

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 completed the course work and are age 15. 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-330 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 drive.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. **Bring the students temporary driver's permit.** 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 3 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 drive.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 updates, visit onlineservices.dps.mn.gov.

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