In an emergency.\*

## DRIVER EDUCATION STANDARDS

### 1. BASIC COURSE CONTENT

- a. All classroom and behind-the-wheel student experiences in driver education shall take place under the supervision of teachers or instructors who are certified and have met the qualifications prescribed by the State Board of Education. Instruction should include, but not be limited to, the following areas of study:
  - (1) Basic and advanced driving strategies.
  - (2) Perceptual and decision-making techniques (i.e., defensive driving).
  - (3) Psychological and physiological conditions of the driver.
  - (4) Rules of the road, State laws, and local ordinances.
  - (5) Signs, signals, highway markings, and highway design innovations which require understanding for optimum performance.
  - (6) Operation of motor vehicles on streets and highways, with emphasis on techniques that will aid the driver in avoiding crashes. This should specifically include training in handling driving emergencies, including hydroplaning, skid avoidance, and recovery.
  - (7) The characteristics of the highway transportation system (HTS) that:
    - (d) Aid the driver in crash avoidance.
    - (e) Protect the driver and passengers in crashes. (This should include thorough introduction to the purposes and nature of vehicle and highway crash design.)
    - (f) Address aggressive driving, including road rage.
  - (8) Railroad crossing safety.
  - (9) Special characteristics of urban, rural, and interstate driving.
  - (10) Preventive maintenance, with emphasis on motor vehicle systems and new technologies that are critical to safe operation.
  - (11) Sharing the road with other highway transportation systems (both users and non-users).
  - (12) Graduated licensing
  - (13) Insurance and liability.
  - (14) Distracted driving.
  - (15) Drugs and alcohol.
  - (16) Parental involvement.
- b. Courses can be enhanced through the use of audiovisual teaching aids, multimedia arrangements, computer technology, television, off-street multiple-car driving ranges, driving simulators, and skid-control devices.

## 2. DRIVER EDUCATION (CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION)

A course of classroom instruction shall include a program of not less than 30 clock hours of instruction by a certified instructor. Driver education instruction shall be given as a separate course or as a clearly identified unit within another course.

Driver education shall be offered to pupils enrolled in high school, or who have attained their 16th birthday, provided that each pupil will not complete his/her driver education training before his/ her sixteenth birthday. Pupils shall have reached the age of 15 years and 6 months before they are permitted to enroll in behind-the-wheel driving. However, school districts involved with the four-through six-phase driver education programs (range, simulation, and/or skid-control training) on a semester basis only may submit at the beginning of the semester program the names of all students enrolled, provided that said students will have reached the age of 16 by the completion of the semester program.

Credit should be given for instruction in driver education as in other courses in the curriculum. When a unit in driver education is included in another course, the title of the course shall so indicate.

Classroom instruction shall not be given fewer than two hours per week and shall be completed within one school year.

Most specialists and instructors of driver education suggest that the best educational results are achieved when the classroom and the behind-the-wheel phases of the program are taught concurrently. If this is not possible, then the smaller the time lapse between classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel experience, the better the program.

It is recommended that the behind-the-wheel instruction be completed within a period not to exceed three months following completion of the classroom instruction. However, completion of the behind-the-wheel instruction shall not exceed four months following completion of the classroom instruction.

## 3. DRIVER EDUCATION (BEHIND-THE-WHEEL)

A course of behind-the-wheel driving instruction shall include teacher demonstrations, observations, and student practice with using vehicle controls to start, shift gears, make right and left turns, stop, back, park, etc. This instruction should begin under relatively simple conditions and progress until the student has acquired reasonable skill in operating the vehicle under varying conditions in traffic. Each student should have experience in driving on urban streets and open highways. Practice driving should begin under varying conditions in which the learner will have an opportunity to develop sound driving practices, including instruction in hazardous conditions which may be present at different times of the year, such as snow and ice. Special emphasis should be given to the matter of developing desirable attitudes, so that each student indicates a sincere desire to show courteous consideration for other users of the road and other occupants of their vehicle.

A course of behind-the-wheel driving shall include a minimum of six clock hours of instruction in a dual-control vehicle under the direction and supervision of a certified instructor.

However:

- Multiple-car driving ranges in a four-phase program may be substituted for not more than three of the total six hours required for behind-the-wheel instruction. Multiple-car instruction is to be programmed on a 2:1 minimum ratio, where two hours of range driving are equivalent to one hour of on-street driving instruction.

- Driving simulators in a four-phase program may be substituted for not more than one of the total six hours required for behind-the-wheel instruction. Simulator instruction is to be programmed on a 4:1 minimum ratio, where four hours of driving simulation are equivalent to one hour of on-street driving instruction.
- Multiple-car driving ranges and simulators in a five- or six-phase program may be substituted for not more than three of the total six hours required for behind-the-wheel instruction. There must be at least four clock hours of range instruction and four clock hours of instruction in the simulator.
- Observation shall include a minimum of six clock hours under the direction of a certified instructor.
- The number of periods taught per day by driver and traffic safety education teachers should be the same number as required for teachers of other subject areas.

When a teacher serves both the high school and the adult and out-of-school youth programs, care should be taken to schedule his/her instructional time so as not to impair his/her efficiency in either program. To help assure that extra teaching duties are limited to a degree commensurate with the efficiency and good health of the teacher, the following points are recommended:

- Extra teaching duties should be accepted voluntarily by the teacher.
- A teacher should accept not more than two hours per school day, or not more than ten hours per week, of extra teaching duties.
- The minimum teaching load during summer periods should be commensurate with the general schedule for summer teaching in the school system, but in no case more than 40 hours per week.

No instructor shall teach more than eight hours during any one driving session. This eight-hour period must be divided into two sessions with at least a 30-minute break in between. It is recommended that this break fall between the first and second four-hour sessions.

No student shall drive more than one hour per day or observe more than two hours per day. No student shall complete the behind-the-wheel instruction in fewer than three weeks. However, it is strongly recommended that no student be finished in less than four weeks.

#### 4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR INSTRUCTORS OF DRIVER EDUCATION

A teacher of driver education shall be approved when he/she has all of the following:

- A valid teaching license with a secondary area of concentration. A valid teaching license with a special education area of concentration will allow special education teachers to teach driver education to special education students only. The endorsement will attach to both secondary and special education areas of concentration.
- A valid Utah automobile operator's license.
- A Utah Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement.
- A satisfactory driving record, which will be interpreted to consist of the following:
  - Beginning teachers should have a valid driver license, without a conviction for a moving violation or chargeable collision on record for which a driver license is suspended or revoked for the two-year period immediately prior to employment.
  - Conviction for a moving violation or chargeable collision for which a driver license is suspended or revoked should call for automatic suspension of authorization to teach.

- (c) Those whose authorization to teach has been suspended should be required to maintain a driving record free of convictions for moving violations or chargeable collisions for which a driver license is suspended or revoked for a period of two years before reinstatement.

Specialized professional preparation consisting of the following:

Licensing of Pre-Service Teachers. Applicants for a certificate to teach driver education must present a teaching minor in driver education of 16 semester hours.

A minimum of 12 semester hours shall be in the area of driver and safety education, including a practicum\* covering classroom, on-street, simulator, and driving range instruction.

\*Practicum (Student Teachers/Interns/Associate Teachers). Student teachers from an authorized school of higher education may provide driver education instruction in the special situations:

#### REIMBURSEMENT FOR BEHIND-THE-WHEEL COSTS OF THE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM

- All classroom costs of the driver education program shall be borne by the local school district.
- All costs directly related to the behind-the-wheel phase of the driver education program may be claimed for reimbursement.
- The combined behind-the-wheel teacher and vehicle costs of school district programs may be reimbursed to the maximum amount per pupil trained as approved by the Utah State Legislature. If the money available in the Driver Education Fund is insufficient to reimburse districts the full allowable amount per pupil trained, then a proportionate share of the money available will be paid.
- Reimbursement is made for students who fail the driver education program if the school has fulfilled its obligation in providing a minimum course for the student.
- Reimbursement may be claimed twice for students who, upon completing the minimum course requirements with the failing grade, enroll in and complete the minimum course requirements the second time.
- Students may be assessed a reasonable fee by the school or district for make-up sessions for failed driving skills tests. Student fee waiver amounts may be requested for reimbursement by LEAs on the State report forms; a student who qualifies under Federal guidelines for a fee waiver may request a fee waiver for driver education.

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**Driver Education Requirements:**

Driver education programs are overseen by the Department of Education, and are offered at all schools as part of the school curriculum. Thirty hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel are required.

**Driver Licensing Requirements:**

At age 15, one can apply for a learner's permit. It is required that the permit be held for a minimum of one year.

At age 16, students can apply for an intermediate license. They must complete 40 hours of parent/guardian guided practice, and there are no time driving restrictions. No passengers are permitted for the first three months of driving, and only family are permitted for the following three months.

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State Programs, Their Effectiveness and Needs

**WHAT'S RIGHT WITH VERMONT DRIVER EDUCATION AND WHAT'S NEEDED TO IMPROVE IT?:** The NTSB Forum on Driver Education and Training is a very special opportunity to survey the current state of novice driver education in the United States. Vermont's state of driver education and traffic safety is strong and healthy due to a number of factors. I will focus on what's right and why Vermont is often considered to be a leader in novice driver education. Emphasis will be placed on teacher preparation, professional development, ties to the Department of Education Framework of Standards and Vital Results, curriculum, parent involvement, partnerships and collaboration with national associations. Also addressed will be the recommendations for making Vermont and other States' Driver and Traffic Safety Education programs better.

**TEACHER PREPARATION:** Vermont has a very high standard of teacher training. Instructors, both public school and commercial, must complete 270 hours of training for an initial endorsement in Driver and Traffic Safety Education. This includes 6 three-credit courses sponsored by the Vermont Department of Education (DOE), Vermont Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (VDTSEA), and the Vermont college system. Public school driver educators must be licensed teachers with the Vermont Department of Education. Commercial instructors are granted a license through the Department of Motor Vehicles. Only Department of Education licensed teachers may teach in the public schools.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** The Vermont DOE requires each public school driver educator to remain current in their knowledge of Driver and Traffic Safety Education. Teachers are required to receive nine continuing education credits every seven years to maintain their license to teach. Vermont teachers attain this through elective graduate course work relevant to traffic safety, workshops, and conference attendance. Teachers in Vermont public schools are also required to work on local action

plans which result in greater standardization of programs linked to the DOE Framework of Standards and Vital Results.

**VERMONT CURRICULUM:** Vermont has worked with Dr. Fred Mottola and the National Institute for Driver Behavior (NIDB) for many years to develop a risk-prevention education curriculum as compared to driver education that is merely concerned with the successful outcome of a task. The Vermont curriculum requires the student to take the best risk-prevention actions during the performance of a task. The curriculum is an attempt to place driver education on a higher level that will provide students with a lifelong risk prevention education. The Vermont Department of Education has incorporated the curriculum into Vermont's Framework of Standards and Vital Results. Also included are the American Driver Traffic Safety Education Association and Vermont Driver Traffic Safety Education Association minimum standards for driver performance. The Vermont NIDB Curriculum Resource Guide has complete assessment standards for both classroom and in-vehicle performance of concepts and key behaviors. The complete resource guide has been available since 2001 and most recently, is available in electronic format. It has been made available through regional training and workshops to both public school and commercial school instructors. One Vermont teacher says, "A definite strength of my program is the curriculum and methodology. Students say every semester how parents and friends were terrible teachers, and how easy we make it."

**IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS:** Driver Education is provided free of charge in the public school system, to any student whose parent or legal guardian is a resident of the State of Vermont. This is unique to most instruction in the United States today. The State reimbursement to schools remains the same as it was when first legislated in 1966. Public schools receive \$71.00 per student. This amount covered almost all of the school's expenses in 1966 but covers only approximately 21 percent of today's costs. Slightly over 7,200 Vermont students complete driver education annually. Commercial driving schools in Vermont account for approximately 17 percent of the students under 18 years of age who are trained. Another consideration in regards to commercial training is the fact that 13 of 20 of the commercial schools in Vermont are owned and taught by public school instructors. This in-school instruction is enhanced through access to computer labs, special education and support staff for students with individual education plans (IEP).

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** Vermont has always stressed the importance of parent involvement in the development of novice drivers. Most schools in Vermont had strong programs that guided parents through the supervision stage long before the requirements associated with Graduated Driver Licensing. The DOE has provided specific supervising driving guides to every student in driver education. The guide closely follows the Vermont NIDB curriculum being used in most schools. Teachers say, "The Supervising Driving Guide, used statewide, enhances the students' experience behind the wheel in conjunction with GDL laws and makes practice driving more beneficial to both student and parent." Parent nights and meetings help to enhance the use of these materials.

**VERMONT PARTNERSHIPS:** Being a small State, Vermont has the ability to partner with many organizations and associations. There is also a strong collaboration of State agencies. To name a few, the Governor's Highway Safety Policy Council consists of the DOE (Driver and Traffic Safety Office), Chiefs of Police, Sheriff's Department, State Police, Emergency Medical Technicians, Emergency Nurses CARE, Department of Motor Vehicles, Alcohol Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP), Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS) and the VT Teen Leadership Safety Program. Many of these agencies and programs work with the driver education programs in schools to increase the importance of traffic safety. The most important aspect of collaboration comes from the Vermont Driver and

Traffic Safety Education Association. Ninety-two percent of the licensed driver educators in Vermont are members of the State association and strong advocates for traffic safety. The Association helps to sponsor teacher training, professional development, and financial aide to attend conferences and courses. VDTSEA and the DOE sponsor and maintain a “skid monster” vehicle to enhance instruction in skid prevention. The vehicle also reinforces theory taught in the Vermont NIDB Curriculum. Two members of the Association are in attendance at this forum. STUDIES It is interesting to see the similarities of a class study conducted by VIT and the University of TURKU in Sweden and what is being done in the Vermont Driver & Traffic Safety Education program today. The Swedish literature review was carried out on commission from the Swedish National Road Administration with additional funding from the Swedish Agency for Innovative Systems. The review was carried out from January to April 2003. The review states: “In order to be a safe driver, it is not enough to be able to control the vehicle well and in accordance with the traffic rules. It is also important to have a realistic assessment of one’s own ability to control the vehicle, to drive in traffic and to be aware of what motives and preference govern our own behavior and choices. The knowledge about where risks in traffic may occur is crucial.” The Vermont risk-prevention curriculum guide addresses just these issues. The Swedish literature also states “The content of the high school education should not focus on vehicle maneuvering and control, but more general aspects belonging to the higher levels of the GDE matrix.” Vermont does this through repeated practices in class and in-vehicle of the key student behaviors of risk management. Another outcome of the study states: “In driver education risk awareness methods should be used on a regular basis and as a standard procedure to gain changes in attitudes. Educational methods that might be appropriate to increase driver skills for self-evaluation include improved feedback during training, self-evaluation tools like questionnaires and scales, discussions with other drivers about personal experiences, and evaluations made by instructors or examiners.” Vermont addresses this in its curriculum through concurrent class and in-vehicle sessions, instructor feedback and student-led activities both in class and in the vehicle. The Swedish study also found the introduction of short professional courses in exchange for a reduction of general practicing periods has not proved to be beneficial for safety. The extended practice that is achieved during this period seems to give more safety benefits than the currently evaluated courses. Vermont public school driver education has programs that average nine weeks during the regular school year and six weeks during the summer programs. The longer programs, as recommended by the Vermont Department of Education, allow greater time to practice key behaviors under supervision of the public school instructor and establish well coordinated, structured parent involvement programs. Vermont also addresses the research that states a need for structure of the supervised practice. Vermont driver education stresses the importance of lessons going from simple to complex in nature and the importance of providing structured parent involvement through the use of a supervised driving guide which compliments the school curriculum.

**WEAKNESSES & LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS:** Vehicle Acquisition – Since the early 70s, it has been harder and harder to acquire vehicles for public school use. The days of the major auto manufacturers providing free loan vehicles have been long gone. Many dealers have discontinued programs or increased rental costs to the point where school budgets can no longer support Driver and Traffic Safety Education programs. Schools have in some cases resorted to purchasing vehicles and keeping them for long periods of time. State Aid – The Vermont Department of Education has received the same amount of funding from the State transportation budget every year since 1966 when Federal legislation mandated Driver Education. More and more of the burden is placed on local school districts to fund programs at the tax payers’ expense. Even so, people support driver education in the Vermont public schools. Parents want driver education.

Minimum Standards – Vermont requires 30 hours of classroom and 6 hours of in-vehicle instruction. This timeframe was established in the 1940s. The Vermont curriculum and teacher training methods provide the instructor with much more material than can be addressed in 30 hours and the establishment of habits and key behaviors require more than six hours of in-vehicle assessment especially if regulations allow one hour of instruction for each student per lesson. Also, the Department of Education has very little authority to review programs. National standards for review and assessment of programs should be established. Technology – Curriculum and teaching methods require the driver education classroom to be equipped with much greater computer technology with advanced programming. Interactive software programs presently available enhance the student experience in Vermont where available. Chalkboard and showing videos are no longer acceptable methods of instruction with today's youth. In 2000, a one-time grant associated with Graduated Driver Licensing funded the acquisition of technology equipment such as laptops, digital cameras, and software for a small number of schools. The result of this grant program was extremely positive in relation to the enhancement of the Driver Education programs. Students and teachers localized their programs through video, power point and other media presentations that increased awareness not only in their classes but also collaborating with parent involvement and community projects. "Skid Monster" Accessibility – VDTSEA and the Vermont Department of Education sponsor a vehicle specifically designed to support the scientific aspects and behaviors of vehicle control. Training facilities around the State with ranges to accommodate these vehicles are necessary to increase its usage.

#### Stronger Regulations Needed:

- Mandate increased course time for both public school and commercial programs.
- Increase more professional development requirements for commercial school instructors equal to Vermont public school teachers. Presently the commercial schools are overseen by the Vermont DMV and individuals with no traffic safety education or background. They come from the licensing team.
- Increase minimum age to receive Vermont learner permit from 15 to 16.
- Increase minimum age to receive Vermont junior operator license from 16 to 17.
- Mandate traffic safety education into K-12 curriculum

#### Incentives:

- Colleges need to receive incentives to reinstate traffic safety courses as a part of education degrees.
- Teachers need incentives from school districts to become certified.
- Parents need incentives to participate in quality programs with their children.

#### Where Do We Go From Here?

It is hoped that this symposium will be the beginning of a national movement to address the needs to improve driver education. With traffic crashes being our most serious health problem and the leading cause of death to our Nation's 15- to 20-year-olds, it is imperative we strive to develop solutions to this epidemic and not have these problems continue to escalate.

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## Graduated Driver License Program

Individuals who obtained a Learner's Permit on or after July 1, 2000, are subject to the provisions of Vermont's Graduated License laws, which are indicated below:

An individual 15 years of age or older may operate a motor vehicle if they hold a valid Learner's Permit and are accompanied by one of the following people (riding in the vehicle beside the driver):

- A licensed and unimpaired parent or guardian.
- A licensed or certified and unimpaired driver education instructor.
- A licensed and unimpaired individual who is at least 25 years of age.

To apply for a Learner's Permit, an individual must have maintained a "clean" driving record in the previous two years.

An individual must possess a Learner's Permit for at least one (1) year prior to obtaining a Junior Operator License.

Prior to obtaining a Junior Operator License, an individual must complete an additional 40 hours of practice behind the wheel, with at least 10 hours being nighttime driving, while accompanied by one of the individuals indicated above who is riding beside the driver. Proof of this additional practice must be submitted to DMV at the time of application for a Junior Operator License, on a form provided by DMV and certified by one of the individuals indicated above. A new form, TA-VN-210 (Driving Practice Log Sheet) has been created for this purpose. (Free download of Adobe Acrobat Reader)

An individual must have maintained a "clean" driving record without any Learner Permit recalls, suspensions or revocations for a six-month period prior to obtaining a Junior Operator License.

While holding a Junior Operator License, the individual may not operate a vehicle in the course of their employment for one year following the issuance of the Junior Operator License. For example, an individual cannot act as a pizza delivery person (driver) until they have had their Junior Operator License for one year, or until they reach the age of 18 (whichever comes first).

While holding a Junior Operator License, an individual may not carry passengers for hire.

During the first three months of operation under a Junior Operator License, the individual is restricted to driving alone, or with one of the individuals indicated above. If one of those individuals is in the vehicle with them there is no restriction on the number of passengers they can transport in the vehicle. However, the driver is not allowed to transport more passengers than there are seat belts.

During the second three months of operation under a Junior Operator License the individual may begin transporting family members in the front seat. (The family member in the front seat is not required to be one of the individuals indicated above.)

After holding a Junior Operator License for six months there are no passenger restrictions.

An individual must be 18 years of age to obtain an Operator License, and must have not had any recalls, suspensions or revocations during the previous six-month period.

A Learner Permit or Junior Operator License is considered to be a "provisional license" which is recallable. Any of the following actions will result in the recall of an individual's Learner Permit or Junior Operator License:

1. Carrying passengers for hire - 90 day recall
2. Driving for employer/employment - 90 day recall
3. Recommendation from a Diversion/Reparative Board - 30 day recall
4. Points accumulation (for a single 3 point speeding violation or a 6 point total) - 90 day recall
5. Passenger age violation - 90 day recall
6. Passenger restrictions - 90 day recall

## **Graduated Driver License Program**

### **Learner Permit**

To apply for a Learner's Permit, an individual must have maintained a "clean" driving record in the previous two years.

When you are issued your Vermont Learner Permit, if you are under 18 years of age you fall under the requirements of Vermont's Graduated Driver License law.

The main requirements of this law that affect a person who is under 18 years of age and has a valid Vermont Learner Permit are:

You may operate a motor vehicle if you are accompanied by one of the following people in the vehicle, who is riding beside you when you are the driver:

- A licensed and unimpaired parent or guardian.
- A licensed or certified and unimpaired driver education instructor.
- A licensed and unimpaired individual who is at least 25 years of age.

A Learner Permit is considered to be a "provisional license" which is recallable. Any of the following will result in the recall of your Learner Permit:

- Carrying passengers for hire - 90 day recall
- Driving for employer/employment - 90 day recall
- Recommendation from a Diversion/Reparative Board - 30 day recall
- Points accumulation (for a single 3 point speeding violation or a 6 point total) - 90 day recall
- Passenger age violation - 90 day recall <http://www.ccri.edu/lifelong/dred>
- Passenger restrictions - 90 day recall

While a recall is in effect, you cannot drive (at all) and you cannot apply for a Junior Operator License or an Operator's License.

When a recall is issued, you have the right to a hearing.

When a Learner Permit is recalled, it will be restored at the end of a specified period of time and (if required) when you have passed a re-examination.

No reinstatement fee will be due when a Learner Permit recall is restored.

#### Preparation for Getting Your Junior Operator's License:

You must possess a valid Learner's Permit for at least one year prior to obtaining a Junior Operator License.

Prior to obtaining a Junior Operator License, you must complete an additional 40 hours of practice behind the wheel, with at least 10 hours being nighttime driving, while accompanied by one of the individuals indicated above who is riding beside the driver. Proof of this additional practice must be submitted to DMV at the time of application for a Junior Operator License, on a form (TA-VN-210 - Driving Practice Log Sheet) provided by DMV and certified by one of the individuals indicated above.

An individual must have maintained a "clean" driving record without any Learner Permit recalls, suspensions or revocations for a six-month period prior to obtaining a Junior Operator License.

#### Junior Operator (Graduated Driver License Program)

When you are issued your Junior Operator's License (if you are under 18 years of age) you fall under the requirements of Vermont's Graduated Driver License law.

The main requirements of this law that affect a person who is under 18 years of age (and has a valid Vermont Junior Operator's License) are:

While holding a Junior Operator's License, you may not operate a vehicle in the course of your employment for one year following the issuance of your Junior Operator's License. For example, you cannot act as a pizza delivery driver until having had a Junior Operator's License for one year, or until reaching the age of 18 (whichever comes first).

While holding a Junior Operator's License, you may not carry passengers for hire.

During the first three months of driving under a Junior Operator's License, you are restricted to driving alone or with:

1. A licensed and unimpaired parent or guardian;
2. A licensed or certified and unimpaired driver education instructor; or
3. A licensed and unimpaired individual who is at least 25 years of age.

If one of these individuals is in the vehicle with you there is no restriction on the number of passengers you can transport in the vehicle. However, you (as the driver) are not allowed to transport more passengers than there are seat belts.

During the second three months of driving under a Junior Operator's License you may begin transporting family members in the front seat. The family member in the front seat is not required to be one of the individuals listed above.

After holding a Junior Operator's License for six months there are no passenger restrictions (other than not having more passengers than there are seat belts).

You must be eighteen years of age to obtain an Operator's License, and must not have had any recalls, suspensions, or revocations during the previous six-month period.

If you have a Junior Operator's License from another State and apply for a Vermont Junior Operator's License you will be subject to Vermont's Graduated License provisions unless you have held the Junior Operator's License in the other State for a period of at least six months. You may obtain a Vermont Junior Operator's License by: (1) successfully passing the required examinations; (2) providing proof of successful completion of a Driver Education program; (3) providing proof of completion of an additional 40 hours of driving. If you have held the Junior Operator's License in the other State for a period of at least six months you may surrender the out-of-State Junior Operator's License for a Vermont issued Junior Operator's License and will be exempt from the driving restrictions and provisions of Vermont's Graduated License laws.

A Junior Operator's License is considered to be a "provisional license" which is recallable. Any of the following will result in the recall of your Junior Operator's License:

- Carrying passengers for hire - 90 day recall
- Driving for employer/employment - 90 day recall
- Recommendation from a Diversion/Reparative Board - 30 day recall
- Points accumulation (for a single 3 point speeding violation or a 6 point total) - 90 day recall
- Passenger age violation - 90 day recall
- Passenger restrictions - 90 day recall

While a recall is in effect, you cannot drive (at all) and you cannot apply for an Operator's License.

When a recall is issued, you have the right to a hearing.

When a Junior Operator's License is recalled, it will be restored at the end of a specified period of time, and (if required), when you have passed a re-examination.

No reinstatement fee will be due when a Junior Operator's License recall is restored.

### **Driver Training:**

Driving schools and instructors are licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The schools are privately owned businesses which operate under guidelines and standards set forth in State statutes and rules. There are two basic types of instruction, which are listed below.

Standard driver training, which provides instruction in the operation of "pleasure cars." These training programs provide the following services:

The State-approved driver education course which is required for license applicants under the age of 18. This course consists of a minimum of 30 hours classroom, 6 hours behind-the-wheel instruction, and 6 hours observation. Students who successfully complete the course are issued a "Driver Education Certificate."

Adult driver training and refresher training. This type of training may consist of either classroom or behind-the-wheel instruction. A combination of both types of instruction is available for novice drivers in the State-approved "6+6 Adult Driver Education Course". This program consists of a minimum of 6 hours classroom and 6 hours behind-the-wheel instruction.

Driver license testing. Instructors at participating schools are certified to administer the DMV driver license road test. This service is provided to students who are 16 or 17 years of age and who have completed the approved driver education course, and to adult drivers who have completed the approved ("6+6") adult driver course.

Commercial vehicle training, which provides instruction in the operation of commercial vehicles. These training programs provide the following services:

The State-approved driver training program for entry-level tractor-trailer drivers. This 148-hour (minimum) course, which is consistent with national training guidelines, provides a combination of classroom, range, and on-the-road instruction.

Instruction in the operation of straight trucks and buses.

Preparation for taking CDL written and skills tests. Vehicles are provided for students to take the CDL skills test. All tests are given at DMV test sites.

Employment. Check with individual schools to find out what types of job-placement services might be available.

### **Commercial Driver Training Schools/Instructors:**

Per the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, commercial driving schools and instructors are licensed and regulated through the department. To become an instructor or to operate a driver training school, certain requirements must be met such as the following:

- Application and licensing fees.
- Filing of certificate of insurance.
- Completion of courses in driver training and instructional techniques.
- Completion of tests administered by DMV.
- Approval of facilities and vehicles.
- Approval of instructional curriculum and training methods.
- Verification of previous teaching experience.

Licensing processes, facilities, requirements and qualifications of instructors and curriculum differ somewhat depending upon the type of training to be offered.

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### **Educational Requirements:**

Driver education programs are available statewide to students, adults, and out-of-school youths. Public and private school programs are approved by the Department of Education. Commercial driver training schools follow the same course content and are licensed by DMV.

The course must be taken at a public, private or commercial driver training school unless you are home-schooled.

Students will receive a driver education completion certificate when upon successfully completing a driver education program. A copy of the certificate will be sent by the school instructor to DMV for issuance of a permanent driver's license.

If applicants are under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign the certificate to attest to academic standing and to authorize issuance of a driver's license. A parent, legal guardian, or foster parent must also certify that the applicant has driven at least 40 hours, 10 of which occurred after sunset.

### **Driver Services: Driver Education Requirements**

If you are a Virginia resident under age 19, you must complete a State-approved driver education program and hold your Virginia learner's permit for at least nine months.

If you are a Virginia resident 19 years of age or older and you have never held a license issued by any State, U.S. territory, or foreign country, you must hold a Virginia learner's permit for at least 30 days or show completion of a State-approved driver education program.

Driver education programs are available statewide to students, adults, and out-of-school youths. Public and private school programs are approved by the Department of Education. Driver training schools follow the same course content and are licensed by DMV.

The program must present 36 classroom periods. It must include components about alcohol safety, drug abuse awareness, aggressive driving, distracted driving, motorcycle awareness, and organ and tissue donation awareness. It must also include 14 in-car instruction periods, 7 periods of driving and 7 periods of observation.

The course must be taken at a public or private driver training school unless you are home-schooled.

Students will receive a driver education completion certificate when they have successfully completed a driver education program. A copy of the certificate will be sent by the school instructor to DMV for issuance of a permanent driver's license.

If under 18 years of age, parents or legal guardians must sign the certificate to attest to academic standing and to authorize issuance of a driver's license. Parents, legal guardians, or foster parents must also certify that the student has driven at least 40 hours, 10 of which occurred after sunset.

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Revised Driver Education Standards of Learning: Guide for Driver Education in Virginia.

As prescribed by §22.1-205 of the Code of Virginia, this curriculum guide serves as the Board of Education's approved driver education and traffic safety program of instruction for public and private school programs. Commercial driver training schools are approved and licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles as prescribed by VR 485-60-9201, and they follow the same course content as public and private school driver education programs.

The classroom and in-car driver education standards focus on safe driving attitudes; time, space, and distance-perception skill development; and the recognition of and appropriate response to hazards in the ever-changing driving environment. Emphasis is placed on linking visual search skills, space management, and maintenance of balanced vehicle control to risk-reducing driving strategies. Significant attention is given to risk awareness, driver alertness, driver distractions, the social and economic consequences of driving, occupant protection, positive interactions with other roadway users, and the physical and psychological conditions that affect driver performance.

Students apply basic driving skills in low-to-moderate traffic environments and progress to demonstration of skill proficiency in more complex traffic situations. When possible, teachers are also encouraged to use simulation and other technologies that will enhance student learning. Successful completion of a state-approved driver education program does not, alone, make a teenager a responsible, experienced driver. Traffic safety education involves family, community, industry, government, and personal factors such as motivation, maturity, and perceptive abilities. These factors play major roles in the development and safety of young drivers. Evidence shows that often it is not poor driving skills that cause accidents among this age group, but inexperience and/or poor attitude. The family, not the school, is in the best position to have a sustained effect on minimizing the risks faced by inexperienced drivers and encouraging responsible behaviors. Throughout the course, emphasis is placed on extensive supervised practice with a licensed parent or guardian to develop precision in the use of skills, processes, and responsibilities.

### Goals

The purpose of driver education is to provide students with a detailed understanding of the fundamentals of driving and foster responsible attitudes and behaviors.

As a result of quality traffic safety instruction, students will be able to

- demonstrate a working knowledge of the rules and procedures of operating a motor vehicle;
- identify and analyze the physical and psychological conditions that affect driver performance;
- apply knowledge, processes, and skills to become safe, competent users of the highway transportation system;
- display responsible driving behaviors when alone and with peers.

### Standards

DE.1 The student will demonstrate an understanding of Virginia traffic laws, licensing procedures, and other responsibilities associated with the driving privilege.

Key concepts include:

- a) licensing requirements and types of licenses;
- b) the motor vehicle section of the Code of Virginia; and
- c) the organ and tissue donation designation process.

DE.2 The student will demonstrate an understanding of basic vehicle operating procedures.

Key concepts/skills include:

- a) pre-driving procedures;
- b) starting procedures (automatic and manual transmissions);
- c) vehicle information, warning, and control devices; and
- d) vehicle securing procedures.

DE.3 The student will recognize the effects of momentum, gravity, and inertia on vehicle control and balance, and the relationship between kinetic energy and force of impact.

Key concepts/skills include:

- (a) seating and hand position;
- (b) steering, braking, and acceleration;
- (c) compensating for shifts in vehicle load (from side to side, front to rear, and rear to front) that affect vehicle performance; and
- (e) types of collisions — head-on, near-frontal, broadside, rear-end, rollover, sideswipe.

DE.4 The student will demonstrate the ability to manage visibility, time, and space to avoid conflicts and reduce driving risks.

Key concepts/skills include:

- a) synthesizing information visually from the driving environment, using a space management process;
- b) applying following-interval concepts;
- c) selecting gap and judging distance; and
- d) estimating passing-time and space needs.

DE.5 The student will demonstrate appropriate adjustments when approaching controlled and uncontrolled intersections, curves, railroad crossings, and hills with line-of-sight or path of- travel limitations.

Key concepts/skills include:

- a) roadway signs, signals, and markings;
- b) right-of-way rules;
- c) slope/grade of terrain; and
- d) vehicle position.

DE.6 The student will identify the characteristics of an expressway and apply risk-reducing expressway driving strategies.

Key concepts/skills include:

- a) entering, merging, integrating into, and exiting from traffic flow;
- b) managing interchanges; and
- c) selecting vehicle position and changing lanes.

DE.7 The student will demonstrate the ability to communicate presence and intentions with other highway transportation users.

Key concepts/skills include:

- a) vehicle position and driver action; and
- b) vehicle communication devices.

DE.8 The student will analyze and describe the physiological and psychological effects of alcohol and other drugs and their impact on a driver's awareness of risks and involvement in collisions.

Key concepts include:

- a) prescribed and over-the-counter medications;
- b) illegal or illicit drugs;
- c) effects of alcohol and other drugs on vision and space management;
- d) synergistic effects of drugs; and
- e) alcohol elimination factors.

DE.9 The student will identify and analyze the legal, health, and economic consequences associated with alcohol and other drug use and driving.

- (a) Key concepts/skills include:
- (b) positive and negative peer pressure;
- (c) refusal skills;
- (d) Implied Consent, Zero Tolerance, and Use and Lose laws;
- (e) Administrative License Revocation, loss of license, ignition interlock, and other licensing restrictions; and
- (f) court costs, insurance requirements, Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program referral, and other costs.

DE.10 The student will recognize the consequences of aggressive driving and other emotions that influence driving behaviors.

Key concepts include:

- a) stress and anxiety;
- b) anger management; and
- c) the relationship between aggressive driving and road rage.

DE.11 The student will analyze the effects of fatigue and other physical conditions on driver performance.

Key concepts include:

- a) short- and long-term physical and mental disabilities;
- b) chronic health conditions;

- c) circadian rhythms; and
- d) sleep deprivation.

DE.12 The student will identify distractions that contribute to driver error.

Key concepts include:

- a) passengers and pets;
- b) vehicle accessories; and
- c) cell phones and other portable technology devices.

DE.13 The student will identify changes in the environment that affect visibility and traction and demonstrate an understanding of appropriate driver reaction to these risks.

Key concepts/skills include:

- a) driving at night;
- b) smoke- and weather-related conditions;
- c) road conditions and construction; and
- d) vehicle stability and traction control systems.

DE.14 The student will demonstrate an understanding of the proper use of vehicle occupant protection features and analyze how they reduce injury severity and increase collision survival.

Key concepts/skills include:

- a) active restraint systems;
- b) passive restraint systems;
- c) child restraint systems; and
- d) highway safety design.

DE.15 The student will identify and evaluate emergency response strategies to reduce the severity of or avoid a collision in high-risk driving situations.

Key concepts/skills include:

- a) evasive maneuvers, using brake and steering combinations;
- b) off-road recovery; and
- c) front and rear traction control.

DE.16 The student will identify and describe the performance characteristics of other road users and apply problem-solving skills to minimize risks when sharing the roadway with:

- a) pedestrians and animals;
- b) pedalcycles and motorcycles;
- c) tractor-trailers, trucks, and construction vehicles;
- d) sport utility vehicles, recreation vehicles, and trailers;
- e) emergency vehicles;
- f) funeral processions;
- g) passenger and school buses; and
- h) farm machinery and horse drawn vehicles.

DE.17 The student will compare vehicle-braking systems and explain proper braking techniques for various weather and roadway conditions.

Key concepts/skills include:

- a) small and large vehicle conventional brake systems; and
- b) two- and four-wheel anti-lock brake systems (ABS).

DE.18 The student will analyze how preventive maintenance reduces the possibility of vehicle failures and recognize the warning signs that indicate the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement.

Key concepts/skills include:

- a) vehicle warning devices;
- b) lights and signals;
- c) steering and suspension systems;
- d) tires and braking systems; and
- e) fuel and ignition electronics.

DE.19 The student will identify and describe the legal aspects of and calculate the financial responsibilities associated with purchasing, operating, maintaining, and insuring a motor vehicle.

Key concepts include:

- a) Financial Responsibility Law;
- b) required and optional insurance coverage;
- c) title and vehicle registration;
- d) vehicle inspection; and
- e) crash involvement.

DE.20 The student will demonstrate competency in map-reading and trip-planning skills.

Key concepts/skills include:

- a) destination driving; and
- b) trip-planning technologies.

DE.21 The student will research and evaluate personal transportation needs and their impact on the environment, and demonstrate skills necessary to be an informed consumer.

Key concepts/skills include:

- a) printed and Internet resources;
- b) community resources; and
- c) vehicle pollution, fluid recycling, energy conservation, and conservation of natural resources.

Department of Education

Driver Education Standards of Learning for Virginia Public Schools

### **Licensing Requirements:**

Applicants must be residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and at least 16 years and 3 months of age to obtain a Virginia driver's license.

To obtain a learner's permit, applicants must be at least 15 years and 6 months of age. No exceptions will be made to these age requirements. If an applicant is under age 18, they must provide written consent from one of their parents or their legal guardian unless they are married or emancipated.

#### Driver Services: Learner's Permit Information

Teens may get their learner's permit when they reach 15 years and 6 months of age. It allows you to operate a motor vehicle when a licensed driver at least 21 year of age is seated beside you. The driver accompanying you may be 18 years of age if he or she is your legal guardian, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, step-brother or step-sister. The driver accompanying you must hold a valid driver's license, be alert, and able to assist you and be legally permitted to drive.

When they apply for a learner's permit, they will also complete the application process for the driver's license and pay the fees for both the permit and license. They will be required to pass a vision screening and the two-part knowledge exam.

#### Curfew Restrictions

Virginia's curfew laws prohibit a driver under age 18 who holds a learner's permit or driver's license from driving midnight to 4 a.m. If you hold a driver's license you may drive during these hours:

- In case of an emergency;
- When traveling to and from work or a school-sponsored event;
- When accompanied by a parent or other adult acting in place of a parent; or
- When responding to an emergency call as a volunteer firefighter or rescue squad personnel.

#### Passenger Restrictions

If you are under age 18, you may carry only one passenger under age 18 during the first year that you hold your driver's license. After you have held your license for one year, you may carry only three passengers under age 18 until you reach age 18. Learner's permit holders may not carry more than one passenger under age 18. Passenger restrictions do not apply to family members.

Violations of either the curfew or passenger restrictions can result in the suspension of your driver's license.

If you are 19 years of age and older and you have never held a license issued by any State, U.S. territory, or foreign country, you must hold a learner's permit for 30 days or more or show completion of a State-approved driver education program. You may take your driver education certificate to any DMV customer service center and take the road skills test. You may take the road skills test no more than three times in any three-month period.

Risk-taking behavior and lack of driving experience often proves fatal for teenage drivers. Almost a quarter of all teenagers are either involved in traffic accidents or receive a traffic violation ticket during their first year of driving. To prevent this from happening, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has implemented a set of laws that are similar to the graduated drivers license (GDL) laws in other States. These regulations are called upon to answer the problem of high accident rates among young drivers. The laws apply to every license applicant who is under 19 years of age and divide the process of obtaining a drivers license into a number of phases. Each phase is designed to gradually teach young drivers safe driving techniques.

## Learner's Permit

- The first step towards achieving a driver's license in Virginia is applying for a learner's permit. A learner's permit can be awarded to any teenager who is at least 15 years and 6 months old who has successfully completed the knowledge examination at the DMV. The permit must be held for at least nine months.

During this period, the holder must fulfill the following requirements and limitations:

- The permit holder is allowed to drive only if supervised by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old (18 years old if the supervising driver is the member of the immediate family).
- The permit holder must complete at least 40 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be performed at night.
- The permit holder must complete a DMV-approved driver education course that usually includes a driving test.
- The permit holder is not allowed to operate a motor vehicle between the hours of midnight and 4 a.m.
- The permit holder may not carry more than one passenger under the age of 18 (this does not apply to the immediate family members)
- If the driver fulfills the above requirements, he or she will be granted a full driver's license that allows unsupervised driving. However, the full driver's license will still have some limitations for one year after the date of issuance. The limitations are as follows:
  - The license holder may not operate a motor vehicle between the hours of midnight and 4 a.m., unless he or she is accompanied by a licensed driver 21 years old or older, the operation of the vehicle is necessary for the driver to attend or participate in employment or a school-related activity, or because of a medical emergency.
  - The license holder may not carry more than one passenger under the age of 18 (this does not apply to the immediate family members).
  - The above restrictions are cancelled after a 12-month period or when you turn 19.

## Getting the Driver's License

If teens are between age 16 years and 3 months and age 18, the driver education certificate and a valid learner's permit allows them to drive without a licensed driver beside them provided that they have held a learner's permit for nine months and the certificate is signed by a parent or legal guardian.

After they have held the permit nine months, turned age 16 and 3 months, and completed driver education, they will receive a notice that tells them when to appear in court for a licensing ceremony where they will receive permanent driver's licenses.

They must appear before the judge with a parent or legal guardian to receive their license.

If the driver has been found not innocent of any offense by a juvenile and domestic relations court in Virginia or any other State, he or she must obtain approval to be licensed from that court or a court in the city or county where the driver lives.

If under age 19, teens must provide proof of successful completion of a State-approved driver education program and they must hold a learner's permit at least nine months before they can receive a driver's license. Plus, parents, guardians, or foster parents must certify that the driver received at least 40 hours of driver practice, 10 of which must have been completed after sunset. Teens will receive a certificate when they complete the driver education program.

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**Educational Requirements:**

Thirty hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction are required.

Logging Time Behind the Wheel:

Washington's new Intermediate License regulations require teens to drive at least 50 hours with their parent (or someone with at least five years of driving experience) before the teen can be eligible for an Intermediate Driver's License.

Driver School Training Program according to the Department of Licensing: [dol.wa.gov](http://dol.wa.gov)

The Driver Training School Program is responsible for promoting public safety through the licensing, inspection, and regulatory compliance of driver training schools and instructors.

This program screens school and instructor qualifications and backgrounds, investigates complaints, and initiates disciplinary actions including license suspension, revocation, cancellation, and denial.

These actions ensure that schools and instructors deliver the required classroom and behind-the-wheel student training. Today there are 220 schools.

The Driver Instructors' Advisory Committee:

Committee consists of five members appointed by the director of DOL. This committee has played a vital part in developing the proposed administrative rules and statutory changes for this program.

The representatives are:

1. One representative from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
2. One representative from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission
3. One driver training school owner
4. One driver training school instructor representative
5. The Driver Training School Program manager (committee chairperson).

Instructor's Curriculum according to the Department of Licensing:

A new Washington driver is capable person who is able to:

- Demonstrate a working knowledge of the rules and procedures of operating an automobile;
- Use visual skills to obtain correct information and make reduced-risk decisions about driving maneuvers;
- Demonstrate ability to manage space around vehicle by adjusting speed and position to avoid conflicts and risk;
- Interact with other users of the public highways in a positive manner;
- Demonstrate balance of vehicle movement in a precise and timely manner to avoid conflict with other users;
- Confirm the need to protect oneself and others through using vehicle restraints;

- Display abilities to take responsible actions in regard to physical and psychological conditions affecting driver performance; and
- Practice with parents and other adults to develop precision in use of skills, processes, and responsibilities.

### Program Assessments

Skill assessments for each driver should indicate benchmark progression for:

- Positioning a vehicle: based on visual referencing skills, space management, fender judgment, and road position control.
- Procedures and sequencing for vehicle operational skill: based on vehicle operational control, vehicle maneuvering, vehicle control option, and vehicle balance.
- Processing traffic and vehicle information into speed and position changes: based on visual skills, space management, vehicle speed control, and control of road.
- Precision movements for maintaining vehicle control and balance in expected and unexpected situations: based on vehicle speed control, vehicle balance, collision avoidance, traction control, response to mechanical failure, and traction loss.

## CDT-521-014 INSTRUCTOR CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

### **Module 1**

Classroom learning performances

### **Module 1**

Laboratory performances

### Module One

- Introducing the operator and vehicle control tasks in a controlled environment

### **Module 2**

- Introducing operator processing and procedural tasks in a limited environment
- Classroom learning performances are developed around basic vehicle maneuvering tasks,
- Revised Code of Washington, and roadway characteristics, signs and markings.
- Basic vehicle maneuvering tasks
- Revised Code of Washington
- Roadway Characteristics

### **Module 2**

### Module 2 Laboratory performances

- Simulation performances
- Off-street performances
- On-street performances:
- Parent or guardian guided practice

### **Module 3**

- Classroom learning performances are developed around basic vehicle control, vehicle space management, Revised Code of Washington, lane changing, turnabouts, and parking.
- Basic vehicle control tasks
- Lane Changing
- Parking

### **Module 3**

- Laboratory performances
- Simulation performances
- Off-street performances
- On-street performances
- Parent or guardian guided practice

### **Module 4**

- Classroom learning performances are developed around higher speed traffic flow situations, vehicle space management
- Revised Code of Washington
- Traffic flow situations
- Vehicle space management
- Merging
- Lane changing

### **Module 4**

- Practicing operator processing and procedural tasks in a higher speed traffic flow environments
- Module 4 laboratory performances
- Simulation performances
- Off-street performances
- On-street performances
- Parent or guardian guided practice

### **Module 5**

- Classroom learning performances are developed around assessment of precision techniques in steering, speed control, intersection turning, lane position, lane selection, intersecting, higher speed multi-lane merging, lane changing, passing and overtaking, and vehicle space management while performing destination driving in complex traffic environments.
- Vehicle space management
- Higher speed multi-lane merging
- Lane changing
- Passing and overtaking
- Precision vehicle maneuvers
- Destination Driving

### **Module 5**

- Laboratory performances
- Simulation performances
- Vehicle space management
- On-street performances

- Parent or guardian guided practice

### **Module 6**

- Assessing operator processing skills in a higher speed traffic flow environment
- Classroom learning performances are developed around laws, information, and taking responsibility for chemical use and abuse.
- Chemical use and abuse laws
- Chemical use and abuse information
- Taking responsibility for chemical use
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### **Module 6**

- Laboratory outcomes
- Simulation performances
- On-street performances
- Parent or guardian guided practice driving

### **Module 7**

- Classroom learning performances are developed around precision techniques in simulating and recognizing environmental conditions to prevent and control losses in critical roadway traction, visibility, or vehicle malfunction situations.
- Self-preservation techniques
- Vehicle malfunctions
- Critical environmental changes

### **Module 7**

- Assessing precision in operator processing and control skills in complex driving situations
- Laboratory performances
- Simulation performances
- Off-street performances
- On-street performances

### **Module 8**

- Assessing driver precision in processing and precision tasks, and personal licensing decisions
- classroom learning performances are developed around Department of Licensing guidelines, working with other roadway users, roadway system responsibilities, Revised Code of
- Washington review, and insurance.
- Department of Licensing guidelines
- Working with other roadway users
- Motorcycles and A Common Road” and leader’s guide with quiz
- Roadway system responsibilities
- Revised Code of Washington Insurance

### **Module 8**

- Laboratory performances
- Simulation assessment
- Off-street performances
- On-street assessment

- Parent or guardian assessment

### **Module 9**

- Classroom learning performances are developed around attitude and personal factors, conservation, consumerism, health care, and final assessments.
- Personal responsibility factors
- Conservation of resources

### **Module 9**

- Classroom learning performances
- Simulation assessment
- Off-street performances
- On-street assessment
- Parent or guardian assessment

### **Licensing Requirements:**

Age 15 is the minimum residents can apply for a learner permit. They must hold the permit for six months. At age 16, residents can apply for an intermediate license. They must participate in 50 hours of parent/guardian practice driving, with 10 hours occurring at night.

Driving from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. is prohibited. And, no passengers are permitted that are under the age of 20 for the first six months of driving. For the following six months, there can be no more than three passengers present under the age of 20.

According to the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, the guidelines for an Intermediate Driver's License are as follows:

#### Restrictions on Passengers:

- No passengers under age 20 except immediate family members
- No more than 3 passengers under age 20 except immediate family members

#### Restrictions on Hours of Driving:

- No driving between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by parent, guardian, or licensed driver at least age 25
- No driving between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by parent, guardian, or licensed driver at least age 25

### **EXCEPTIONS**

- There are no restrictions on hours of driving or passengers if IDL holder is driving for agricultural purposes.
- There are no restrictions on hours of driving or passengers if after twelve months, IDL holder is not involved in a collision or has not been convicted of or found to have committed a traffic offense.

## PENALTIES

- Conviction of First Traffic Offense or IDL Violation Conviction of Second Traffic Offense or IDL Violation Conviction of Third Traffic Offense or IDL Violation
- Court fine and Warning Letter sent to parent or guardian Court fine and six-month suspension or until age 18.
- Notice of Suspension sent to parent or guardian Court fine and suspension until age 18. Notice of Suspension sent to parent or guardian

## GDL Stages

### Step One: Getting a Permit

- Teens can get their permits when they turn age 15 if they are enrolled in a driver's education course. If they don't take driver's ed, they must wait until age 15½, and pass the written test.

Permit restriction: A teen with a permit is allowed to drive only with a licensed driver who has at least five years of driving experience.

### Step Two: an Intermediate License

Intermediate Licenses are issued only to teens ages 16 to 18.

- To get an Intermediate Driver's License, a teen must have a permit for six months and: Complete 50 hours of supervised driving time with a parent or driver who has at least five years of driving experience. Also, at least 10 of those supervised driving hours must be at night.
- Have a clean driving record (for at least six months).
- Pass a Driver's Education Course.
- Pass the written and driving test (or just driving test if the written was passed to get the permit).

### Intermediate Driver's License Restrictions:

- For the first year: no driving between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by parent, guardian, or licensed driver at least 25 years old.
- For the first six months: no passengers under age 20, except family members.
- For the second six months: up to 3 passengers under age 20.
- Passenger and night time driving restrictions expire after one year if a teen has maintained a collision-free, citation-free driving record. Restrictions can last until age 18 if a teen has a collision, commits driving violations, or gets a Minor In Possession (of alcohol) violation, or drug violation.

Regular License: When a driver turns age 18, the Intermediate License becomes a regular driver's license. No new license is required.

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**West Virginia**

**Driver Education Requirements:**

Not specified.

Special Note:

School Attendance for Minors

If a school should notify the Division of Motor Vehicles that a student is not attending or has excessive unexcused absences, the Division is required to suspend the student's license until age 18 or until a reinstatement authorization form from the school is presented.

Driver Education: State Standards for Schools from the West Virginia Department of Education

The West Virginia Board of Education and the West Virginia Department of Education are pleased to present Policy 2520.8: Driver Education Content Standards and Objectives for West Virginia Schools.

**DRIVER EDUCATION – POLICY 2520.8**

The goals of the Driver Education Program of Study are to provide students with the knowledge and skills to safely and efficiently operate a motor vehicle.

**Standard 1: Vehicle Familiarization (DE.S.1)**

Students will:

- develop an understanding of the systems and the basic operation of a vehicle; and
- perform pre- and post-driving checks, perform basic procedures for operating a vehicle, and use safety equipment while operating a vehicle.

**Standard 2: Basic Vehicle Maneuvers (DE.S.2)**

Students will:

- demonstrate psychomotor skills required for basic control of the vehicle, lane changing, passing, following, entering and exiting traffic, driving in cities/towns, rural and urban roads and freeways.

**Standard 3: Driver Fitness Tasks (DE.S.3)**

Students will:

- demonstrate knowledge of physical, psychological, and emotional factors and their relationship to the safe operation of a vehicle; and
- explain how emotional state, level of maturity, and use of alcohol and/or drugs affect driver performance, decision-making, and overall safe operation of a vehicle.

#### Standard 4: Intermediate and Advanced Control Tasks (DE.S.4)

Students will:

- demonstrate intermediate and advanced skills required for the safe and efficient operation of a vehicle; and
- identify the relationship of driver actions to: environmental factors, natural laws, road and weather conditions, vehicle characteristics, and the safe operation of a vehicle.

#### Standard 5: Legal (DE.S.5)

Students will:

- identify characteristics for responsible use of the highway transportation system;
- list: the legal requirements for licensing and owning a vehicle; traffic laws; and ordinances regulating the operation of a vehicle on the Nation's streets and highways; and
- demonstrate respect for the rights and responsibilities of other roadway users (e.g., trucks, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists) while operating a vehicle.

#### Standard 6: The Vehicle (DE.S.6)

Students will:

- identify procedures for the purchase, ownership, and use of a vehicle;
- identify preventive maintenance checks for the safe and efficient operation of the vehicle; and
- identify strategies for trip planning, map reading, and budgeting of money for vehicular-related costs.

### **Driver Education Content Standards and Objectives**

The program of study includes cognitive development relating to traffic laws and ordinances, traffic signs, signals and markers, natural laws, fuel conservation and vehicle restraint systems. Also included are the physical, psychological, and legal aspects, effects, and consequences of the use of alcohol and drugs as related to the driving of a motorized vehicle. Instruction is provided to develop the perceptual and psychomotor skills required for basic control of the vehicle, lane changing, passing, following, entering and exiting from traffic, driving in cities/towns, on rural and urban roads and freeways, responding to emergencies, various road and weather conditions, defensive driving techniques, and interaction with other highway users including motorcycles and trucks. The program emphasizes strategies to develop the behavior patterns known as the S.I.P.D.E. Concept (Search, Identify, Predict, Decide, and Execute) for all driving and driving-related activities.

#### Standard 1: Vehicle Familiarization (DE.S.1)

Students will:

- develop an understanding of the systems and the basic operation of a vehicle; and

- perform pre- and post-driving checks, perform basic procedures for operating a vehicle, and use safety equipment while operating a vehicle.

### Vehicle Familiarization Objectives

Students will:

- DE.1.1 demonstrate basic procedures for pre- and post-driving checks.
- DE.1.2 demonstrate procedures for starting the engine under normal and abnormal conditions.
- DE.1.3 demonstrate the ability to smoothly accelerate, maintain control, and stop the vehicle with conventional and anti-lock braking systems.
- DE.1.4 utilize the safety equipment and restraint devices within the vehicle.
- DE.1.5 identify functions of instruments and control devices within the vehicle.

### Standard 2: Basic Vehicle Maneuvers (DE.S.2)

Students will:

- demonstrate psychomotor skills required for basic control of the vehicle, lane changing, passing, following, entering and exiting traffic, driving in cities/towns, rural and urban roads, and freeways.

### Basic Vehicle Maneuvers Objectives

- DE.2.1 identify the relationship of the human, environmental, and vehicular aspects of the highway transportation system.
- DE.2.2 execute steering adjustments and control vehicles speed while driving along straight and curved paths of travel.
- DE.2.3 control speed and direction while backing the vehicle along straight and curved paths.
- DE.2.4 stop and secure the vehicle on level and hilly terrain.
- DE.2.5 perform the driving skills necessary to interact with other highway users in rural, urban, residential, limited access, and general highway environments.
- DE.2.6 demonstrate skills necessary to safely enter and exit from the flow of traffic.
- DE.2.7 perform driving techniques that will maintain a safe separation/space around the vehicle.
- DE.2.8 demonstrate skills needed to safely perform lane-changing maneuvers.
- DE.2.9 demonstrate skills necessary for safely overtaking and passing other vehicles.
- DE.2.10 demonstrate safe lane usage under varying traffic conditions.
- DE.2.11 perform intersection-turning maneuvers legally, safely, and efficiently.
- DE.2.12 perform turnabout maneuvers, which will allow the vehicle to safely proceed in the opposite direction.
- DE.2.13 recognize and apply driving techniques that result in increased fuel/energy conservation.

### Standard 3: Driver Fitness Tasks (DE.S.3)

Students will:

- demonstrate knowledge of physical, psychological, and emotional factors and their relationship to the safe operation of a vehicle; and
- explain how emotional state, level of maturity, and use of alcohol and/or drugs affect driver performance, decision-making, and overall safe operation of a vehicle.

#### Driver Fitness Tasks Objectives

- DE.3.1 describe methods utilized by drivers to counteract drowsiness, fatigue, and exposure to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- DE.3.2 describe the effect of emotions on driving performance.
- DE.3.3 describe the relationship between an individual's level of maturity and collision prevention or involvement.
- DE.3.4 describe the need/importance for correcting and/or compensating for driver disabilities.
- DE.3.5 identify the magnitude of alcohol-related traffic collisions involving motor vehicle operators and pedestrians at the local, State, and national levels.
- DE.3.6 describe the effects of alcohol and/or drugs on the individual in relation to driving task and pedestrian functions.
- DE.3.7 identify state laws dealing with driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- DE.3.8 explain how body weight, quantity and type of food, rest, and amount of alcohol consumed may affect one's driving ability in different ways at different times.
- DE.3.9 list characteristics of a courteous driver.

#### Standard 4: Intermediate and Advanced Control Tasks (DE.S.4)

Students will:

- demonstrate intermediate and advanced skills required for the safe and efficient operation of a vehicle; and
- identify the relationship of driver actions to: environmental factors, natural laws, road and weather conditions, vehicle characteristics, and the safe operation of a vehicle.

#### Intermediate and Advanced Control Tasks Objectives

Students will:

- DE.4.1 describe the relationship between driver actions, environmental factors, vehicle characteristics, and roadway conditions through all three types of skids.
- DE.4.2 demonstrate skills required for city, urban, rural, and limited access highways.
- DE.4.3 execute angle, parallel, and perpendicular parking.
- DE.4.4 demonstrate the driving adjustments needed to cope with various road surface conditions and roadway obstructions.
- DE.4.5 identify safe driving practices at railroad crossings.
- DE.4.6 identify safe practices for operating a vehicle under adverse conditions such as snow, rain, ice, fog, and darkness.
- DE.4.7 identify the natural laws of physics as they apply to safe and efficient driving.
- DE.4.8 identify procedures for coping with emergency driving situations.
- DE.4.9 identify the principles and procedures for safely towing a trailer and/or other vehicles.

## Standard 5: Legal (DE.S.5)

Students will:

- identify characteristics for responsible use of the highway transportation system;
- list the legal requirements for licensing and owning a vehicle; traffic laws; and ordinances regulating the operation of a vehicle on the Nation's streets and highways; and
- demonstrate respect for of the rights and responsibilities of other roadway users (e.g., trucks, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists) while operating a vehicle.

### Legal Objectives

Students will:

- DE.5.1 identify the legal requirement for owning and operating a vehicle (i.e., registration, titling, licensing, insuring, and legally equipping a vehicle).
- DE.5.2 identify knowledge of traffic laws and recognize the importance and necessity for supporting and observing laws.
- DE.5.3 identify all highway signs, signals, and roadway markings.
- DE.5.4 list rights and responsibilities of other roadway users (e.g., pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists).
- DE.5.5 identify the roles of engineering, enforcement, and education in the highway transportation system.
- DE.5.6 identify safety problems and data concerning the highway transportation system.
- DE.5.7 identify the Good Samaritan Law.
- DE.5.8 identify legal requirements pertaining to the reporting of traffic collisions.
- DE.5.9 identify requirements described in the West Virginia Driver Licensing Handbook.

## Standard 6: The Vehicle (DE.S.6)

Students will:

- identify procedures for the purchase, ownership, and use of a vehicle;
- identify preventive maintenance checks for the safe and efficient operation of the vehicle; and
- identify strategies for trip planning, map reading, and budgeting of money for vehicular-related costs.

### The Vehicle Objectives

- DE.6.1 use technology to explain the process of trip planning (i.e., budget, route, and map reading).
- DE.6.2 identify preventive maintenance checks for keeping a vehicle operating efficiently.
- DE.6.3 identify the signs/symptoms which indicate vehicle malfunctions (e.g., gauges, lights, noise, etc.)
- DE.6.4 describe the process of evaluating new/used vehicles.
- DE.6.5 use technological tools to demonstrate the financial implications of owning, purchasing, or leasing vehicles.

## Driver Education: State Standards for Schools from the West Virginia Department of Education

### **Driver Licensing Requirements:**

You must be 15 years old to apply for a learners permit, and hold that permit for six months. If taking an approved driver education course, you do not have to participate or complete parent/guardian supervised practice driving. If you are not taking a course, you must participate in 30 hours.

At age 16, you can apply for an intermediate license. With this license, driving is prohibited between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. And, you cannot carry more than three passengers under the age of 19.

### **Graduated Driver's Licensing (GDL): West Virginia Department of Transportation**

#### Level I – Instruction Permit:

##### Requirements:

- Take a written knowledge test
- Be at least 15 years old and less than 18 years old
- Expiration Date – 14 months or 18th birthday (whichever comes first)
- This permit is not renewable.
- If your permit expires, the permit must be held for another 180 consecutive days before the Level II license exam will be given. If the level 1 permit has expired, you must obtain a new permit and wait another 180 consecutive days' infraction free before applying for a level 2 license.
- If you are under the age of 18, both parents, surviving parent, single parent having custody or legal guardian must sign your application, before you can be tested. Married applicants under the age of 18 are not required to have parental consent, however, you must present a copy of your certified marriage certificate. You must also have a current school enrollment form.

##### Restrictions:

- Must have a licensed driver 21 or over in front seat
- May only drive between the hours of 5 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- All occupants must use seat belts in accordance with State law
- Zero alcohol tolerance

#### Level II – Intermediate Driver's License

To be eligible for a Level 2 license, you must:

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Have a minimum of 180 consecutive days of conviction-free driving at Level immediately preceding the date of your Level 2 application
- Have a parent or legal guardian certification (log sheet) of a minimum of 30 hours behind-the-wheel or complete a driver's education course approved by the West Virginia Department of Education
- Pass a road skills test (three attempts)

- Have a valid school enrollment form
- Identification and residency documents

Requirements:

- Take a road skills test
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Held a Level I permit for 6 months
- Must be infraction free for 6 months immediately preceding date of application for level
- Must have 30 hour certification form completed and certified by parent or legal guardian or Driver Education Card
- Expiration Date – 18th Birthday
- If you receive two moving violations on a Level II, your license will be suspended until your 18th birthday. Once you turned 18, you would have a reinstatement fee to pay and you would have to retest on all parts of the test.
- Married applicants under the age of 18 are not required to have parental consent, however, you must present a copy of your certified marriage certificate. You must also have a current school enrollment form.

Restrictions:

- May drive without supervising adult between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- Level 2 drivers must drive with a supervising adult licensed driver who is age 21 or older between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- The exceptions to this rule are when the licensee is participating in, going to, or returning from: 1) lawful employment; 2) a school-sanctioned activity; 3) a religious activity; or 4) an emergency situation that requires the licensee to prevent bodily injury or the death of another.
- Level 2 drivers may only have three additional passengers, excluding family members, under the age of 19 at any time.
- All occupants must use seat belts in accord with State law
- Maximum of three passengers under age 19 (family members exempt)
- Zero alcohol tolerance

Level III – Full Class E License

Fee: \$2.50 for each year until 21st birthday (plus .50 motor voter fee)

Requirements:

- Must have at least 1 year with Level II
- Must be infraction free for 1 year (excludes headlamp violation and improper backing violation)
- Must be at least 17 years of age
- Expiration date: 21st birthday

Restrictions:

Level 1 permit requirements:

- You may only drive with a licensed driver who is 21 years old or older.
- You may only drive between the hours of 5 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- You may only have two additional passengers in addition to the supervising, licensed adult driver.
- Two convictions will result in revocation of your permit (90 days).
- You may not have any measurable amount of alcohol in your system while operating a motor vehicle.
- You must require all occupants to adhere to the safety belt law.
- If you are between the ages of 16 and 18 and have completed all the requirements of the Level 1 permit, you will be eligible for a Level 2 license.

### Level 3 License (Non-GDL)

Once the applicant has met the requirements to obtain a Level 3 license, it is the driver's option to apply for this license or to keep the Level 2 license and follow its restrictions until he or she is 18 years of age.

To be eligible for a Level 3 license, you must have completed 12 months of conviction-free driving under a Level 2 license.

You must be at least 17 years old and have successfully completed all requirements.

### Regular (Non-GDL) Instruction Permit

- If you are 18 or over and have never had a driver's license (Level 2 or comparable), you must obtain a regular Class E Instruction Permit.
- GDLs are not issued to drivers age 18 or older.
- When you have completed the application and presented the appropriate documents, you will be allowed to take the vision and written tests.
- When you pass the vision and written tests, you will be issued a regular Class E Instruction Permit.
- The Instruction Permit allows you to operate a motor vehicle when a licensed driver who is 21 or older occupies the front seat with you.
- The Instruction Permit will be valid for a period of 60 days. It can be renewed one time. After an Instruction Permit is renewed one time, you must retake both the vision and written tests to get another Instruction Permit.
- If you have never been licensed at Level 2 or comparable, you must maintain the instruction permit for at least 30 days before you are eligible to take the road skills test.

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**Wisconsin**

**Educational Requirements:**

Wisconsin requires satisfactory completion of a driver education course (classroom and laboratory) for persons under 18 years of age electing to be licensed after age 16.

Classroom instruction must include 30 clock hours.

During summer school, instruction must extend over at least three consecutive weeks, and six weeks for regular school year programs.

**During Summer School In-Car Driving:**

No more than one hour of actual driving in-car on any given day can be credited to any given student. This does not include in-car observation.

**Driver Education Simulation-** A minimum of six clock-hours of driving is required unless simulation instruction is also provided in addition to the in-car driving and observation. Simulation can substitute for on-street driving time based on a 4:1 simulation to In-car driving equivalency ratio. Therefore, if a school provides 12 hrs of simulation, it could reduce its on-street offering to 3 hours. Should a program offer more than 12 hrs of simulation, it still must provide at least 3 hours of in-car/on-street driving.

**Driver Education Multiple-Car Range:** - A minimum of six clock-hours of driving is required unless multiple-car driving range instruction is also provided in addition to the in-car driving and observation. Multiple-car driving range instruction carries an equivalency ratio for on-street driving time of 2:1. Thus every two hours of range driving instruction allows the ability to reduce one hour of actual on-street driving. A maximum of 4 hours of on-street could be reduced, provided each student got at least 8 hrs of range driving.

**Driver Education Simulation and Multiple Car Range and In-Car Driving**

**Programs** - Those programs that provide on-street driving, simulation and multiple car range instruction are allowed to reduce to a minimum of two hours of on-street with enough simulation and multiple car range to adequately equate to the four hours of in-car on-street driving that was reduced, using 2:1 ratio for Multiple-Car Range driving, and a 4:1 equivalency ratio of simulation to in-car on-street driving.

Driving lessons (from first to last lesson) must extend over at least three weeks. Note: Same for in-car driving during a regular school year program.

**Licensing Requirements:**

Wisconsin's graduated driver licensing (GDL) system requirements for teens ages 15½ - 17: Instruction permit (temps). Anyone learning to drive a car or light truck (class D), motorcycle (class M) or commercial motor vehicle (classes A, B and C) must first obtain an instruction permit. Permits are issued at DMV service centers located throughout the State.

Temps-instruction permit: In addition to the eligibility requirements for an instruction permit, the following restrictions apply:

- Must be 15½,
- May only drive with adult sponsor
- Must pass vision, highway signs, and knowledge tests
- Enrolled in behind-the-wheel driver education course
- No alcohol
- Must wear seat belt
- Need 30 hours of driving experience to get probationary license.
- Must have received no traffic tickets for six months prior to applying for probationary license
- Must hold temps 6 months to get probationary license
- Temps suspended for six months if receive 12 or more points in 12 months
- Points doubled for every traffic ticket after first

These restrictions are in effect the first nine months or until you are 18, but can be extended.

#### Probationary license

- Must complete driver education course and pass road test
- Must be 16
- Can drive alone without sponsor
- Must wear seat belt
- No alcohol
- Points doubled for every traffic ticket after first
- Probationary license suspended for six months if receive 12 or more points in 12 months
- These restrictions in effect first nine months or until 18, but can be extended:
- Can drive alone but passengers limited: only one passenger other than immediate family or qualified adult
- No driving midnight - 5 a.m., with some exceptions
- Restrictions can be extended for traffic ticket; suspension or revocation of probationary license; or violation of these restrictions

#### Regular license

- Must hold probationary license two to three years
- Must be at least 19
- No doubling of points if receive traffic ticket
- License can be suspended between two months to one year
- Must wear seat belt
- No alcohol
- New drivers 18 and over
- Current law continues except:  
Points doubled for every traffic ticket after the first (while holding a probationary license)  
Temporary and probationary licenses can be suspended for six months if you receive 12 or more points in 12 months

All Wisconsin drivers under 18 years of age need sponsorship when issued an instruction permit or license. By signing the driver license application as sponsor, the sponsor accepts liability for any and all driving actions of the minor.

People who can sign as sponsors:

- Parent (natural or adoptive parent if parental rights have not been terminated)
- Step-parent (as long as still married to parent)
- Foster parent
- Sponsoring family parent of a foreign student
- Legal guardian (person named by the court having the duty and authority of guardianship)

If not living with a parent, or court-appointed legal guardian, other “approved adults” are:

- Grandparent
- Aunt or uncle
- Sibling 18 years of age or older
- Spouse 18 years of age or older
- Persons without an adult sponsor

If you are under 18 years of age, you must have a sponsor unless you:

- Do not have a living parent;
- Do not live with your parent(s) and are a full-time student or earning a living;
- Are a ward of the State, county, or court and have been placed in a foster home or in the care of a religious welfare service; or
- Are married and your spouse is under 18 years of age.

If you meet any of the above criteria, you can file Proof of Insurance instead of having a sponsor.

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[www.dot.state.wi.us/drivers](http://www.dot.state.wi.us/drivers)

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Wyoming

### **Educational Requirements:**

#### Traffic Safety & Driver Education:

These programs deal with the teaching of driver education and traffic safety in the K-12 schools. Each district decides which programs they will offer and what the curriculum for these programs will be. Technical assistance is provided as requested. The Wyoming Department of Education approves driver education courses offered by school districts, community colleges, and qualified persons throughout the state. Unfortunately, not all school districts offer driver education or class size is limited and not everyone who seeks to enroll has the opportunity to take the course during the school year. Those unable to be enrolled during the school year may choose to take a driver education class, where offered, during the summer months.

- An approved course requires for 30 hours of classroom instruction, and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel driving.
- Courses using simulated driving count actual driving experience as follows: 4 hours simulation time = 1 hour behind-the-wheel drive time.

### **Licensing Requirements:**

People age 15 can apply for a learners permit. They must hold the permit for a minimum of 10 days before applying for an intermediate license. At age 16, an intermediate license with several restrictions can be obtained.

Restrictions include that there can be no more than one passenger under age 18. Also, driving is prohibited from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

As adapted from the *Wyoming Department of Transportation GDL Newsletter*:

There must also be 50 hours of parent/guardian supervised driving, with at least 10 of those hours taking place at night.

### **Graduated Driver's License:**

#### Provisions of an Intermediate Permit:

- 50 hours of behind-the-wheel driving
- Limited hours of driving
- Limited number of passengers
- Exceptions to hours of driving and passenger restriction

Persons who do not obtain an Intermediate permit will be required to be 17 years of age before full driving privileges can be issued.

An Intermediate permit can be issued at age 16 provided:

- The applicant has held a Restricted Class C (RC) license

OR

- The applicant has held an Instruction Permit for at least 10 days and has completed 50 hours of behind-the-wheel driving certified by the parent or legal guardian. The 50 hours must include 10 hours of night driving.

### **Restrictions:**

The holder of an Intermediate Permit:

- Cannot transport more than one passenger under the age of 18 who is not an immediate family member unless accompanied by a licensed driver 18 years of age or older who holds a valid driver's license.
- Must ensure that all occupants of the vehicle are wearing seat belts.
- Cannot drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless the holder meets the exception criteria and presents the completed Exception form.
- Will be suspended for 30 days for any violation of the provisions for an Intermediate Permit.

Wyoming's Graduated Driver Licensing system incorporates all three (3) phases of the model GDL system:

1. Learner's Permit
2. Intermediate
3. Permit

### **Full Driving Privileges:**

At age 17, an applicant may be issued a Wyoming driver's license with full driving privileges without having held an Intermediate Permit, or any other type of license or permit unless driving privileges are suspended.

At age 16½ to be issued a Wyoming driver's license with full driving privileges requires that the applicant have held an Intermediate Permit, the driving privilege is not suspended, and have completed an approved Driver's Education course.

Instruction Permit applicants:

- Must be 15 years of age or older.
- Drivers who hold an Instruction Permit may only drive when accompanied by a licensed driver 18 years of age or older who holds a valid driver's license, who is fit and capable of exercising control over the vehicle and who occupies a seat beside the driver.
- There are no restrictions for hours or distance.

Intermediate Permit applicants:

- Must be 16 years of age.
- Must have held an Instruction Permit.
- Must present certification of completion of 50 hours of driving to include 10 hours of night driving certified by the legal parent or legal guardian.
- Must pass a vision screening, and a driving skills test.
- Completion of an approved Driver Education course may be honored by the department to waive the driving skills test.

**Restrictions:**

The holder of an Intermediate Permit cannot drive between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless the individual is:

- Accompanied by a licensed driver 18 years of age or older who holds a valid driver’s license for the type or class of vehicle being used;
- Required to drive for a medical necessity (evidenced by medical personnel);
- Driving to or from work (evidenced by employer);
- Driving to or from school, a school activity, organized youth sports activity, or a religious activity (evidenced by parent or legal guardian); or
- Driving for a medical emergency (evidenced by medical personnel).

The appropriate individual (as determined by the exception) must complete and sign an Exception form to certify that the holder of the Intermediate Permit needs to drive beyond the hours of 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. The Exception form must be carried by the licensee and presented to law enforcement if stopped.

Notes:

- An Intermediate Permit expires 30 days after the 17th birthday and must cover at least 3 hours of actual behind-the-wheel driving experience.
- Simulated driving can count for no more than three hours of behind-the-wheel driving.
- Driver Services will honor a Certificate of Completion from an approved course, provided the card indicates the applicant has successfully completed the required 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel driving. The card must identify the school district and contain the student’s name, date of birth, driver license number, and the original signature of both the driver education instructor and the school administrator.

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