



Tri- County Driving Academy

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DRIVING ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE

A person who desires to obtain a permit or license must have a high school diploma or its equivalent or must have a driving eligibility certificate. The driving eligibility certificate must be dated within 30 days of the date the person applies for a permit or a license. A driving eligibility certificate or high school diploma is not required when advancing from one level to the next. However, it is required for a new resident from out-of-state who holds a permit/restricted license/restricted license and is applying for an original issuance.

If a customer presents a high school diploma from an online school, they must be directed to the Department of Public Instruction to obtain a driving eligibility certificate. We will not accept the online certificate as proof of completed education.

For questions related to driving eligibility certificates or public school driver's education please refer inquiries to whichever applies:

- **PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS:**
Contact their public high school or the central public school system office or visit <https://community.learnnc.org/dpi/health>
- **CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS:**
Contact their local charter school.
- **PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS:**
Contact their high school or <https://www.ncdnpe.org>
- **ATTENDING SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF NORTH CAROLINA BUT RESIDENT OF NORTH CAROLINA:**
Contact their local central public school system office closest to their place of residence.
- **HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS:**
Contact the Division of Non Public Education at (919)733-4276.
- **GED STUDENTS:**
Contact the Basic Skills program of the local Community College.
- **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DRIVING ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE:**
<https://community.learnnc.org/dpi/health> and click on Driver's Training