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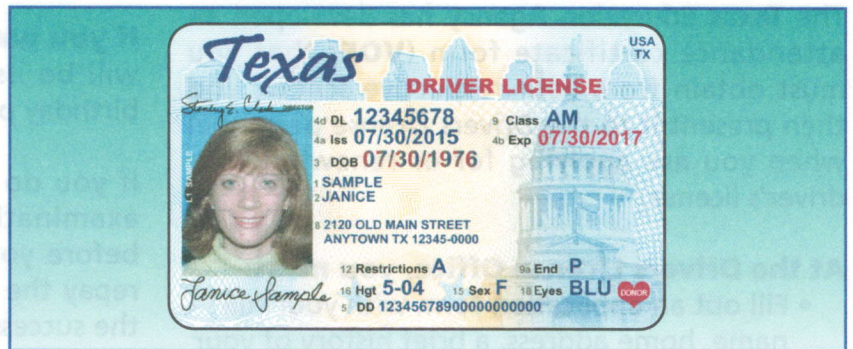
Driving Plan

Personal Responsibility

Now that you are about to acquire your first driver's license and become a driver, you must become more familiar with this role and its responsibilities. You must also be aware of the procedures for acquiring your license and the regulations that govern this privilege.

Personal responsibility for one's actions or inactions while driving a vehicle will help to diminish any negative consequences.

The Department of Public Safety is the Texas agency that controls licensing of operators by implementing the regulations that govern the application for licenses, their renewal, as well as administrative action to penalize wrongdoers.



AFTER COMPLETING THIS CHAPTER, THE STUDENT, AS A NOVICE DRIVER, MUST BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE, TO DEMONSTRATE CONCERN FOR, AND TO DEVELOP PERSONAL STRATEGIES FOR :

- the safe operation of the HTS.
- the criteria for acquiring a license in Texas.
- driver education as a foundation in the life-long learning process of reduced risk driving.

Driver Licensing

Acquiring your first driver's license in Texas has become more complicated in recent years.

LEARNER'S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

An learner's (instruction) permit is issued with a

photograph for the purpose of allowing a student driver to legally practice driving when accompanied by a licensed driver, who is occupying the seat beside the driver. This licensed driver must be at least 21 years of age, and have at least one year of driving experience.



To qualify for a learner's permit, you must be at least 15 years of age and be enrolled in a driver education program.

Until you are 18 years of age, when you apply for an learner's permit or a driver's license, you must prove that you:

- 1) Have obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent; or
- 2) Are a student enrolled in a public or private school who attended school for at least 80 days in the fall or spring semester preceding the date of application; or
- 3) Have been enrolled for at least 45 days, and are currently enrolled in a program to prepare persons to pass the high school equivalency exam.

The Texas Education Agency has developed an attendance certificate form (VOE) that you must obtain from your respective school, and then present it to the Drivers License personnel when you are applying for or renewing your driver's license.

At the Drivers License Office, you must:

- Fill out an application form with your full name, home address, a brief history of your physical and mental condition (persons with certain medical conditions may have their cases reviewed by the Texas Medical Advisory Board for Driver Licensing before the license is issued), your past driving experience and record (if any), your county of residence, and U.S. citizenship status.
- Pay the required fees.
- The application must be signed at the DPS, or under oath, by the parent / guardian / mentor having custody.
- Present identification documents
 - a) one piece of stand-alone identification, or
 - b) one piece of documented identification plus one or more pieces of support identification.
- Physical description.
- Present your Social Security Card or other acceptable proof of Social Security number.
- Provide proof of school attendance (VOE Form) and enrollment in a driver education

program.

- Provide index fingerprints.
- Pass the drivers examinations (at least 70% on each test, oral exams may be provided, when they are needed) -
 - a) a rules test for original applicants, and
 - b) a signs test on the meaning of standard highway signs.
- Pass the vision test. You may be required to wear corrective lenses while driving, if they improve your vision and help to increase the safety of your driving.
- Sign a **Zero Tolerance** notification document that explains the **Zero Tolerance Law** that applies to all applicants under the age of 21. Your parent / guardian / mentor must cosign the document at the DPS or under oath.

If you pass all of the tests, a learner's permit will be issued. It will be valid for your next birthday plus one year.

If you do not pass, you are entitled to three examinations for each type of test required before you must make a new application and repay the fees. There is a 90 day time limit for the successful completion of the tests; after this period, a new application and fees are also required.

This learner's permit will allow you to legally practice driving so that you are able to acquire the knowledge and skills required to operate a motor vehicle in the HTS. You must be accompanied by a licensed driver who is occupying the front seat beside you, and is at least 21 years of age with at least one year of driving experience.

YOUR FIRST CLASS C DRIVER'S LICENSE

After successfully completing a driver education program, if you are under 25 years of age, you must complete the **Impact Texas Teen Drivers (ITTD)** course by registering on-line at <https://impacttexassteendrivers.dps.texas.gov/profile/signup.aspx>. After completion, print the certificate and bring it to the Drivers License Office to apply for your Class C driver's license.



At the Drivers License Office, you must:

- Present a Texas Driver Education Certificate (Form DE 964) stating that you have successfully completed both the classroom and laboratory phases of the Texas Driver and Traffic Safety Education Course.
- Present a VOE Form (proof of school attendance - under the age of 18).
- Present the **ITTD** certificate (under age 25).
- Show evidence of financial responsibility in accordance with the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Act.
- Provide index fingerprints, if they were not taken when applying for your instruction permit.
- Pay the required fees.

After passing a driving test administered by a DPS examiner a Provisional Class C license will



be issued. This provisional license will be valid until the applicants 18th birthday, at which time, the license will be issued for up to 6 years.



DRIVING PLAN

The student formulates a Driving Plan incorporating the knowledge and skills of Module Twelve (Personal Responsibility) to endorse, to promote and to sustain lifelong legal and responsible reduced-risk driving practices in the HTS.



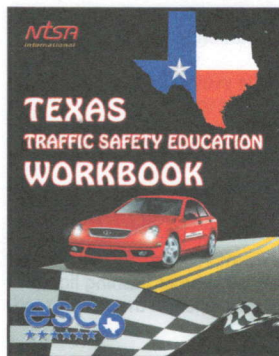
Module Twelve Review

VOCABULARY - WRITE A SHORT DEFINITION FOR THE FOLLOWING :

- Learner's permit
- VOE Form
- DE 964 Form

TEST A- ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. A) What will be required of you at the Driver License Office when you complete the driver education program?
 B) What special rules apply to novice drivers who are under 18 years of age?



TEXAS TSE STUDENT WORKBOOK

Check your comprehension and mastery of the contents of this Module by completing the corresponding exercises that are found in the complement to the **TEXAS TSE STUDENT MANUAL:**

TEXAS TSE STUDENT WORKBOOK

Complete the assigned questions in the workbook. If necessary, review the chapters when uncertain of an answer and refer to your instructor for further guidance.

