

**§1351. Driver education**

**1. Driver education required for certain minors.** Except to operate a moped only, a license may not be issued to a person under 18 years of age unless that person presents a certificate of successful completion of an approved driver education course and examination. The requirement of completion of an approved driver education course may be waived for a person who holds a valid driver's license from another jurisdiction.

[PL 1999, c. 470, §20 (AMD).]

**2. Approved course.** An approved driver education course is a course given by a:

A. Public secondary school; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. Private secondary school approved for attendance purposes by the Commissioner of Education; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

C. Career and technical education center or a career and technical education region; or [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 545, §5 (REV).]

D. Person licensed by the Secretary of State. [PL 1997, c. 393, Pt. A, §35 (RPR); PL 1997, c. 393, Pt. A, §37 (AFF).]

[PL 1997, c. 393, Pt. A, §35 (AMD); PL 1997, c. 393, Pt. A, §37 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 545, §5 (REV).]

**3. Completion certificates.** A successful course completion certificate may be issued if the course meets the standards adopted by the Secretary of State. A certificate may not be issued to a person who was not at least 15 years of age when beginning the course. The certificate may be used as a temporary learner's permit for the operation of a noncommercial Class C motor vehicle for 60 days from the course completion date displayed on the front of the certificate. The permittee must be in possession of the certificate while operating a motor vehicle and accompanied by a licensed operator who has held a valid driver's license for at least 2 years; is at least 20 years of age; is occupying the seat beside the operator; and is licensed to operate the class of vehicle operated by the permittee.

[PL 2021, c. 216, §38 (AMD).]

**4. Requirements.** A driver education course approved under this subchapter must include instruction that imparts the understanding and skills necessary to operate a motor vehicle safely in a situation in which a motorcycle or vulnerable user is sharing the road with that motor vehicle.

[PL 2015, c. 164, §2 (RPR).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

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