Section: 1. Issuance of Driver’s License

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R.S. 32:412(P)
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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.¹
- The driver’s license or identification card cannot include any other indicator, except the Needs Accommodation indicator.
- Autism designation can be displayed on any class of driver’s license, including the Temporary Instructional Permit (TIP), and/or an identification card.
- The Autism designation may not be placed on a mobility impaired identification card.

General:
- When the Autism designation is placed on a credential, it 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 or identification card indicates Autism, but not Needs Accommodation, a puzzle symbol will be placed on the credential, in addition to “Autism” below the picture.
If the driver's license or identification card indicates both Autism and Needs Accommodation, “Autism” displays below the picture, in addition to “AN” above the picture.

Required Documentation:
- Applicant must provide one of the following:
  - The Medical Examiner's Certification of Autism Spectrum Disorder 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.
- The Autism indicator may be removed at any time, as requested by the applicant, without documentation.

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

Related Policies:
Section 1, Policy 2.06, Needs Accommodation Indicator

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.