Driver Education Parent and Student FAQs



1. If my teen completes an online driver training class, and then completes 50 hours of supervised driving, can he/she then get their license at 16 years and 90 days?

No. To be eligible for a license at 16 years and 90 days, your teen must complete:

- 30 hours of classroom training (either a traditional classroom course or an approved online course); **and**
- 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training by a licensed instructor through a licensed driver training school.

A completed <u>Log of Supervised Driving Practice – State Form 54706</u> is required of all new drivers applying for a license.

2. Where can I find information on driver training schools in my area?

A list of approved driver training schools and online classroom training providers are available on the Driver Education page of myBMV.com.

3. I know that vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for teenagers. What can I do as a parent/teen to help reduce the risks of a crash?

Please view our <u>Driver Guide for Parents and Teens</u> available on the Driver Education page of myBMV.com for more information on helping your teen become a safe driver.

4. Is driver education required to get a license?

No. They will be eligible for a license at 16 years and 270 days. Without driver education your teen must:

- 1. Be 16 years old to be eligible for a learner's permit;
- 2. Hold the learner's permit for 180 days; and
- 3. Complete 50 hours of supervised driving practice. A completed <u>Log of Supervised</u> <u>Driving Practice – State Form 54706</u> is required to be provided to the BMV when applying for a license.

5. What documents will I need to take with me to the BMV to get a learner's permit?

Please visit the Driver Education page of myBMV.com to download the list of documentation requirements to obtain an Indiana learner's permit.

6. When can I start driving in the car with my parents?

For driving privilege information please view Indiana's Graduated Driver's License (GDL) System information available on the Driver Education page of myBMV.com.

7. If I take an online driver training school course, can I drive with my parents once I start that course? Can I drive with them when I finish the course?

No. You cannot drive at all until you have obtained your learner's permit.

8. If I start a driver training school course and get my learner's permit with a driver education restriction, then stop going can I keep driving on my learner's permit?

No. Driver training schools are required to keep track of your progress in the course. They may notify the BMV to expire your learner's permit.

If you continue to drive after the BMV expires your learner's permit and are stopped by law enforcement or are involved in a collision, you could be cited for operating a vehicle without a valid license. This could affect your ability to get a new learner's permit or apply for an operator's license.

9. If I start a driver training course with one school, then decide to switch to another school, can I transfer the work that I have completed or do I have to start over?

Current rules allow for the transfer of classroom training from one school to another. However, this is contingent upon the second school accepting the course work and records from the first school.