

Driver Education Program

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles



The driver education program is comprised of the Driver Education Curriculum, Driver Practicum Curriculum, the Parent Curriculum, and a final examination.

As of September 1, 2007, it is mandatory that the RMV program be taught in Professional Driving School Programs and Public and Private High School Programs. The aim of the new program is to ensure consistency among driver education programs by standardizing the knowledge, skills and ability of each student driver.

The driver education program must consist of at least 30 hours of classroom instruction. The RMV curriculum consists of 15, two-hour modules.

If a student misses a class, the student must make up the module that was missed or the course hours will be considered incomplete.

12 - hours on-road instruction conducted by a certified driver education instructor and 6 hours of observation.

A final examination must be offered to students upon completion of the course.

A parent/guardian driver education class educating parents in the content of the driver education curriculum, the junior operator law, the restrictions a junior operator license carries and the driving skills and behaviors their children should be learning throughout the driver education experience.

40 Hours of Supervised Driving Practice with parents.

40 Hours Supervised Driving Requirements

By the **1st** Driving Hour, students must have 10 Hours with Parents
By the **6th** Driving Hour, students must have 20 Hours with Parents
By the **12th** Driving Hour, students must have 40 Hours with Parents

The modules are comprised of topic matter that will provide students the skills necessary to obtain a driver's license and to become conscientious drivers.

Topics are as follows:

Module 1 – Introduction to Driver's Education

Module 2 – Signs Signals and Road Markings

Module 3 – Understanding the Vehicle and Its Controls

Module 4 – Basic Driving Skills

Module 5 – Rules of the Road

Module 6 – Making Safe Driving Decisions

Module 7 – Sharing the Road

Module 8 – How Natural Law Effects Driving

Module 9 – Different Driving Environments

Module 10 – Driving in All Weather Conditions

Module 11 – Mental and Physical Effects on Driving

Module 12 – The Dangers of Alcohol, Drugs & Driving: PART I

Module 13 – The Dangers of Alcohol, Drugs & Driving: PART II

Module 14 – Consequences of Unsafe Driving and Poor Decision Making

Module 15 – Handling Emergencies and Breakdowns

Final Review Driver's Education Supplemental Materials

Parent/Guardian Curriculum

All Missed Sessions MUST Be Made Up!

Driver's Education Course Must Be Completed Within Two (2) Years of Sign up Date!