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Driver's Education



Information and Resources to keep teens safer on the road!

Finding the Right Driver's Ed Course

So you're ready to grab your driver's license and hit the open road, free to roam the world at last... Not so fast! Before you give in to your dreams of the wind whipping through your hair, you first need to take a driver's education course to earn your permit and ultimately your driver's license.

While getting behind the wheel sounds exciting, it's important that you are properly informed in order to be the safest driver you can be. The [dangers teen drivers face](#) are serious and you should know what you're up against. The good news is, most states allow beginning drivers to take Driver's Ed online, making it easy to start your path to your driver's license right from the comfort of your own home!

The first step for any teen who wants to drive on their own is finding the right teenager driver's education course to ensure you're learning the rules of the road while also meeting your state's permit and license guidelines. The information we've provided here is an excellent [Beginner's Guide](#) to help you get started on the right track to earning your privilege to drive.

What Type of Course Do You Need?

It would be so easy if every state used the same name for their driver's education programs. Unfortunately, that's not the case. In [California](#), a teen driver can take a driver's education online class, while in [Texas](#) the same type of at-home course is called Parent Taught Driver's Ed. In [Florida](#), just to make things more confusing, the beginning driver's course goes by several names (Drug and Alcohol Awareness Course, Alcohol Drugs Accident Prevention Course, Traffic Laws and Substance Abuse Education, etc.).





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To make it very easy for you, I DRIVE SAFELY has done the research for all 50 states, and we know what type of course every teen must take. You can start your search by checking out our homepage: <http://teen.idrivesafely.com> and selecting your state.

Make Sure It's State-Approved

In order for you to receive credit for taking a Driver's Ed course, you first need to make sure that it is approved by your state. Nearly every state in the nation has specific guidelines that any course provider must meet in order to have their curriculum approved. If the course you're looking at doesn't state that it is approved by your state's DMV or other governing body, you should walk away immediately.

It's essential that you learn the state-approved curriculum because that is the information you will be tested on in order to receive your learner's permit and driver's license. The states all go to great lengths to make sure that teens have everything they need to prepare for driving on their own. The road is a dangerous place, and you need to know the laws and regulations in place to keep you safe when you're behind the wheel.

I DRIVE SAFELY Driver's Ed indicates our approval status in your state right on our homepages. If you're not 100% sure if our course will meet your driver's education requirements, you can contact your state court and ask if you can take our online course. And if you're wondering what other teens have to say, check out [our reviews section](#), where students talk about their experiences with our courses.

Choose Your Method of Instruction

In many states, you have the option of taking your driver's education course in either a [traditional classroom](#) or [online](#). Which one you should choose depends greatly upon how you like to learn, and whether you like structure or flexibility in your lessons.





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A classroom course is usually provided either by your public high school or a private driving instruction school. You will attend in multiple sessions for a few hours at a time, either after school or during your summer break. You need to meet a certain specified number of hours for instruction as set by your state – most states mandate around 30 hours of lessons. The course is taught by an in-person instructor, and you will typically learn through reading your state's driver handbook and possibly a course-provided textbook.

An online course, on the other hand, is taken without the presence of an instructor, though there are typically instructors you can call for help through your course provider. The course is taught through your computer, and gives you access to your lessons from anywhere you are, which is most helpful for people who don't want to be stuck in the same location for hours at a time. The schedule is dictated by you, the student, and the lessons are self-paced, meaning you only work as much as you choose per session.

Give Yourself a Break

You shouldn't feel pressure when it comes to passing your Driver's Ed course. Most courses will give you multiple attempts at your final exam, and when you get to take your [permit test](#), you can retake that as many times as you need to as well.

Similarly, you may feel pressured to get your permit or license as soon as possible, but you should also take into account whether you are truly ready. You can obtain your license at any time, and if you feel you need some extra behind-the-wheel practice, or you're simply not interested in driving at the moment, then don't rush yourself.

