

The following are Questions & Answers pertaining to obtaining a Louisiana Driver's license. If you do not find the answer to your question, you may contact the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles.

Q. What are the regulations for obtaining a learner's permit?

A. LEARNERS PERMIT 15 YEARS OLD

Please take your certified birth certificate, [Social Security Card](#), certificate of successful completion of a [36 Hour Drivers Education Course](#) approved by the Department of Public Safety & Correction or the Department of Education to a [local Office of Motor Vehicles](#). If you do not have the original Social Security Card, you will need to provide an additional [secondary document](#). Your parent or legal guardian must accompany you with picture I.D. In case of joint custody, only domiciliary parent may sign. If a minor is accompanied by a mother who has since re-married, the mother must present documentation to show the connection in the names, such as a certified copy of her divorce decree and new marriage license. You will be required to take and pass the written and vision tests.

Fee: [\\$24.50 \(Fees may vary at the local office\)](#) **CASH**

A 15 year old cannot get an Intermediate license until he/she is 16 years old and has had the Learners Permit for a minimum of 180 days.

This license will enable the minor to drive while being accompanied by a licensed parent, guardian or licensed adult at least age twenty-one or older.

LEARNERS PERMIT 16 YEARS OLD

Please take your certified birth certificate, [Social Security Card](#), certificate of successful completion of a [36 Hour Drivers Education Course](#) approved by the Department of Public Safety & Corrections or the Department of Education to a [local Office of Motor Vehicles](#). If you do not have the original Social Security Card, you will need to provide an additional [secondary document](#). Your parent or legal guardian must accompany you with picture I.D. In case of joint custody, only domiciliary parent may sign. If a minor is accompanied by a mother who has since re-married, the mother must present documentation to show the connection in the names, such as a certified copy of her divorce decree and new marriage license. You will be required to take and pass the written and vision tests.

Fee: [\\$24.50 \(Fees may vary at the local office\)](#) **CASH**

A 16 year old cannot get an Intermediate license until he/she has had the Learners Permit for a minimum of 180 days.

This license will enable the minor to driver while being accompanied by a licensed parent, guardian, or licensed adult at least age twenty-one or older.

LEARNERS PERMIT 17 YEARS OLD

Please take your certified birth certificate, [Social Security Card](#), certificate of successful completion of a [36 hour drivers education course or a 6 hour pre-licensing course](#) approved by the Department of Public Safety & Corrections to a [local Office of Motor Vehicles](#). If you do not have the original Social Security Card, you will need to provide an additional [secondary document](#). Your parent or legal guardian must accompany you with picture I. D. In case of joint custody, only domiciliary parent may sign. If a minor is accompanied by a mother who has since re-married, the mother must present documentation to show the connection in the names, such as a certified copy of her divorce decree and new marriage license. You will be required to take and pass the written and vision tests.

Fee: [\\$24.50 \(Fees may vary at the local office\)](#) **CASH**

This license authorizes the holder to drive while being accompanied by a licensed driver. The learner's restriction cannot be removed for at least thirty days from the date the learner's license was issued except if proof is provided that the applicant has completed an approved thirty-six hour driver education course. Upon providing this proof, the restriction may be removed immediately upon the applicant successfully passing the on-the-road driving examination.

Q. What are the regulations for obtaining an intermediate license?

A. INTERMEDIATE LICENSE 16 YEARS OLD

After completing the learners license/permit stage and upon reaching at least sixteen years of age, a minor may apply for a Class "E" Intermediate License. This license must be maintained for a minimum of one year from the date of issuance or until the driver has reached the age of seventeen.

To have the Intermediate license issued, please take your Learner's Permit, certified birth certificate, and proof of insurance for the automobile to a [local Office of Motor Vehicles](#). Your parent or legal guardian must accompany you with picture I.D. In case of joint custody, only domiciliary parent may sign. If a minor is accompanied by a mother who has since re-married, the mother must present documentation to show the connection in the names, such as a certified copy of her divorce decree and new marriage license. The vehicle must have a current safety inspection sticker, current license plate validation sticker, and current certificate of registration. You will be required to take and pass the driving skills and vision tests. Fee: [\\$16.00 \(Fees may vary at the local office\)](#) **CASH**

NOTE: Driving skills tests are **NOT** given between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. We suggest you arrive no later than 3:00 PM. Skills test are **NOT** given during inclement weather.

You have the option of going to a state certified [Third Party Tester](#) to be administered a driving skills test. They can charge up to \$30.00 for the driving skills test.

Third Party Tester List. You must report to the Third Party Tester with Test History Form or a valid learner's permit issued by the Office of Motor Vehicles. A Third Party Tester can lease a vehicle to you to take the driving skills test. They also can administer the test in inclement weather and at your convenience, usually anytime of the day or night.

This license allows the minor to drive alone or with other passengers in the vehicle, but restricts him from driving between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 AM unless he is accompanied by a licensed parent, guardian, or adult at least twenty-one or older. After the one year period or once the driver reaches age seventeen, the minor may qualify for a permanent Class "E" license.

Q. What are the regulations for obtaining a first time driver's license?

A. FIRST TIME CLASS E LICENSE AGE 17

To have a Louisiana driver's license issued you will be required to furnish the following:

1. Certified birth certificate or meet ID requirements (See Section I, [Policy 6.00](#) and [Policy 6.02](#))

2. [Social Security Card](#).

3. Certificate of successful completion of a [thirty-six \(36\) hour drivers education course](#) OR a [6 hour pre-licensing course](#) approved by the Department of Public Safety & Corrections.

4. Your parent or legal guardian with picture I.D. In case of joint custody, only domiciliary parent may sign. If a minor is accompanied by a mother who has since re-married, the mother must present documentation to show the connection in the names, such as a certified copy of her divorce decree and new marriage license.

5. You must take and pass the written, vision, and driving skills test.

You have the option of going to a state certified Third Party Tester to be administered a driving skills test. They can charge up to \$30.00 for the driving skills

test. Third Party Tester List. You must report to the Third Party Tester with Test History Form or a valid learner's permit issued by the Office of Motor Vehicles. A Third Party Tester can lease a vehicle to you to take the driving skills test. They also can administer the test in inclement weather and at your convenience, usually anytime of the day or night.

6. If you provide your own vehicle, proof of insurance is required.

7. Vehicle you provide must have a current safety inspection sticker, current license plate validation sticker, and current certificate of registration.

8. Fee: [\\$24.50 \(Fees may vary at the local office\)](#) **CASH**

NOTE: Office of Motor Vehicles driving skills tests are **NOT** given between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Suggest you arrive no later than 3:00 PM. These skills test are **NOT** given during inclement weather.

FIRST TIME CLASS E LICENSE AGE 18 OR OLDER

To have a Louisiana driver's license issued you will be required to furnish the following:

1. One primary identification document (See [Section 1, Policy 6.00](#) for a complete list of acceptable primary identification documents).
2. [Social Security Card](#)
3. Certificate of successful completion of a [thirty-six \(36\) hour drivers education course](#) OR a [6 hour pre-licensing course](#) approved by the Department of Public Safety & Corrections.
4. You must take and pass the written, vision, and driving skills test. You have the option of going to a state certified [Third Party Tester](#) to be administered a driving skills test. They can charge up to \$30.00 for the driving skills test. [Third Party Tester](#) List. You must report to the Third Party Tester with Test History Form or a valid learner's permit issued by the Office of Motor Vehicles. A Third Party Tester can lease a vehicle to you to take the driving skills test. They also can administer the test in inclement weather and at your convenience, usually anytime of the day or night.
5. If you provide your own vehicle, proof of insurance is required.
6. Vehicle you provide must have a current safety inspection sticker, current license plate validation sticker, and current certificate of registration.
7. Fee: [\\$24.50 \(Fees may vary at the local office\)](#) **CASH** If age 70, [\\$15.50 \(Fees may vary at the local office\)](#)

CASH

NOTE: Office of Motor Vehicles driving skills tests are **NOT** given between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Suggest you arrive no later than 3:00 PM. These skills test are **NOT** given during inclement weather.

Q. Do I need to schedule an appointment for the driving skills test? What are the requirements for the vehicle used?

A. We do not schedule appointments for driving skills tests. The tests are not given between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. We suggest you arrive no later than 3:00 PM. The vehicle must have a current safety inspection sticker, current license plate validation sticker, current certificate of registration, and proof of insurance.

NOTE: Road tests are not given in inclement weather.

You have the option of going to a state certified [Third Party Tester](#) to be administered a driving skills test. They can charge up to \$30.00 for the driving skills test. You must report to the Third Party Tester with Test History Form or a valid learner's permit issued by the Office of Motor Vehicles. A

Third Party Tester can lease a vehicle to you to take the driving skills test. They also can administer the test in inclement weather and at your convenience, usually anytime of the day or night.

ACADIANA SAFETY ASSOCIATION IS A 3RD PARTY TESTER. YOU CAN SCHEDULE YOUR ROAD TEST WITH US FOR A FEE OF \$30.

Q. How do I transfer my out-of-state driver's license?

A. As a new Louisiana resident, you are required to transfer your out-of-state driver's license to Louisiana within 30 days. You must appear in person at a [local Office of Motor Vehicles](#) to apply for a Louisiana driver's license. Please take one primary document, your current, valid out-of-state driver's license, **or** official copy of your driving record, **or** a clearance letter, **or** teletype from law enforcement faxed directly to your local office, [Social Security Card](#), and proof of insurance if you own an automobile (see [Section 1, Policy 6.00](#) for a complete list of acceptable primary identification documents). If the name on your driver's license does not match the name on your birth certificate, you must furnish your state certified marriage license. Minors, 17 years of age or younger, must be accompanied by custodial parent or legal guardian with picture I.D. In case of joint custody, only domiciliary parent may sign. All applicants must meet visual and medical requirements. Persons transferring valid, non-commercial, out-of-state licenses (as exemplified in Louisiana's Class E and D) will NOT be required to take any examination other than the vision test. The written test will be required if the out-of-state license is expired **one year** or more. The written and driving skills tests are required if the out-of-state license is expired **two years** or more. You will be issued a Louisiana license that is equivalent to the one you are surrendering from out of state.

Fee: Class E - [\\$24.50 \(Fees may vary at the local office\)](#) **CASH** (Refer to [Section 1, Policy 2.00](#) for other fees)

NOTE:

- Full time students living in Louisiana but maintaining out-of-state or out-of-country permanent residency do not have to obtain a Louisiana license as long as full-time student status is in effect and driver's license is valid.
- Military personnel and dependents assigned to Louisiana are not required to obtain a Louisiana license.

Reminder: As a new Louisiana resident, you are required to transfer your out-of-state registration to Louisiana within 30 days.

Q. How do I transfer my out-of-country driver's license?

A. Immigration documents must be verified by the [Office of Motor Vehicles](#) for status prior to issuance of a Louisiana Driver's License or Identification Card.

Visitors to the United States are not eligible for a Louisiana Driver's License or Identification Card. If eligible and applicant has an out-of-country driver's license, the applicant must pass the written, vision, and driving skills tests unless Louisiana has a reciprocal agreement with the applicant's home country. Please refer to [Section 1, Policy 6.00](#) for identification requirements, [Section 1, Policy 6.01](#) for driver's education requirements, [Section 1, Policy 6.02](#) for driver's license issuance for aliens living in Louisiana, and [Section 1, Policy 18.01](#) for reciprocity with other countries.

Fee: Class E - [\\$24.50 \(Fees may vary at the local office\)](#) **CASH** (Refer to [Section 1, Policy 2.00](#) for other fees)