

Driver Education to License Testing Checklist

Do you want to get your license before age 18?

If YES, follow the steps below.

STEP 1 - WA State Written Knowledge Exam or Permit Waiver?

Are you between the age of 15 and 15 1/2? You must get a waiver to get your permit. A waiver will be issued once you are enrolled in a driver education program. Move to STEP 2

Are you 15 1/2 or older? You can take the WA State Written Knowledge Exam and get your permit or enroll in driver education. Move to Step 2A.

STEP 2 - Getting your permit with a waiver

With a waiver you can visit DOL 1-10 days before you start your course to get your permit. Holidays and weekends are included. (You can start driver education before you get your permit although we highly recommend having it soon so drives can be scheduled.) Move to step 3.

STEP 2A - Getting your permit by taking the WA State Written Knowledge Exam

You must be over 15 1/2 yrs old and schedule an appointment on our website www.Nelsondrivingschool.com to take the WA State Written Knowledge Exam. You must pass the exam to get your permit Move to step 3.

STEP 3 - Start Driver Education with Nelson Driving School, LLC

Classroom Sessions

- Complete all class sessions 1-17
- Pass Course final in Class 17 with a 70% or higher

Drive Sessions

- Complete all 5 required drives, additional drives can be purchased for an additional fee
- Minimum of 1 hour of drive observation (currently waived due to COVID 19) - driving with a partner observing 1 hour and driving 1 hour.

Other Course Completion Requirements

- Payment - course payment, missed drive fees etc.. **Paid in full**
- Signed and returned** Student/Parent Acknowledgement form

If all your boxes are checked you are now complete with driver education. Move to Step 4

STEP 4 - Requirements for getting your license

- Have permit for a minimum of 6 months from date of issue regardless of age if under 18.
- Completed with driver education to get license if under age 18
- Complete 40 hrs daytime driving practice by time of getting license
- Complete 10 hrs nighttime driving practice by time of getting license
- Pass WA State Knowledge Exam (if not previously taken under step 2A) - Can be done after completing driver education even if not yet age 16
- Pass WA State Drive Skills Exam - Can be done after completing driver education even if not yet age 16

STEP 5 - Getting your license

- Turn 16 years old or older
- If your permit has a photo try getting your license online by visiting your License Express account at www.dol.wa.gov
- If your permit does not have a photo you will need to visit the DOL in person. Please check the DOL website for appointment times or hours of operation. www.dol.wa.gov