

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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R.S. 32:412 R.S. 40:1321

To view Louisiana Statutes: http://www.legis.state.la.us

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 their condition.¹

General:

- Autism indicator can be displayed on:
 - o Any class of driver's license, including the Temporary Instructional Permit (TIP)
 - An identification card
 - Note: The Autism indicator may not be placed on a mobility impaired identification card.
- The *Autism* indicator and the *Needs Accommodation* indicator are the only two indicators that may be issued together, but it is not required.
- When the *Autism* indicator is placed on a credential, it will display "Autism" below the picture and a blue puzzle piece symbol on the top of the credential next to "Louisiana".





• When **both** Autism **and** Needs Accommodation indicators are placed on a credential, it will display "Autism" below the picture and "AN" on the top of the credential next to "Louisiana".





• The *Autism* indicator may be removed at any time, as requested by the applicant, without documentation.

Required Documentation:

- One of the following must be submitted:
 - The <u>Medical Examiner's Certification of Autism Spectrum Disorder</u> form completed by a qualified medical or mental health professional licensed in Louisiana or any other state or territory of the United States.
 - A statement from a qualified medical or mental health professional licensed in Louisiana or any other state or territory of the United States verifying the applicant's diagnosis.

Fees:

- No additional fee is collected for the indicator.
- If adding or removing the indicator, applicable fees are required for driver's license or identification card processing (renewal, duplicate, etc.).

Related Policies:

Section 1, Policy 2.06 Needs Accommodation Indicator

Section 1, Policy 2.00 Fees and Duration of License/Identification Card

Section 4, Policy 128.00 Autism Spectrum Disorder Decal

Section 4, Policy 129.00 Needs Accommodation Decal

References:

1 – 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.