

## **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 BHM Community Education. **(If you paid the full fee, currently \$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 (3650 Braddock Ave NE) visit [co.wright.mn.us](http://co.wright.mn.us) and scroll down to **"Make an Appointment"**. To schedule at the Department of Public Safety Buffalo Exam Station (1006 Commercial Drive), visit [dps.mn.gov](http://dps.mn.gov) and select **"Schedule a Written or Road Test"** (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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Department of Public Safety Buffalo Exam Station (1006 Commercial Drive), visit [dps.mn.gov](http://dps.mn.gov) and select **"Schedule a Written or Road Test"** (use the *Road Test Procedure Information* yellow sheet as a reference). To schedule at a different location, visit [onlineservices.dps.mn](http://onlineservices.dps.mn). To take the Road Test, students must be age 16, have their Instructional Permit for a minimum of 180 days (6 months), 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](http://onlineservices.dps.mn.gov).

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