

Steps to assist in the Driver's Education License Process

Obtaining a Minnesota driver's license can be a bit overwhelming. Following the steps below should be helpful in navigating the process. **Keep this information for your reference through the process.**

Step 1: Complete 30 hours of classroom instruction with Community Education. 30-hours is mandated by the State of Minnesota if under the age of 18 years.

Step 2: Blue Card. The Blue Card indicates the student has completed 30-hours of classroom instruction and is enrolled in a Behind-the-Wheel program licensed or approved by the Department of Public Safety. The Blue Card will be given to students at the last class if they: 1) complete the course work. 2) are age 15, and 3) are enrolled for BTW with Community Education. **(If you paid the full fee of \$415, your student is enrolled in BTW.)** If the student is not taking BTW with us, you will obtain your Blue Card from the school/business providing BTW services. Student's who are age 14 can choose to be given their Blue Card after the last class and keep it in a safe place until they turn age 15 or they can pick up their Blue Card at the Community Education office, 301 NE 2nd Ave Buffalo, M-F, 8 am-3:30 pm, when they turn age 15. **The student must be present to sign the Blue Card.**

Step 3: Schedule and take the Written Class D Knowledge Test. To schedule at the Wright County Government Center in Buffalo visit co.wright.mn.us and scroll down to **"Make an Appointment"**. To schedule at a different location, visit onlineservices.dps.mn.gov (use the *Taking the Class D Knowledge Test* blue sheet as a reference). The test center will collect the **Blue Card** at your testing appointment.

Step 4: Wright County Government Center. After the student passes the Written Class D Knowledge Test, go to the Wright County Government Center, if you are not already there, to have their photo taken and pay the permit fee. The student will be given a temporary driver's permit and can begin supervised driving and behind-the wheel.

Step 5: Go in-person to the Community Education office to be assigned a Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) instructor, 301 2nd Avenue NE, Buffalo. **You must have the student's driver's permit with you.** The student will be given the phone number and/or email for a BTW instructor. The student will schedule their 6-hours of BTW directly with the instructor. **Typically, one-hour of BTW is scheduled per month for six months.** In between, the student will practice driving skills with their parent/guardian.

Step 6: Schedule the Road Test. After the student has completed 5 hours of BTW, schedule the Road Test. To schedule at the Wright County Test Center visit co.wright.mn.us and scroll down to **"Make an Appointment"**. To schedule at a different location, visit onlineservices.dps.mn.gov (use the *Road Test Procedure Information* yellow sheet as a reference). To take the Road Test, students must be age 16, have their Instructional Permit for a minimum of 180 days, complete 6-hours of behind-the-wheel (BTW) and log 50 hours of parent supervised driving. For more information and current updates, visit onlineservices.dps.mn.gov.

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