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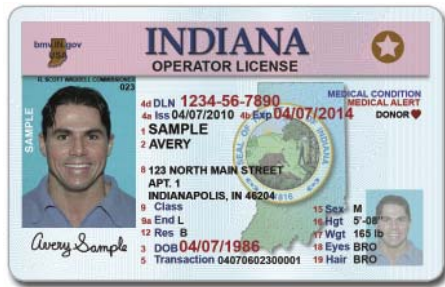
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CHAPTER ONE

Obtaining A New Credential

Indiana driver's licenses, permits and identification cards are produced using security features to help prevent identity theft, fraud, card tampering, and to improve the detection of underage drinking.



**SecureID driver's license:
Over 21 years of age**



**SecureID driver's license:
Under 21 years of age**

The security features include embedded digital enhancements to ensure security and authenticity. Some information is detectable only with a black light, while other secured data is embedded in a barcode on the back of the card. A vertical format is provided for Hoosiers under 21 years of age, with the dates the recipient turns age 18 and 21 designated in yellow and red.

A gold star marker appears in the upper right hand corner to indicate a SecureID credential and reflect compliance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's requirements as recommended by the 9/11 Commission and federal and state laws.

Learner's permits are identified with a purple State of Indiana in the upper left hand corner, while commercial driver's licenses will have a red State of Indiana. Identification cards include all the same security features as driver's licenses with a green header and a green State of Indiana in the upper left hand corner.

SecureID

SecureID is the BMV's effort to fully comply with the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, and state and federal regulations in two ways:

- SecureID is a requirement for anyone applying for a new Indiana driver's license, permit, or identification card to prove their identity.
- All permanent driver's licenses, permits, or identification cards are mailed from a secure, government-run location to a customer's mailing address following an extensive verification process of documents.

If you are renewing, amending, or replacing your current Indiana driver's license, permit, or identification card and wish to upgrade to a SecureID, you are asked to bring original versions or certified copies of certain documents to a license branch.

If you have questions about collecting your documents, you can call the BMV toll-free at 888-692-6841 and speak with a customer service representative, or visit any Indiana license branch for help. For a complete list of required documents, visit our website at http://www.in.gov/bmv/files/SecureID_Documents_List.pdf

If you are a United States citizen with a current Indiana driver's license or identification card and you are having difficulty collecting your documents, or you simply wish to wait to get a SecureID, you may apply for a non-SecureID credential in order to drive and verify your identity for voting purposes.

Receiving Your Permanent Credential by Mail

Your permanent credential will be mailed to you from a government-run, secure location after you apply for a new, renewed, amended, or replacement driver's license, permit, or identification card. Your credential will arrive at your mailing address within 10 business days. The process used to mail credentials is similar to that used by the financial services industry to mail credit and debit cards.

Indiana Residency Requirements

You must be a legal resident of Indiana to obtain an Indiana driver's license, learner's permit or identification card. Evidence of residency in Indiana includes:

- Maintaining a legal address in the State of Indiana and not claiming residency in another state.
- Being a registered voter in the State of Indiana.



A person who is enrolled as a student in a Commercial Driver's License truck driver training school in Indiana and has a legal residence in another state, but is living in Indiana temporarily for the express purpose of truck driver training, is considered to be an Indiana resident.

For the purposes of obtaining a driver's license, learner's permit, or identification card, the following persons living in Indiana solely for any of the following reasons are not considered to be residents of Indiana:

- Educational purposes
- Active duty in the Armed Forces
- Temporary employment

New Indiana Residents

When you become a resident of Indiana, you have 60 days to obtain a new Indiana driver's license if you hold a valid driver's license from another state.

If you do not have a valid driver's license from another state, you must hold an Indiana Learner's Permit before you may apply for a driver's license.

If your out-of-state license has been expired for not more than three years, you must pass a standard vision screening test and a knowledge test to obtain an Indiana license.

If your out-of-state license has been expired for more than three years, you must pass a standard vision screening test, a knowledge test, and a driving skills test to obtain an Indiana license.

If you have held an out-of-state license for 180 days or more, you must pass a standard vision screening test and a knowledge test to obtain an Indiana license.

If you have held an out-of-state license for less than 180 days, you must pass a standard vision screening test and a knowledge test to obtain an Indiana Learner's Permit.

Drivers with an Out-Of-Country License or Permit

If you have an out-of-country driver's license and intend to become a resident of Indiana or meet Indiana residency requirements, you must pass the vision screening test, knowledge test, and driving skills test to obtain an Indiana driver's license. If you do not possess an out of country license, you may apply for an Indiana learner's permit.

All documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, Social Security number, lawful status, and Indiana residency will be verified through a central verification process. The BMV will issue an interim license, valid for 30 days, authorizing the holder to drive pending authentication of documents submitted to BMV.

When your documents are verified, the BMV will mail the license, permit, or identification card to you. If the documents cannot be verified, you will receive a letter explaining the determination and your rights to request an administrative hearing to review the determination. No refunds will be issued in the case that documents cannot be verified.

Identification Cards

Identification cards may be issued to an Indiana resident of any age who does not have a driver's license. You cannot hold both an identification card and a driver's license at the same time, even if one of the credentials was issued by another state.

To get an identification card you must visit a license branch and present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, Social Security number, lawful status, and Indiana residency.

Identification Card Validity

An identification card is valid for six years.

Identification cards issued to lawful temporary residents may not reflect standard periods of validity.

Driver's Licenses

Driver's licenses provide full driving privileges to Indiana residents who are 18 years of age or older. Probationary driver's licenses provide restricted driving privileges to Indiana residents who are younger than 18 years of age.

An Indiana operator's license does not allow the holder to drive for hire, transport passengers for hire, or transport property for hire in any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 16,000 pounds or more.

You may apply for a driver's license at any Indiana license branch. To obtain a driver's license you must meet the following requirements:

- Meet driver's license age requirements described later in this section; and
- Hold a valid Indiana learner's permit for a period of time described later in this section, unless you are currently licensed by another jurisdiction; and
- Present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, Social Security number, lawful status, and Indiana residency; and
- Pass a standard vision screening test; and
- Pass a knowledge test; and
- Pass a driving skills test with a BMV driver examiner, unless you qualify for a waiver.

Driver's License Age Requirements

You must hold an Indiana learner's permit for 180 days to obtain a driver's license.

You must be at least 16 years and 270 days old to obtain a driver's license.

If you have passed an approved driver education program, you must be at least 16 years and 180 days old to obtain a driver's license.

In addition, if you are applying for a driver's license, you must complete at least 50 hours of supervised driving practice with a licensed instructor or a licensed driver, with valid driving privileges, who is at least 25 years old, or a spouse with valid driving privileges who is at least 21 years old. At least 10 hours of supervised driving practice must be nighttime driving.

At the time of application for the driver's license you must submit a completed state-approved Log of Supervised Driving Practice showing proof of the hours driven. Multiple logs must be used, if necessary, to log the required practice driving. The log must be signed by a parent or legal guardian if the applicant is under 18.

Driver Education Waiver

If you have a learner's permit and attend an approved driver education school that participates in the BMV waiver program, you may take the driving skills test with the school after successful completion of the course. You may also choose to be given the driving skills test by a BMV driver examiner when you apply for a driver's license at a license branch.

Only one driving skills test may be administered by a school prior to any BMV driving skills test. Once a driving skills test is taken with the school, you may not return to the school for subsequent skills testing.

You must take the driving skills test at a license branch if any of the following situations occur:

- Your driver education learner's permit expires; or
- You receive a failing grade of 79 percent or below in either classroom instruction or behind-the-wheel training in your driver education school; or
- Your driver education school does not participate in the BMV's driving skills test waiver program.

The period of time you hold any valid Indiana learner's permit counts toward the required 180 day holding period.

Driver's License Validity

A driver's license is valid for:

- Six years if you are younger than 75 years of age.
- Three years if you are 75 to 85 years old.
- Two years if you are 85 years of age or older.

Credentials may not reflect the standard periods of validity for the following:

- Lawful temporary residents; and
- Renewals for Operator's licenses that expired in 2012.

Learner's Permits

Learner's permits allow Indiana residents to practice driving before applying for their driver's licenses. You may apply for a learner's permit at any Indiana license branch.

If you are 16 years of age or older, you must meet the following requirements to obtain a learner's permit:

- Present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, Social Security number, lawful status, and Indiana residency; and
- Pass a standard vision screening test; and
- Pass a knowledge test.

If you are younger than 16 years of age, you must meet the following requirements to obtain a learner's permit:

- You must be at least 15 years old; and
- Show proof of your enrollment in an approved driver education program by presenting the Certificate of Driver Education Enrollment form from the school (the online course certificate of completion is not an acceptable document), dated no earlier than three weeks prior to the start of class;
- Present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, Social Security number, lawful status, and Indiana residency;
- Pass a standard vision screening test; and
- Pass a knowledge test.

If you are younger than 18 years of age when you apply for a learner's permit, you must submit a completed Agreement of Financial Liability at a license branch when applying for the permit.

Learner's Permit Driving Privileges

If you obtain a learner's permit when you are younger than 16 years of age you may practice driving only after you begin an approved driver education program.

If you have a learner's permit for driver education, you may drive only when you are accompanied by a certified driving instructor in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with dual brake controls, or when a licensed driver with valid driving privileges who is 25 years of age or older, or a spouse with valid driving privileges 21 years of age and older, is seated in your vehicle's front passenger seat.

If you are between the ages of 16 years and 18 years and you are not enrolled in a driver education program, you may practice driving with a learner's permit only when a licensed driver with valid driving privileges who is 25 years of age or older, or a spouse with a valid driving privileges who is 21 years of age or older, is seated in your vehicle's front passenger seat.

If you are 18 years of age or older, you may practice driving with a learner's permit only when accompanied by a licensed driver with valid driving privileges who is 21 years of age or older.

Learner's Permit Validity

Learner's permits are valid for two years.

Learner's permits issued to lawful temporary residents may not reflect standard periods of validity.

Probationary Driver's Licenses

If you are younger than 18 years of age when you obtain a driver's license, your license is considered probationary until you turn 18 years old. You may amend your license after you turn 18 years old to remove the probationary driver designation.

Probationary Driver's License Validity

If you obtained a probationary driver's license before July 1, 2009, your license is valid until midnight on the date of your 21st birthday. If you obtained a probationary driver's license on or after July 1, 2009, your license is valid until you are 21 years and 30 days old.

Seat Belts

If you have a probationary driver's license, every passenger in the vehicle that you are driving must wear a seat belt or a child restraint system.

Driving with Passengers

You may not drive with any passengers for 180 days after you obtain your probationary driver's license unless one of the following individuals is seated in your vehicle's front passenger seat:

- A licensed individual with valid driving privileges who is 25 years of age or older; or
- Your spouse with valid driving privileges who is 21 years of age or older;
- A certified driver education instructor.

However, during the 180 days after you get your probationary driver's license you may drive with your child, step-child, sibling, step or half sibling or spouse during the hours allowed by law without another accompanying individual.

Telecommunication Devices

If you have a probationary driver's license you may not operate a motor vehicle while using a telecommunication device, such as a cell phone, unless the device is being used to make a 911 emergency call.

When You May Drive with a Probationary Driver's License

For 180 days after obtaining your probationary driver's license, you may not drive between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

After you have driven for 180 days with a probationary driver's license, you may not drive during the following hours:

- Sunday through Thursday, after 11 p.m.
- Monday through Friday, before 5 a.m.
- Saturday and Sunday, between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

You may drive during the periods described above if :

- You are participating in, going to, or returning from:
 - Lawful employment;
 - A school sanctioned activity; or
 - A religious event; or
- You are accompanied by an individual with valid driving privileges who is at least 25 years of age, or your spouse with valid driving privileges who is at least 21 years of age.

Dropping Out, Being Suspended, or Being Expelled from School

Indiana law requires school principals to notify the BMV to suspend the driving privileges of any person younger than 18 years of age who is involved in any of the following situations:

- He or she is under an expulsion, exclusion, or second suspension from school during one school year; or
- He or she has been determined to be a habitual truant; or
- He or she has withdrawn from school.

Agreement of Financial Liability

If you are younger than 18 years of age when you apply for a new, renewed, amended, or duplicate driver's license or permit you must submit a completed *Agreement Of Financial Liability - State Form 39531* at a license branch.

The Agreement of Financial Liability must be signed by an individual (18 years of age or older) who agrees, under penalty of perjury, to assume all legal obligations for injuries or damages caused by the minor driver until that driver becomes 18 years old. The individual signing the Agreement of Financial Liability must present identification documents proving his or her identity and age.

The Agreement of Financial Liability may be terminated in three ways:

- The minor driver turns 18 years old; or
- The adult who signed the Agreement of Financial Liability files an affidavit at a license branch requesting that the BMV terminate the Agreement of Financial Liability; or
- The adult who signed the Agreement of Financial Liability dies, in which case another adult must sign an Agreement of Financial Liability for the minor driver.

Knowledge Test

The knowledge test is based on information contained in this driver's manual. To pass the knowledge test, you must demonstrate a basic understanding of Indiana traffic laws and safe driving techniques, and you must be able to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic. Knowledge tests include multiple choice questions concerning traffic maneuvers and knowledge of types of traffic signs.

The knowledge test is required for the following individuals:

- Learner's permit applicants.
- First-time chauffeur's license applicants.
- First-time public passenger chauffeur's license applicants.
- Drivers younger than 21 years of age renewing a valid driver's license and have active points on their driving record.
- New Indiana residents who hold an out-of-state license of any type and are applying for an Indiana driver's license.
- Drivers whose Indiana driver's license has been expired for more than 180 days.
- Drivers who have six or more active points on their Indiana driving record.
- Active duty military personnel and the spouse and/or dependent, if applicable, whose Indiana driver's license has been expired for more than 180 days and who have been returned from deployment for more than 90 days.
- Out-of-state active military personnel applying for a new Indiana driver's license.

If you fail to pass a knowledge test, you must wait until the next business day to take the test again.

Driving Skills Test

You must schedule an appointment for the driving skills test online at myBMV.com or by visiting an Indiana license branch. There is no charge for the driving skills test administered by the BMV driver examiner, but you must provide your own vehicle.

The driving skills test is required by a BMV driver examiner for the following:

- Driver with an Indiana learner's permit, unless that driver qualifies for the driver education skills test waiver.
- New Indiana resident who has held an out-of-state driver's license for less than 180 days or whose out-of-state driver's license has been expired more than three years.
- New Indiana resident who holds an out-of-country license.
- Indiana resident whose Indiana driver's license has been expired more than three years.
- Driver who has a BMV restriction that requires testing.
- Driver about whom the BMV has received a medical complaint and the Indiana BMV's medical board has recommended a skills evaluation.
- Active duty military personnel and the spouse and/or dependent, if applicable, whose Indiana driver's license has been expired for more than three years and who have been returned from deployment for more than 90 days.
- Discharged military personnel who holds an out-of-state license, and the expiration of the license is beyond the allowed extension, and the out-of-state license has been expired for more than three years.

No one besides the driving skills test examiner and a supervisor is allowed in your vehicle when you take the driving skills test.

Your vehicle must be legally equipped and be in safe and clean condition. You must provide the vehicle's current registration before taking the driving skills test.

It shall be within the discretion of the BMV driver examiner to reject a vehicle for the skills test.

The driving skills test examiner will ask a few required questions before you begin driving. His or her job is to administer a fair and objective test based on what he or she observes, not to provide instruction. He or she will use a standardized form to evaluate your ability to operate a motor vehicle safely.

When taking the driving skills test, you must pay particular attention to the following situations:

- Driving in the proper lane by obeying the lane markings, looking carefully, and signaling properly before changing lanes
- Allowing enough distance between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead
- Reacting appropriately to being overtaken and passed by another vehicle by maintaining your speed and providing enough room to pass
- Controlling your speed according to posted speed limits and varying traffic conditions
- Observing good defensive driving habits
- Listening to instructions and observing general traffic flow
- Approaching an intersection at the proper speed, looking for other vehicles, and coming to a complete stop
- Reversing skills and backing correctly out of a parking space
- Parallel parking ability

When taking the driving skills test, the following actions could detract from your final score or cause you to fail the driving skills test:

- Failing to use defroster or wipers when needed
- Failing to use both hands on the wheel
- Selecting the wrong gear
- Failing to signal
- Driving too slowly or stopping unnecessarily
- Overrunning a crosswalk, stop line, or stop sign
- Failing to turn into or from the correct lane
- Failing to check your blind spot
- Slowing speed when changing lanes
- Reversing too fast
- Leaving your turn signal on after completed lane change
- Driving too closely to the vehicle ahead or to a parked vehicle

Any of the following actions shall result in the automatic failure of the driving skills test:

- Disobeying a yield, stop, school zone, or no turn on red sign
- Disobeying a traffic signal
- Backing over a curb while parallel parking
- Driving into a parked vehicle while parallel parking
- Failure to follow instructions
- Failure to use a seat belt
- Failure to react to hazardous driving conditions
- Speeding
- Driving too fast for conditions
- Turning into or using the wrong lane
- Passing in a no passing zone or otherwise crossing a solid yellow line
- Driving left of center
- Straddling lane markings
- Driving too close to pedestrians or bicycles
- Failure to pull over or stop for emergency vehicles or school buses
- Causing an accident during a road test
- Failure to yield right-of-way

It shall be within the discretion of the state driver examiner or driver instructor to continue a driving skills test after a student has failed the driving skills test.

If you fail a driving skills test, you must wait 14 days before taking another driving skills test.

If you fail three driving skills tests while holding a learner's permit, you must wait for two months from the date of the last failed driving skills test before taking the driving skills test again.

Vision Screening Test

All Indiana driver's license or permit applicants are required to pass the state's minimum vision standards, even if the applicant is renewing an existing license.

If you normally wear glasses or contacts while driving, you should advise the branch personnel and wear them during the vision test. If your visual ability does not meet state standards, you will be referred to an eye doctor for examination. If you return to the license branch with a statement from an eye doctor affirming that your vision has been corrected to meet the state standard you may continue the licensing or renewal process, which will include a vision test at the license branch.

Restrictions may be placed on a driver's license for a variety of reasons. These restrictions allow a driver to operate a vehicle under conditions that ensure safety to the driver and to the public.

The most common restrictions are based on vision screening tests. They appear in the lower left-hand corner of the driver's license and are described on the back of the license.

Some of the common restrictions placed on licenses due to vision include:

- **Restriction B:** glasses or contact lenses required when driving.
- **Restriction F:** outside rearview mirrors required when driving.
- **Restriction G:** daylight driving only.

Restrictions for Drivers Who Read Without Glasses

- Both eyes are 20/20 to 20/40: **No restrictions.**
- One eye is 20/20 to 20/40 and other eye is 20/50 to blind: **Restriction F.**

Restrictions for Drivers Who Read With Glasses

- One eye is 20/20 to 20/40 and other eye is 20/50 to blind: **Restrictions B and F.**
- Both eyes are 20/50: **Restriction B.**
- One eye is 20/50 and other eye is 20/70 to blind: **Restrictions B, F, and G.**
- Both eyes are 20/70: **Restrictions B, F, and G.**

Other Driver's License or ID Restrictions

Other driver's license restrictions include:

B – Glasses or Contact Lenses	2 –HTV Conditional
C – Mechanical Aid/Adaptive Device	3 – Photo Exempt
D – Prosthetic Aid	5 – Conditional – Operate Under Specific Conditions
F – Outside Rearview Mirror	6 – Interlock Device
G – Daylight Driving Only	7 – Seat Belt Exempt
J – Driver Education, Specific Limitations	8 – Medical Condition
	9 – Temporary Lawful Resident

CDL Restrictions:

E – Auto Transmission CMV	R – Valid For Restricted Agricultural CDL Privileges Only When Presented With Season Validation Document
K – Intrastate Only	
L – No Air Brake CMV	
M – No Class A Pass Vehicle	T – Hazmat Prohibited
N – No Class A/B Pass Vehicle	V – Medical Variance Document Required
O – No Tractor – Trailer CMV	W – Farm Waiver
Q – Bus Only	Z – No Full Airbrake CMV

Chauffeur's Licenses

An Indiana chauffeur's license grants the holder all the privileges of a driver's license. In addition, the holder of a chauffeur's license is permitted to operate vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 16,000 pounds, but not more than 26,000 pounds (whether single vehicle or combined gross vehicle weight) when used to transport property for hire. To operate a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more you must have a commercial driver's license.

The holder of a chauffeur's license may also operate a private bus that transports passengers for religious, fraternal, charitable, or other benevolent organizations, youth associations, or institutions of higher education.

To transport passengers for hire, an individual must have a public passenger chauffeur's license.

An Indiana public passenger chauffeur's license grants the holder all the privileges of a driver's license. In addition, the holder of a public passenger chauffeur's license is permitted to transport passengers for hire as long as the vehicle he or she is operating is designed, or used to transport 15 passengers or less, including the driver.

To transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, an individual must have a commercial driver's license.

Obtaining a Chauffeur's License

Chauffeur's licenses may be issued to Indiana residents who are at least 18 years old and have held a valid driver's license for at least one year.

You may apply for a chauffeur's license at any Indiana license branch. To obtain a chauffeur's license you must meet the following requirements:

- Present your driver's license; and
- Present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, Social Security number, lawful status, and Indiana residency; and
- Pass a standard vision screening test; and
- Pass a chauffeur's knowledge test.

Obtaining a Public Passenger Chauffeur's License

Public passenger chauffeur's licenses may be issued to Indiana residents who are at least 18 years old and have held a valid driver's license for at least two years.

You may apply for a public passenger chauffeur's license at any Indiana license branch. To obtain a public passenger chauffeur's license you must meet the following requirements:

- Submit an original Medical Certification - State Form 3337, completed by a licensed physician no more than 30 days before applying for your public passenger chauffeur's license.
- Present your driver's license; and
- Present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, Social Security number, lawful status, and Indiana residency; and
- Pass a standard vision screening test; and
- Pass a public passenger chauffeur's knowledge test.

Some municipalities may have additional requirements.

Chauffeur's/Public Passenger Chauffeur's License Validity

A chauffeur's license is valid for six years if you are younger than 75 years of age when you obtain the license; three years if you are 75 to 85 years old when you obtain the license; or two years if you are 85 years of age or older when you obtain the license.

A public passenger chauffeur's license is valid for four years if you are younger than 75 years of age when you obtain the license, or for two years if you are at least 75 years of age.

Chauffeur's licenses and public passenger chauffeur's licenses may not reflect standard periods of validity for the following:

- Lawful temporary residents; and
- Operator's renewals for licenses expired in 2012.

Commercial Driver's License

An Indiana commercial driver's license permits the holder to operate commercial motor vehicles, or combinations of vehicles such as semi-tractor trailers, with declared gross vehicle weight ratings in excess of 26,000 pounds; vehicles designed or used to transport 16 or more people, including the driver; and vehicles used to transport hazardous materials.

Requirements for the commercial driver's license are stricter than those for any other Indiana driver's license, and are based upon stringent Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

A commercial driver's license is not available to lawful temporary residents.

To obtain a commercial driver's license you must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a valid Indiana driver's license; and
- Hold a commercial driver's license learner's permit; and
- Have at least one year of driving experience as a licensed driver; and
- Present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, Social Security number, lawful status, and Indiana residency; and
- Pass a knowledge test representative of the type of commercial driver's license that you will receive; and
- Pass a driving skills test in a vehicle representative of the class of commercial driver's license that you will receive; and
- Have an approved physical examination on file as required by the Department of Transportation for Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

The skills test consisting of a pre-trip inspection test, a basic control skills test, and the road trip test must be taken at an approved test site.

To keep your commercial driver's license valid, you must submit a physical examination prior to physical expiration after receiving your commercial driver's license.

To obtain a hazardous materials endorsement for a commercial driver's license, you must have a *Transportation Security Administration security threat assessment* approval for the validity of the commercial driver's license.

Commercial Driver's License manuals are available from the BMV website at myBMV.com or at any BMV license branch.

Obtaining a Commercial Driver's License Learner's Permit

To obtain a commercial driver's license learner's permit you must be at least 18 years old if you will be transporting property within Indiana, or at least 21 years old if you will be transporting passengers or property outside Indiana. You must hold a valid Indiana operator's license, chauffeur's license, or public passenger chauffeur's license, and have at least one year of driving experience as a licensed driver.

To obtain a commercial driver's license learner's permit you need to pass the appropriate knowledge test for the type of vehicle that you plan to operate. Types of vehicles include:

- **All commercial vehicle drivers:** General knowledge test.
- **All school bus drivers:** School bus endorsement test and passenger transport test.
- **All bus drivers:** Passenger transport test.
- **Vehicle with air brakes:** Air brakes test.
- **Combination of vehicles:** Combination vehicle test.
- **Drivers transporting hazardous material:** Hazardous material test.
- **Drivers required to transport liquids in bulk:** Tanker test.
- **Drivers required to pull double or triple trailers:** Doubles/triples test.

When you pass a knowledge test for a commercial driver's license learner's permit, the results are valid for 180 days. You may receive only three commercial driver's license learner's permits in two years.

Commercial Driver's License Validity

A commercial driver's license learner's permit is valid for six months.

A commercial driver's license is valid for four years.

Motorcycle Learner's Permit

A motorcycle learner's permit allows Indiana residents who hold a valid Indiana driver's license to practice riding a motorcycle before applying for a motorcycle endorsement.

You may apply for a motorcycle learner's permit at any Indiana license branch. You must meet the following requirements to obtain a motorcycle learner's permit:

- Hold a valid Indiana driver's license; and
- Pass a standard vision screening test; and
- Pass a knowledge test based on the Motorcycle Operator's Manual.

If you are younger than 18 years of age when you apply for a motorcycle learner's permit, you must submit a completed *Agreement Of Financial Liability - State Form 39531* at a license branch.

Motorcycle Learner's Permit Driving Privileges

If you hold a motorcycle learner's permit, you must wear a helmet when you ride, you may only ride during daylight hours, and you may not carry passengers.

Motorcycle Endorsement

If you already have a valid Indiana driver's license, you may add an endorsement to your license allowing you to operate a motorcycle.

Adding a Motorcycle Endorsement to a Driver's License

A motorcycle endorsement may be issued to Indiana residents who are at least 16 years and 180 days old and hold a valid Indiana driver's license.

You may apply for a motorcycle endorsement at any Indiana license branch. To add a motorcycle endorsement to your Indiana driver's license you must meet the following requirements:

- Pass a standard vision screening test; and

- Pass a motorcycle riding skills test given by a person certified by the BMV or successfully complete a motorcycle rider education course recognized by the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The motorcycle safety education course completion card or form is valid for one year and must be presented to waive the riding skills test when applying for your motorcycle endorsement.

If you do not currently hold a valid motorcycle learner's permit, the motorcycle knowledge and skills tests may be waived for the motorcycle endorsement in the event that you have successfully completed a motorcycle rider education course recognized by the Indiana Bureau Motor Vehicles.

If you have a motorcycle endorsement issued by another state, you must get an Indiana driver's license before transferring your out-of-state motorcycle endorsement. You will also need to pass a knowledge motorcycle test. If your out-of-state license has been expired for three years or more, you will need to pass a motorcycle skills test.

Testing for a Motorcycle Endorsement

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles is currently working with American Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) of Indiana to conduct motorcycle license examinations. In an effort to maximize efficiency and provide a high level of customer service, convenience and satisfaction, ABATE will use their existing motorcycle rider education facilities in most locations for testing as well as training.

The schedule for motorcycle skills tests closely follows ABATE's schedule for training which is most weekends at numerous locations around the state.

It is the goal of ABATE and their personnel to meet the needs of people seeking to complete their skill examination and gain their motorcycle endorsement. If the number of applicants present exceeds the number of tests that can reasonably be conducted, alternate arrangements may be made.

While tests will not be performed in hazardous weather, ABATE's examiners have experience conducting training in less-than-perfect weather.

If an applicant has ridden to the testing site in the rain and will be forced to ride home in the rain, he or she will not be denied the opportunity to take the skills test as long as the environment is safe.

Detailed information with regard to the location of testing sites, testing schedules, clarifications between testing and training, policies and procedures for testing, and contact information are available on ABATE's Web site at www.abateonline.org.

If you fail three motorcycle skills tests while holding a motorcycle learner's permit, you must wait two months from the date of the last failed skills test before taking the motorcycle skills test again.

Motorcycle Learner's Permit Validity

A motorcycle learner's permit is valid for one year. A motorcycle learner's permit may be renewed one time for a period of one year. If you do not obtain a motorcycle endorsement before the expiration of the renewed permit, you must wait one year to reapply for a new motorcycle learner's permit.

Motorcycle Endorsement Validity

A motorcycle endorsement is valid for the same period as the license type.

Motorcycle Operator Safety Education Program

For individuals who want to learn how to ride a motorcycle or improve their current riding skills and knowledge, courses are offered throughout the state through the Indiana Motorcycle Operator Safety Education Program. The program is administered through the BMV and courses are conducted through ABATE of Indiana, Inc. A standard curriculum is taught at all training sites by rider coaches who are nationally certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), and who meet the additional requirements of the state program.

www.abateonline.org
800-232-2283
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Motorboats, Motorized Bicycles and Off-Road Vehicles

Operating a Motorboat

Indiana law requires the operator of a motorboat with an engine of more than 10 horsepower to carry a valid driver's license.

Individuals who are 15 years of age or older and do not have a driver's license may operate a motorboat or private watercraft only after they complete a boater education course approved by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. They must have an Indiana identification card on board.

Individuals younger than 15 years of age may not operate a motorboat with an engine of more than 10 horsepower, or a personal watercraft.

Individuals with a suspended driver's license may not operate a motorboat. If you operate your motorboat recklessly, when intoxicated, or break private watercraft laws, you may have points assessed against your driver's license.

On Indiana boundary waters, Indiana residents operating a motorboat or private watercraft are required to carry an Indiana driver's license. Residents of other states are not required to carry a driver's license unless they are operating a motorboat or private watercraft in an embayment, river, or stream in Indiana.

Contact the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for more information on boater education courses.

Operating a Motorized Bicycle

Indiana law defines a vehicle as a motorized bicycle only if it meets all of the following specifications:

- It has two or three wheels
- It is propelled by an engine of no more than two horsepower
- It has a cylinder capacity of less than 50 cubic centimeters
- It has an automatic transmission
- It has a maximum design speed of 25 miles per hour

To operate a motorized bicycle, you must carry a valid Indiana driver's license or be at least 15 years old and carry an identification card. If you are younger than 18 years of age, you must wear protective headgear and protective glasses, goggles or a transparent face shield.

Motorized bicycles may not be operated on interstate highways or at a speed faster than 25 miles per hour.

Organ Donation

If you choose to be an organ donor, a small, red heart will be printed on the front of your driver's license or identification card.

Under Indiana's Donor Choice Law, individuals 18 years of age and older may declare their intention to be organ donors and their family members cannot override that intention at the time of death. Individuals younger than 18 years old may declare their donation intentions with the permission of a parent or legal guardian, who must also provide consent for donation at the time of a minor's death.

Photo-Exempt Credentials

Photo exemptions may be placed on driver's licenses or permits. Photo exemptions are available for religious or medical reasons.

Note: The BMV will not issue a photo exempt identification card.

To remove the exemption, the driver must visit a BMV license branch and have his or her photo taken for a new driver's license or permit.

Parking Placards

A parking placard allows the holder to use parking spaces designated for individuals with disabilities. The placard is available for individuals with a permanent or temporary disability. Also, any company empowered by the state or a political subdivision to operate programs, including the provision of transportation or facilities, for persons with physical disabilities may apply for a placard.

To apply for a parking placard, you must have a physician, chiropractor, advanced practice nurse or podiatrist complete the *Application for Disability Parking Placard or Disability Plate – State Form 42070* affirming that you qualify for a parking placard. If you have a visual disability, an optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed to practice in Indiana may complete the form. After you have completed State Form 42070 and have had it certified, you may get a parking placard at any Indiana license branch.

If you have a permanent disability, your parking placard does not expire. If you have a temporary disability, your parking placard is valid for six months or less as prescribed by the medical professional on *State Form 42070*.

A placard issued to a company is valid indefinitely or until the company ceases such activities.

Restricted Driver's Licenses

Driving skills test examiners are able to determine whether to issue a driver's license with restrictions to an individual with disabilities affecting his or her normal operation of a standard-equipped vehicle. A restricted license may specify particular equipment that the driver needs while operating a vehicle, or other restrictions to accommodate the individual's specific needs.

Unlicensed Driver

Any unlicensed driver convicted of two traffic violations within 24 months of each other will be denied license issuance for one year from the latest conviction. If a driver is issued a license before the BMV is informed of a conviction that occurred prior to the credential issuance, the BMV will suspend the driving privileges of the customer for one year. Customers will not be denied issuance of an identification card due to these reasons.

Veteran Indicator

A veteran may choose to have a veteran indicator placed on his/her driver's license or identification card. To obtain the indicator, you must provide a DD214 or other military documents issued by the United States Department of Defense verifying a veteran's honorable discharge from the armed forces.