



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
 Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 6.01 Driver Education Requirements

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver’s License

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[R.S. 32:402.1](#)

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To review Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Requirements:

- All first time applicants, including first-time applicants presenting a foreign driver's license, must furnish proof of driver education training.
 - First time applicants from a country that has a [reciprocal agreement](#) with the Department presenting a foreign driver’s license are exempt from this requirement.
 - [Foreign nationals](#) in Louisiana under an H-2A visa who possess a valid foreign driver’s license are exempt from driver’s education training. However, they are not exempt from the Knowledge and Road Skills testing requirements.
- A person, who is at a minimum in the eighth grade and within ninety (90) days of their fifteenth (15th) birth date, may participate in the classroom instruction component **only** of a driver education course or driving program.
 - No person under the age of fifteen (15) shall be allowed to enroll or participate in behind-the-wheel training of any driver education course or driver training program.
- **Driving School Providers:** Approved driving school providers are listed on Expresslane.org
- **Course Requirements:**

Age	Classroom Instruction	Driving Instruction
15 to 17	30 hours	8 hours
18 +	6 hours	8 hours

- **Testing Requirements:**
 - Must successfully pass the [OMV knowledge exam](#) with an 80% or higher.
 - At the conclusion of the driving instruction, applicants must pass the behind-the-wheel skills assessment with seventy (70) points or higher.
- The driver education Certificate of Completion will expire five (5) years after the course completion date.
- **Road Skills Examinations:**
 - [Eligibility and Requirements](#)
 - [Third Party Testers](#)

- **Temporary Instructional Permit** - All applicants must apply to the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) for a [Class "E" Temporary Instructional Permit \(TIP\)](#) prior to taking the knowledge exam, operating a motor vehicle during on-road driving skills instruction, or participating in the administration of an on-road driving skills test.
 - An individual requesting a TIP, who is required to have an interlock as a condition of reinstatement, may operate a vehicle with the driving instructor without the interlock device for the driving instruction and road skills test sections of the driving course.

Required Documentation:

- **One** of the following **must** be provided to OMV:
 - A Certificate of Completion of a driver education course consisting of a minimum of thirty (30) hours classroom instruction and eight (8) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction or a pre-licensing course consisting of a maximum of six (6) hours classroom instruction and eight (8) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction (18 years old and older only), which has been approved by the Department of Public Safety & Corrections (DPS). This will be on a form that has been approved by DPS.
 - **Lost Certificates of Completion** – You may obtain a duplicate copy of the original from the school or provider. The duplicate copy will be accepted 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.
 - An official transcript from a Louisiana school, which indicates that high school course credit has been given for a driver's education course, including out-of-state high school credit accepted by the Louisiana high school
 - A Certificate of Completion of military driver training
 - Must provide proof of active duty status and successfully pass the knowledge exam and skills test.
 - International driver's licenses are **not** acceptable to waive appropriate driver's education course.
- If at least sixteen (16) years of age, but less than seventeen (17) years of age, moving into Louisiana from another state, you are eligible for the issuance of a Class "E" intermediate ("61" restriction) driver's license, if you meet all other requirements to obtain a driver's license in Louisiana.
 - You must provide the Office of Motor Vehicles with proof of successful completion of an equivalent driver's education course and proof of issuance of a learner's license for a minimum of 180 days from the state of previous residence, unless you reach seventeen (17) years of age before the 180-day requirement is complete.

Sealed Envelope:

- The driving school shall place all completed OMV knowledge exam and the Certificate of Completion in a sealed envelope. The envelope should include the successfully passed test and any failed tests the student may have.
 - The sealed envelope must be brought to the OMV/PTA and shall only be opened by OMV/PTA employee. Neither the customer nor their parent/guardian shall open the envelope. Should the envelope be opened or tampered with, the student will be required to return to the school and retake the OMV knowledge exam and get a corrected Certificate of Completion.
 - **Note: OMV and/or public tag agents (PTA) will not accept an opened envelope from a driving school under any circumstances.**

Related Policies:

Section 1, Policy 1.00 [Classes of Licenses and Age Requirements](#)

Section 1, Policy 6.02 [Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Issuance](#)

Section 1, Policy 8.00 [Authorization\Licensing Of A Minor's Application For A Driver's License](#)

Section 1, Policy 8.02 [Provisional Custody By Mandate](#)

Section 1, Policy 10.00, [Knowledge Exams for All Classes](#)

Section 1, Policy 12.00, [Road Skills Tests](#)

Section 1, Policy 18.01 [Reciprocity With Other Countries](#)

Section 1, Policy 16.00 [Privileges Cancelled At Parent's Request](#)