



LOUISIANA OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLES



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Louisiana Graduated Driver's License Laws

- All students enrolled in a driver education program must present a Temporary Instructional Permit (TIP) to the enrolled driver education provider prior to the administration of the knowledge test, behind the wheel instruction, and road skills testing.
- The student must have the TIP in their possession when operating a motor vehicle during the behind the wheel portion of instruction, when accompanied by a licensed driver education instructor, and during the administration of a road skills test.
- Upon completion of driver's education, the TIP will be surrendered to the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) along with proof of completion of the driver's education course and any other necessary documents.
- There is no additional cost to convert the TIP to a Learner's Permit.
- Color and orientation will be different for licenses issued to residents under 21 years of age. (RS 32:407)

Age 14 – Eligible for classroom instruction ONLY

- Students may participate in the classroom instruction if they are, at a minimum, in the eighth grade and within 90 days of their 15th birthday. Students cannot participate in the behind-the-wheel training until the age of 15. (RS 32:402.1)

Age 15 – Eligible for Learner's Permit

Pre-licensing requirement

- Successful completion of 38-hour driver's education course.
- Pass visual exam.
- Pass knowledge test with OMV or driving school.

Restrictions (02)

- Must be accompanied by a licensed parent, guardian, or adult at least age 21 years old, or licensed sibling at least age 18 years old.
 - No cell phone usage, including hands free.
 - Must complete at least 50 hours of supervised driving, 15 of those hours at night.
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Age 16 – Eligible for Intermediate License

Pre-licensing requirement

- Possess Learner’s Permit for a minimum of 180 days.
- Completed 50 hours of supervised driving, 15 of those hours at night.
- Pass road skills test with OMV or driving school.
- A parent or legal guardian shall attest that the pre-licensing requirements have been met by providing a signed statement to OMV:
- No at-fault crashes with learner’s permit.
- No moving violations with learner’s permit.
- No seat belt, curfew, drug, or alcohol law violations.

Restrictions (61)

- Restricted driving between 11 p.m. – 5 a.m. unless with licensed parent/guardian, licensed adult at least 21 years old, or licensed sibling 18 years or older.
- Unless accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years old or older, the teen may not transport more than one passenger under age 21 and who is not an immediate family member, between the hours of 6 pm–5am.
- Drivers 17 years old and under are prohibited from using cell phones for talk, text (read, write, or send), unless for emergencies.
- Drivers shall ensure all passengers are properly seat belted prior to placing vehicle in motion.
- The term “Intermediate” will be depicted on the driver’s license.

Age 17 – Eligible for Class “E” License

Pre-licensing requirement

- Complete requirements for Intermediate License or complete 38-hour driver’s education course and road skills test.
- No at-fault crashes (12 consecutive months).
- No moving violations (12 consecutive months).
- No seat belt, curfew, drug, or alcohol law violations (12 consecutive months).

Restrictions

- Drivers 17 years old and under are prohibited from using cell phones for talk, text (read, write, or send), unless for emergencies.
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