

Getting a Minnesota License



I. ENROLL AT THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFICE

- A. Bring the following required items
 - 1. Certified Birth Certificate—not the hospital/footprint copy
 - 2. Fee of \$300 (Early bird fee \$275)
 - 3. Parent or guardian to sign enrollment application
- B. Students should turn 15 by the end of the classroom phase or shortly thereafter so they can take the Minnesota State permit test

II. COMPLETE THE 30 HOUR CLASSROOM PHASE

- A. Classes are held in Room E113 at Albert Lea High School
- B. Classroom instruction covers Minnesota Traffic Laws, understanding the automobile, insurance and many other related topics
- C. **Instructors use** periodic testing to make students aware of their progress
- D. **Instructors issue** BLUE CARDS to show completion of the classroom phase.

III. PERMIT TESTING

- A. Students 15 years old will be able to test for their permit if they have completed all of their required class work
- B. State permit testing is usually done at the high school on the last day of class. If not, testing must be done at the Court House. For testing students will need their Certified Birth Certificate, Social Security card, or school ID card, and BLUE CARD.
- C. Court House Testing
 - 1. Albert Lea on Thursday or Friday
 - 2. Austin on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday
- D. Students who pass the Permit Test will need to take the following to the Court House to get their permit:
 - 1. A parent or guardian to give permission and sign for the permit
 - 2. \$12 to pay for the permit

IV. DRIVING ON A PERMIT

- A. Students may practice driving with any licensed adult over 21
- B. Parent or guardian must certify practice driving time
 - 1. 30 hours or more with parent or guardian
 - 2. 10 hours or more must be at night
- C. An instructor will provide six hours of Behind the Wheel instruction while students have a permit
 - 1. Schedules are posted on the Driver's Education website: www2.albertlea.k12.mn.us/community-education/drivers-education
 - 2. Students must notify instructor if not able to drive when scheduled. A \$25 unexcused absence fee will be assessed for each violation
 - 3. Instructor will issue a WHITE CARD to certify that a student has completed their Driver Education Program

V. GETTING AN UNDER 21 LICENSE

- A. Student must be 15 or older
- B. Student must have completed Driver Education and had their permit at least six months
- C. Driving record must meet GDL requirements—see manual
- D. Student must make an appointment and pass the Road Test at the Court House
- E. Upon passing, the student must pay fees and have parent or guardian sign appropriate permission forms
- F. Four failures of the Road Test can result in having to repeat Behind The Wheel. After two failures, a fee of \$25 is charged by the state for each subsequent road test