



## **Driver's Education - Chapter 1: Your License to Drive**

**Getting Your License** - ANYONE who drives a motor vehicle on public streets or highways in Minnesota MUST carry a valid and unexpired driver's license.

**PRIMARY documents needed for identification to apply for a driver's license:** (3 most common)

- Certified copy of birth certificate,
- Certified adoption certificate,
- Valid, unexpired U.S. passport

**SECONDARY documents needed for identification to apply for a driver's license:**

- Another Photo ID, such as State ID or student ID
- U.S. social security card
- Government issued marriage certificate

**Note: You are required to provide you social security number (SSN) on your license application form.**

**The Knowledge Test** - Multiple Choice and True/False questions

- Can be taken on paper or computer depending on the exam station
- MUST score 80% or higher to pass
- May only take one (1) test per day
- You must show proper identification
- If you are under 18, you must present a "blue card", the certificate of enrollment from a driver's education course.
- If you are under 18, you must present proof that you have completed 30 hours in the classroom.
- If you are under 18, you must present proof that you are enrolled in a Behind-the-Wheel program.

### **Vision Screening**

Normal or corrected vision must be at least 20/40

Peripheral vision must be at least 105°

**The Road Test** - Must provide your own vehicle. The following must be in working order:

- Doors - must open from inside and outside
- Seat belts
- Head lights
- Tail lights
- Brake lights
- Turn signals
- NO passengers allowed:
- Only the driver and the examiner are allowed in the car during the test
- NO parents - NO interpreters - NO pets - NO friends - NO children
- If you are under 18, You MUST present your "white card", the certificate that you receive after you pass the computer test and a certified Behind-the-Wheel program

**If you FAIL the road test TWICE** you will be charged a \$20 fee for the third and subsequent tests.

**Safety Equipment Demonstration - You will be asked to show and demonstrate the following:**

- Proof of current insurance on your vehicle
- Seat adjustment
- Emergency/parking brake
- Headlights (low & high beam)
- Hazard flashers
- Horn
- Windshield wipers
- Defroster and fan controls
- Mirrors

**Vehicle Control Skills - You will be tested on:**

- Control of vehicle
- Parallel parking
- Hill parking
- Traffic signs and signals & traffic and road conditions
- Signaling and performing left & right turns you will be tested on:
- Using marked and unmarked lanes properly
- Observing and yielding to pedestrians and other drivers
- 90° backing up

**Automatic Fail- These will fail you immediately:**

1. Being in a crash that you could have avoided, even if you are not at fault
2. Not cooperating with the examiner or refusing to do something the examiner asks

**Retaking the Road Test: If you fail the Road Test you may re-take the test AFTER**

- you have had time to practice your driving skills
- completed an assigned practice time
- generally ONE WEEK – You cannot take more than one Road Test in one week
- made a new appointment

**Too Many Failures? - If you fail the road test 4 times, you MUST complete 6 hours of Behind-the-Wheel training with a licensed instructor before attempting the road test again.**