



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 2.08 Autism Spectrum Disorder Indicator**

**Section:** 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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**Authority:**

[R.S. 32:412\(P\)](#)

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

**Objective:** The Office of Motor Vehicles allows an eligible applicant to request the word "Autism" be placed on the driver's license.

**Definition:**

- **Autism Spectrum Disorder (Autism)** – Autism spectrum disorder is a condition related to brain development that impacts how a person perceives and socializes with others, which can hinder social interaction and communication. The disorder also includes limited and repetitive patterns of behavior.

**Eligibility:**

- A person who has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder from a qualified medical or mental health professional licensed in Louisiana, or any other state, or territory of the United States verifying his/her condition.<sup>1</sup>
- The driver's license cannot include any other indicator, except the "Needs Accommodation" indicator.

**General:**

- If the "Autism" designation is placed on the driver's license, the license will display "Autism" below the picture.



- The “Autism” indicator may be combined with a “Needs Accommodation” indicator, but is not required.
  - If the driver’s license indicates “Autism”, but **not** “Needs Accommodation”, a puzzle symbol will be placed on the license, in addition to “Autism” below the picture.



- If the driver’s license indicates **both** “Autism” **and** “Needs Accommodation”, “Autism” displays below the picture, in addition to “AN” above the picture.



- Autism designation can be displayed on a **driver’s license** of any class, including the Temporary Instructional Permit (TIP).
  - The “Autism” designation may not be placed on a Class I (Identification Card) or Class H (Handicap Identification Card) credential.

#### Required Documentation:

- Applicant must provide one of the following:
  - Statement from a qualified medical or mental health professional verifying the applicant’s diagnosis
  - [Medical Examiner’s Certification of Autism Spectrum Disorder](#) form completed by the medical or mental health professional
  - A statement from a qualified mental health professional licensed in Louisiana or any other state or territory of the United States verifying the applicant’s disability
- The “Autism” indicator may be removed at any time, as requested by the applicant.

#### Fees:

- No additional fee is collected for the indicator.
- Applicable fees required for driver’s license processing (renewal, duplicate, etc.) if adding or removing the indicator.

#### Related Policies:

Section 1, Policy [2.06, Needs Accommodation Indicator](#)

#### References:

<sup>1</sup> – Louisiana State Legislature. *Amount of Fees; Credit or Refund; Duration of License; Veteran Designation; Disabled Veteran Designation; University Logo; “I’m a Cajun” Designation; Needs Accommodation Designation; Autism Spectrum Disorder Designation; Disbursement of Funds; Renewal by Mail or Electronic Commerce of Class “D” or “E” Driver’s Licenses; Disposition of Certain Fees; Exception* (R.S. 15:587), retrieved from <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88394>.