

National Overview Of Driver Education



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State Summary Charts

State summary charts summarize the information collected about each State’s driver education and licensing program.

Column one lists questions about each area. The second column lists answers that were determined from a variety of sources. The third column provides extra explanatory information.

ALABAMA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 Hours Classroom 12 Hours Simulation; 3 Hours in Car	98% of public schools offer DE Performance-based curriculum for in car
Curriculum Guide	State DOE Prepared Guide	Also note that a respondent from the State commented that CR and BTW were competency-based.
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	State DOE offers two-week certification class	DOE Supervises
Number of Required Courses	Two	The University of Montevallo offers certification in driver education
Number of Credits	40 hours, six credits, & two years teaching experience	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DPS Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None if taking driver education; 30 if not taking	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight-6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 4, including parent	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

ALASKA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Six hours b/w training	No classroom instruction listed
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Not Noted	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Division of Motor Vehicles Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	1 a.m.-5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None under 21 except siblings	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

ARIZONA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Not Noted	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w or equivalent	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	Motor Vehicle Division Oversees
Number of Required Courses	Three with Lab	
Number of Credits	Not noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE/Local Education Agency DOE/Local Education Agency	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 7m	DOT DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	5 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	No intermediate stage	
Parent/Guardian Practice	Completed driver ed course or certify 25 hours with 5 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	None	
Passenger Restrictions	With permit, must be accompanied by licensed driver	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

ARKANSAS

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom (must not complete in less than 15 days)	6 hrs b/w with at least 2 on street 6 hrs observation
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	ADE/ADWE Oversees
Number of Required Courses	Three	
Number of Credits	Six credits and exam	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Not Noted	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14	
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	No intermediate stage	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	None	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

CALIFORNIA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom instruction	6 hrs obs; 6 hrs driving (cannot be contracted to commercial sch)
Curriculum Guide		
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	DMV Oversees
Number of Required Courses	Available at Fresno State only	Courses not listed
Number of Credits	No long-distance programs permitted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept of Education DMV	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers under age 20 for first 6 months; except immediate family	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

COLORADO

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	4 hour course required	
Hours of Instruction & Type	4 hour awareness course, 30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	25 years old and appropriate training	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of Revenue Department of Revenue	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers first six months, only one permitted for next six	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

CONNECTICUT

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Commercial or secondary=30 hrs classroom and 8 hrs b/w	home school=22 hrs classroom, 8 hrs b/w
Curriculum Guide	Resources listed in summary	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of Motor Vehicles Department of Motor Vehicles	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months; 4 months with DE	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 4m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	Up to 20 hours	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None for the first 6 months other than parent/guardian	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

DELAWARE

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom; 7 hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	Secretary of Education
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Secretary of Education Secretary of Education	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 10 m	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 4 m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	10 p.m.- 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than two passengers; cell phone use prohibited	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 10 m	

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	40 Practice Hours and certificate of eligibility are all required	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Not Noted	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DMV DMV	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours in permit stage, 10 additional at night in inter/jr license stage	
Nighttime Restrictions	Varies by months; 11 p.m. – 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers, first six months; after, no more than two	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

FLORIDA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, DATA Course	
Hours of Instruction & Type	DATA = a four-hour course; but driver education is recommended	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	DOE Oversees
Number of Required Courses	3	
Number of Credits	(2) 9 semester hours in driver ed	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of Motor Vehicles Department of Motor Vehicles	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	Licensing Exam is on line
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 6 a.m. (16y) 1 a.m. – 5 a.m. (17y)	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

GEORGIA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No; Reduces Parent Practice if taken	In 2007 you must have driver education prior to licensing
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom; six hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes: to teach public school for elective credit	
Number of Required Courses	Three courses	No requirements if outside of school day
Number of Credits	Nine credits	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept of Driver Services Dept of Driver Services	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept. of Driver Services
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	With driver ed., 20 hrs with 6 at night; without, 40 hours with 6 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None for the first 6 months; no more than three under 21	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

HAWAII

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours of classroom and 6 hours of behind the wheel, or a simulator course and 2 hours driving	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	ADTSEA Curriculum
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	120 Contact Hours	State-approved CDRE instructors provide training
Number of Required Courses	Two courses	Training course certified by DOE
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOT	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6 m	DMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	none	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one under 18, unless household family	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

IDAHO

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Not Noted	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom; 6 hours b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes; in Public Schools	SDE Teacher Cert. Dept Oversees
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	See summary, requirements are multi-stepped
Number of Credits	4 Semester Credits; DE I & II	
Recertification Requirements	15 Hours every two years	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14y, 6 m	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	4 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	15	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Sunset to sunrise	
Passenger Restrictions	None noted	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

ILLINOIS

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom; 6 hrs b/w, 3 hrs b/w must be on street	Simulators supplement 6 hr at 4:1 Range time supplemented at 2:1
Curriculum Guide	Yes, required	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	If teaching High School must be a certified teacher with a Driver Education Endorsement	
Number of Required Courses	Four courses	
Number of Credits	16 semester hour credits in the field	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	State Board Dept of Driver Services	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y	Dept of Driver Services oversees
Minimum Holding Period	3 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	25 hours With log but no certification needed	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 6 a.m. (Sun-Fri) Midnight – 5 a.m. (Sat-Sun)	
Passenger Restrictions	First 6 months, no more than one passenger under 20	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

INDIANA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom, 6 hours b/w	Simulators or range time can supplement part of 6 hrs at 4:1
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Exam	DOE Oversees
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DMV	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y	Bureau of Motor Vehicles Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	2 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 1m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m. (Sun-Fri) 1 a.m. – 5 a.m. (Sat-Sun)	
Passenger Restrictions	First 90 days, no passengers	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

IOWA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hours classroom (<180 min per day), 6 hrs.b/w (3 hrs of b/w highway driving)	Not to be completed more than 30 days after classroom completed
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	Hold a valid license to teach in pub sch; 25 years old and valid license for b/w	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOT	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	20 hours, with 2 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	10 p.m.- 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None noted	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

KANSAS

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, age 15	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Not less than 8 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w: equaling not less than 20 hrs total	Some Documents Note: Competency based, how ever long it takes
Curriculum Guide	Modeling standards with ADTSEA national standards	Virtual Learning also accepted
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Endorsement required from accredited college	Out of state courses are required, Philosophy, lab, class content
Number of Required Courses	Three	DOE Oversees
Number of Credits	Nine Semester Hours	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	State board of education State board of education	(Assumed)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14	DOT Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	Certificate of completion in driver education waives the licensing tests
Minimum Intermediate License Age	n/a	
Parent/Guardian Practice	25 hrs in learner stage, 25 hrs before age 16, 10 of which must be at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	n/a	
Passenger Restrictions	n/a	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16; at age 15 you can get a license if you complete driver education	

KENTUCKY

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics		
Required for Licensing	Yes, 4 hour GDL Course	
Hours of Instruction & Type	4 hr GDL course within 1 yr of license or high school courses at 30 and 6	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation		
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes, See requirements in Summary	
Number of Required Courses	“	
Number of Credits	“	
Recertification Requirements	“	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	The Transportation Cabinet The Transportation Cabinet	
Licensing Requirements		
Minimum Permit Age	16	Division of Driver Licensing and State Police Oversee
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	n/a	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight - 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	n/a	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

LOUISIANA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w or 12 hrs of simulator training required	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	10 hrs of training in 5 topics	
Number of Credits	5	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept of Public Safety Office of Motor Vehicles oversees
Minimum Holding Period	3 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None; at permit stage only one licensed adult	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

MAINE

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, at age 16	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	Bureau of Motor Vehicles oversees
Number of Required Courses	1 from Red Cross or Safety Council & pass examinations	
Number of Credits	5 courses if applying for a class A cert	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Driver Education Unit Driver Education Unit	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	BMV Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	35 hours with 5 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers for first 180 days	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16, if completed DE	

MARYLAND

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes; all new drivers	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	Home training is not permitted
Curriculum Guide	Yes	ADTSEA Based
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	No College Degree 68 Hours formalized training offered by licensed trainers	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	Must pass test given by MVA
Recertification Requirements	Licensed every two years	Complete two professional development courses provided by MVA
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	MVA MVA	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 9m	MVA Oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 3m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	60 hrs with 10 at night, cell phones prohibited	Must sign it to certify they've provided the practice
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	First 5 months, no passengers younger than 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17y, 9m	

MASSACHUSETTS

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w, 6 hrs obs	
Curriculum Guide	Yes; Minimum required stated	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 3. Public Schools 4. Commercial Schools	Registry of Motor Vehicles Registry of Motor Vehicles	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	Registry of Motor Vehicles oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	12 hrs, 6 hrs observation	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	First 6 months, no passengers under 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

MICHIGAN

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes; for those under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Seg 1:24 hrs class, 6 hrs b/w; Seg 2:6 hrs class, 30 of required 50 hrs before Seg 2	2 Segment Approach
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Public school; hold a Michigan teaching certificate plus 8 semester credits	
Number of Required Courses	Everyone must have 8 semester credits	
Number of Credits	8	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of State Department of State	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14y, 9m	Secretary of State/Dept of State oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	Level 1: 30 hrs w/10 at night (30 of which must be done in seg 1)	To move to Level 2: Must have 50 total with 10 at night
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

MINNESOTA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes; for those under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Minimum 30 hrs classroom, no more than 3 hrs/day, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	In public schools, must be a licensed teacher	Commercial school requires 40 hours of instruction and exam by Public Safety
Number of Required Courses	Standards based program that meets ADTSEA nine semester credits	
Number of Credits	9	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of Public Safety Department of Public Safety	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept of Public Safety oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 total hours: 30 hrs w/10 at night plus additional 10 hrs at intermediate stage	
Nighttime Restrictions	None	
Passenger Restrictions	None, all passengers under 18 must be belted	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

MISSISSIPPI

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No	\$125.00 per student
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w w/ 2:1 ratio obs time toward b/w	12 hours simulator; state provides 40 mobile simulator units
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Must be a licensed teacher	
Number of Required Courses	12 hrs of course work	
Number of Credits	Endorsement in Driver Education Additional credits for simulation needed, but not specified.	
Recertification Requirements	Same as other teachers in the state	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE Doesn't have Commercial schools	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14 (if in de) 15 if not in de	Dept of Public Safety oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	14y or 15y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	10 p.m. – 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

MISSOURI

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No; But required by school districts	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 12 hrs obs, 6 hrs b/w w/a 2:1 ratio of obs toward b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Driver License Office oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	20 hours	
Nighttime Restrictions	1 a.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

MONTANA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, if under 16	
Hours of Instruction & Type	42 hrs classroom, 6 b/w, 12 obs = 60 hours of structured learning	Not in less than 25 days
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Teaching certificate with a 20 hour minor	Montana State University
Number of Required Courses	Foundations course with two additional courses	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Additional four hours every five years for renewal of teaching certification	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Office of Public Instruction Office of Public Instruction	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14y, 6m	Department of Justice
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	15	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	1st 6m no more than 1 younger than 18; 2 nd 6m no more than 3 younger than 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

NEBRASKA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Minimum 20 hours classroom instruction with five hours of B/W	Range time can substitute B/W time at a ratio of 2:1; Sim 4:1
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	9 credit hours	
Number of Credits	9	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Department of Motor Vehicles Department of Motor Vehicles	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept of Motor Vehicles oversees
Minimum Holding Period	None	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours (none required with de)	
Nighttime Restrictions	12 a.m. – 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

NEVADA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, b/w counts at a 3:1 ratio toward class hrs	b/w max is 5 hrs w/15 classroom hrs
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Nevada DMV *many county/pop prov Nevada DMV *many county/pop prov	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	Nevada DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	90 days	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	15y, 9m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hrs w/10 at night, if de is not offered w/in a 30 mile radius, 100 hrs required	
Nighttime Restrictions	10 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers under 18	1 st 90 days for drivers under 16 1 st 60 days for drivers who are 16 1 st 30 days for drivers who are 17
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Required for 16-18 year olds	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 10 hrs b/w, 6 hrs obs	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	2 w/75% grade or higher w/4 additional after 2 years	
Number of Credits	Available at Keene State	
Recertification Requirements	60 hrs classroom teaching w/ 240 hrs b/w	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	New Hampshire DOE New Hampshire DPS	Driver Ed Unit
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DMV
Minimum Holding Period	None	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	20 hours	
Nighttime Restrictions	1 a.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	For first 6 months, no more than 1 under age 25	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17y, 1m	

NEW JERSEY

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 15 hrs sim or 3-6 hrs b/w training	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Public School: Yes Commercial: Exam	MVC Oversees
Number of Required Courses	6-8 hour National Safety Defensive Driving Program	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	MVC MVC	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	MVC oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	17	
Parent/Guardian Practice	6 months supervised practice driving	
Nighttime Restrictions	12:01 a.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 1 passenger, excluding household members	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

NEW MEXICO

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	33 hrs classroom, 7 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Traffic Safety Bureau Traffic Safety Bureau	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Traffic Safety Bureau oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	15y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one under 21	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

NEW YORK

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	24 hrs classroom, 24 hrs b/w which includes 6 hrs actual b/w & 18 hrs obs	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	DMV oversees
Number of Required Courses	12 credits over 3 years	
Number of Credits	12	
Recertification Requirements		
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	New York DMV New York DMV	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	Up to 6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	20 hours	
Nighttime Restrictions	9 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than two under 21	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

NORTH CAROLINA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	Dept of Public Instruction oversees
Number of Required Courses	80 hr community college course or accredited de w/Dept of Pub Inst or pass commercial de exam w/ 80 or higher	East Carolina University
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Commercial School: 68 contact hours every four years	Certified teachers; no requirements
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	12 mos of supervision by a parent/guardian or supervising driver	
Nighttime Restrictions	9 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one under 21, excluding family	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

NORTH DAKOTA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w instruction	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	ND Legislative Branch oversees
Number of Required Courses	6 semester or 8 quarter hrs for CR 10 semester or 16 quarters for B/W	
Number of Credits	See summary for breakdown	
Recertification Requirements	Renew every five years	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept of Public Instruction Highway Patrol	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14	DOT
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	n/a	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	n/a	
Passenger Restrictions	n/a	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

OHIO

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, if under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	24 hrs classroom, 8 hrs b/w instruction	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	40 hr basic training course Then they can conduct 40 hr teacher course	
Number of Required Courses	One noted	
Number of Credits	Not noted	
Recertification Requirements	Train managers, 8 hours every 3 yrs Nothing for basic teachers	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept. of Public Safety Dept. of Public Safety	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DPS oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	1 a.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None, must be buckled under 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

OKLAHOMA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing		
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 55 hrs b/w	Consistent for public, Commercial or home school students
Curriculum Guide		
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required		
Number of Required Courses		
Number of Credits		
Recertification Requirements		
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DOE
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	(part of the 55 hours of b/w falls here)	True amount required not noted
Nighttime Restrictions	Daylight only	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one, excluding household members	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

OREGON

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w; 6 hrs obs	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Three	
Number of Credits	10 semester credits	
Recertification Requirements	Yearly – license verification Recert every two years	See summary for specifics
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	TSD & ODOT TSD & ODOT	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	ODOT & DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	100 hrs without de, 50 with de	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	1 st 6 mos, no passengers under 20; 2 nd 6 mos, no more than 3 under 20	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

PENNSYLVANIA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes; Public School	DOE oversees
Number of Required Courses	4	East Stroudsburg and IUP
Number of Credits	10	
Recertification Requirements	Yes	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	DOT oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17 with driver ed	

RHODE ISLAND

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	33 hr classroom	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	CCRI's Division for Life Long Learning CCRI's Division for Life Long Learning	(Community College of RI)
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	16	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	1 a.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17y, 6m	

SOUTH CAROLINA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w, 6 hrs obs (12 hrs sim can replace 3 hrs of b/w)	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	DOE & Highway Dept
Number of Required Courses	2	Erskine College & Costal Carolina
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 5. Public Schools 6. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 6m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight -6 a.m. (unless parent in front seat)	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 2 under 21, excluding family to and from school	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

SOUTH DAKOTA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Can receive restricted license sooner with course and at least an 80% on exam	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Specific requirements not noted	
Curriculum Guide	Not Noted	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Not Noted	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	14	DL office oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months, 3 with driver ed	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	14y, 6m (14y, 3m with de)	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	10 p.m. – 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	None	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16	

TENNESSEE

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	No Only required prior to getting an inter. license if one gets a 2 nd moving violation	
Hours of Instruction & Type	State board of ed requires that it be a semester course, 30 & 6 at minimum	
Curriculum Guide	State curriculum guide revised every five years	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Must have a license in a major teaching area	
Number of Required Courses	Basic and advanced driver ed School safety Health and first aid	
Number of Credits	12 credit endorsement in driver ed	
Recertification Requirements	Normal recert for teacher licensing	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	State board of education & State department of safety	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 6 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one passenger	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

TEXAS

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, but can be parent taught for those under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	32 hrs classroom, 7 hrs obs w/7 hrs actual b/w, sim can be used at a 4:1 ratio	Minimum 70% grade required
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes; Public School	See Summary
Number of Required Courses	See Summary	
Number of Credits	9 credit hours	
Recertification Requirements	4 hours per year	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	C - Driver Training Division P --Texas Ed Assn	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DOS
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one under 21	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

UTAH

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Can receive instruction permit early with course	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Yes	
Number of Required Courses	See Summary	
Number of Credits	28 Semester Hours	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	SBE SBE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	Driver Licensing Division oversees
Minimum Holding Period	None	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers for the first 6 months	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

VERMONT

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, if under 18	Every high school must offer for free
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	Most are 35 c/r, 6 b/w, 6 obs
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Must be a certified teacher	DOE, DMV and VDTSEA oversee
Number of Required Courses	5 courses; public and commercial	Commercial school instructors don't have to be certified teachers
Number of Credits	15 graduate credit hours; all teachers in public school must have 9 credits every 7 years	See summary for additional
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DMV	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	12 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	None	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers for the first 3 months; only family for second	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

VIRGINIA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes; under age 19	
Hours of Instruction & Type	36 hrs classroom, 14 hrs b/w where actual b/w takes up 7 hrs and 7 hrs obs	Minimum; 96% go through public c/r; 60% through b/w; 40% go through commercial
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Licensed teacher with an endorsement in driver education	
Number of Required Courses	Two	
Number of Credits	Six semester hours	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	Commercial school teachers are only required to have the endorsement
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	DOE DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	DMV oversees
Minimum Holding Period	9 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16y, 3m	
Parent/Guardian Practice	40 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 4 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 1 passenger under 18 during 1 st 12 mos; after that no more than three passengers under 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 3m	

WASHINGTON

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Enrollment allows permit application at age 15 instead of 15.5	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	
Curriculum Guide	Yes	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Dept of Licensing DMV Program	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Dept of Licensing oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	1 a.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No passengers under 20 for the 1 st 6 mos; no more than 3 passengers under 20 for 2 nd six mos	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

WEST VIRGINIA

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	With an approved course, practice driving is not required	
Hours of Instruction & Type	Not Noted	
Curriculum Guide	Standards listed without time-frame	
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	WV Board of Ed/DOE WV Board of Ed/DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	Division of Motor Vehicles oversees
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	None with driver education; 30 without	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than 3 passengers under 19	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	17	

WISCONSIN

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Yes, under 18	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w	Sim can be substituted at 4:1, but 3 hrs b/w is required. Range can be sub at 2:1, 4 hrs b/w required
Curriculum Guide	Yes; state specific and using some of ADTSEA curriculum	Must teach on slow vehicles, railroads and 30 min on organ donation
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Those teaching in public school must be licensed by DPI	Commercial; training prgm approved by DOT; 40 hrs
Number of Required Courses	1 - commercial 5- public school	
Number of Credits	15 semester credits	General safety Basic DE & Advanced DE Behavioral asp & alcohol/drugs
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	Univ of Wisconsin, Whitewater and South
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	OSPI OSPI	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15y, 6m	Bureau of Driver Services/DMV oversee
Minimum Holding Period	6 months	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	30 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	Midnight – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one passenger	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	18	

WYOMING

Questions	Responses	Notes
Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education Specifics	Driver Education
Required for Licensing	Not Noted, GDL requirements indicate no	
Hours of Instruction & Type	30 hrs classroom, 6 hrs b/w with simulation replacing b/w at 4:1	
Curriculum Guide		
Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Preparation
Teaching Cert. Required	Not Noted	
Number of Required Courses	Not Noted	
Number of Credits	Not Noted	
Recertification Requirements	Not Noted	
State Supervising Agency 1. Public Schools 2. Commercial Schools	Each District/DOE Each District/DOE	
Licensing Requirements	Licensing Requirements	Licensing
Minimum Permit Age	15	DOT oversees
Minimum Holding Period	10 days	
Minimum Intermediate License Age	16	
Parent/Guardian Practice	50 hours with 10 at night	
Nighttime Restrictions	11 p.m. – 5 a.m.	
Passenger Restrictions	No more than one passenger under 18	
Minimum Age Restrictions Lifted	16y, 6m	

