

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

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# **Authority:**

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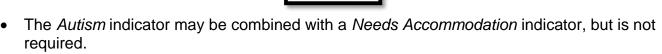
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## **Eligibility:**

- 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.<sup>1</sup>
- 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.



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 <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.
- 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 <a href="https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88394">https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88394</a>.