



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](#)

[R.S. 32:405.1](#)

[R.S. 32:407](#)

[R.S. 32:431.1](#)

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

**Background:** All first time applicants, including first-time applicants presenting a foreign driver's license, must furnish the following proof of driver education training as required by law. First time applicants from a country that has a reciprocal agreement with the Department are exempt from this requirement.

**Requirements:**

• **First-Time Applicants – All Ages**

- All applicants must apply to the Office of Motor Vehicles for a Class "E" Temporary Instructional Permit (TIP) prior to taking the knowledge exam.
  - The TIP may be issued to any individual that is at least fourteen (14) years of age.
  - A person shall be required to possess a TIP in order to participate in the administration of the knowledge test, operate a motor vehicle during on-road driving skills instruction, or participate 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.
- Applicants shall meet all other Office of Motor Vehicles identification requirements.
- **Exceptions:**
  - This requirement does not apply to applicants enrolled in a National Guard Youth Challenge Program.
  - Any student enrolled in a driver education, driver training program, or pre-licensing course prior to 09/04/2018 is exempt from this requirement.

• **First-Time Applicants – 15-17 Years of Age** must provide one of the following:

- 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, which has been approved by the Department of Public Safety & Corrections.
  - Passing scores are 80% for the knowledge exam and 70% for the skills exam.

- **Prior to August 31, 2013** - An Application and School Instruction Permit DE 1821 (R10/95) (Passing score of 75%)
  - **Effective 09/01/2013** - All Louisiana driver education providers, secondary and commercial, must use the Certificate of Successful Completion as proof that the applicant passed the driver education course.
- 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
- **Exceptions:**
  - 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.
  - Any applicant at least sixteen years of age, but less than seventeen years of age, moving into Louisiana from another state shall be eligible for the issuance of a Class "E" intermediate ("61" restriction) driver's license, provided such applicant meets all other requirements to obtain a driver's license in Louisiana.
    - These applicants 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 the driver reaches seventeen (17) years of age before the 180-day requirement is complete.
- A person, who is at a minimum in the eighth grade and within ninety (90) days of his/her fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) 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.
- The driver education certificate of completion will expire five (5) years after the completion date.
- **First-Time Applicants – 18 Years of Age or Older** must provide one of the following:
  - A certificate of completion of a six (6) hour pre-licensing training course and the certificate of completion of an eight (8) hours of behind-the-wheel instruction, which has been approved by the Department of Public Safety & Corrections.
    - Passing scores are 80% for the knowledge exam and 70% for the skills exam.
  - 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, which has been approved by the Department of Public Safety & Corrections
    - Passing scores are 80% for the knowledge exam and 70% for the skills exam.
    - **Prior to August 31, 2013** - An "Application and School Instruction Permit DE 1821 (R 10/95)" (Passing score of 75%).
  - 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.
  - **Exception:** 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.
  - A certificate of completion of military driver training. Applicant must provide proof of active duty status and successfully pass the knowledge and skills tests.

- **Notes Effective 08/01/2012:**
  - An eighteen (18) year old or older or parent or guardian of a seventeen (17) year old first time applicant for a Class "E" license shall provide a signed statement to the Department attesting he has completed a minimum of fifty hours of supervised driving practice with a licensed parent, guardian, or adult at least twenty-one (21) or older. At least fifteen (15) of these hours must be night time driving.
  - If the applicant for a Class "E" license is seventeen (17) years of age and is emancipated, the applicant shall provide the attestation for himself/herself, provided that the applicant has the necessary identifying information and documentation.
- International driver's licenses are not acceptable to waive appropriate driver's education course or as identification.
- **Driving Schools:** Approved driving schools are listed on [Expresslane.org](http://Expresslane.org)
- **Certificates of Completion** - The following documentation is acceptable to certify course completion:
  - **Effective September 1, 2013** - A Certificate of Successful Completion
  - **Prior to August 31, 2013** - Application and School Instruction Permit DE 1821
  - 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.
  - A Certificate of Successful Completion of Military Driver Training
- **Lost Certificates of Completion:** If an applicant has lost or misplaced his original certificate of completion, he/she 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.

**Related Policies:**

- Section 1, Policy 1.00 [Classes of Licenses and Age Requirements](#)
- Section 1, Policy 6.02 [Driver's License Issuance for Aliens Temporarily Residing In Louisiana](#)
- 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 18.01 [Reciprocity With Other Countries](#)
- Section 1, Policy 16.00 [Privileges Cancelled At Parent's Request](#)