

Section: 2. Driver's License Laws

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# Authority:

R.S. 32:407

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## Objective:

 The Department may deny, revoke, or cancel the license of any minor upon receipt of a written request from the "parent, tutor, or other person having legal custody of the applicant who has not signed the application for a license".

### **Definitions:**

Legal Guardian – The person who has legal authority over a child.

## **Eligibility:**

 To be considered eligible to make a request to deny, revoke, or cancel a license for a minor, the requestor must be a legal parent, guardian, or tutor, whom has legal custody of the applicant.

#### General:

- The parent, legal guardian or tutor of a minor applicant may request:
  - Cancellation of the minor's license
  - o Denial of an application for issuance of a driver's license to the minor
  - Downgrade of the minor driver's license to a learner's permit
- Notifying the Applicant
  - A correspondence will be sent to the minor applicant to the last address on file or to the last address furnished by the individual.
  - The driving privileges of the minor applicant will be cancelled immediately.
- Graduated Driver's License Program If the minor participated in the Graduated Driver License Program, the following procedures will be used:
  - An applicant who is between the ages of fifteen (15) to seventeen (17) and whose temporary instructional permit (TIP) was cancelled while under the age of eighteen (18) is eligible for **one** of the following provided all other issuance requirements are met:
    - Issuance of a TIP
    - An upgrade to a learner's permit (restriction "02") if fifteen (15) or sixteen (16) years of age, upon successful completion of driver's education requirements and the knowledge assessment

- An upgrade to a full license with successful completion of driver's education requirements, the knowledge assessment and road skills test, if seventeen (17) years of age
- An applicant who is fifteen (15) and whose driver's license was cancelled age fifteen (15) while he/she was at the permit stage (restriction "02") is eligible for:
  - Issuance of a permit (restriction "02")
- An applicant who is sixteen (16) and whose driver's license was cancelled while he/she was at the permit stage (restriction "02") is eligible for **one** of the following:
  - Issuance of a permit (restriction "02")
  - An upgrade to the intermediate stage (restriction "61"), upon successful completion of the road skills test and if the permit was held for 180 days
- An applicant who is sixteen (16) and whose driver's license was cancelled while he/she was at the intermediate stage (restriction "61") is eligible for:
  - Issuance of the intermediate license (restriction "61")
- An applicant who is seventeen (17) and whose driver's license was cancelled while he/she was at the permit stage (restriction "02") is eligible for **one** of the following:
  - Issuance of a permit (restriction "02")
  - An upgrade to a full license with successful completion of the road skills test

# Reapplying for a Driver's License

- Cancellation or downgrade of a minor's driver's license is not a suspension or revocation, therefore, the parent, legal guardian, tutor, or the applicant (if he/she has achieved legal age) may request the license be re-issued or returned to the prior license class at any time.
- The applicant shall meet all identification requirements.
- Proof of driver's education will not be required as this is not considered a "first-time issuance", unless upgrading from a TIP.
- The road skills test is required if the applicant is upgrading from a learner's permit to an intermediate or full license.
- For applicants seventeen (17) years of age or younger, a parent/legal guardian must complete the "Parental Consent for Minor Applicants" section of the Application for Driver's License (DPSMV2003).

## **Required Documentation:**

## Downgrade

 An Application for Driver's License (<u>DPSMV2003</u>) must be completed and signed by the applicant and the parent, legal guardian, or tutor of the minor applicant before the driver's license can be downgraded.

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 For applicants seventeen (17) years of age or younger, a parent/legal guardian must complete the "Parental Consent for Minor Applicants" section of the Application for Driver's License (DPSMV2003).

#### Fees:

N/A

## **Related Polices:**

Section 1, Policy 1.00, Classes of Licenses and Age Requirements

Section 1, Policy 3.04, Residency Requirements for Issuance of a Driver's License or Identification Card

Section 1, Policy 6.00, <u>Identification Requirements</u>

Section 1, Policy 6.01, Driver Education Requirements

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

#### References:

1 – Louisiana State Legislature, Application of Minors; Revocation; Applications of Persons Less Than Twenty-One Years of Age (R.S. 32:407), retrieved from <a href="https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88384">https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88384</a>.