

IC 9-24-3

Chapter 3. Operator's License

IC 9-24-3-1

Issuance; conditions; fee

Sec. 1. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, the bureau shall issue an operator's license to an individual who meets the following conditions:

(1) Satisfies the age requirements set forth in section 2.5 of this chapter.

(2) Makes proper application to the bureau under IC 9-24-9 upon a form prescribed by the bureau. The form must include an attestation concerning the number of hours of supervised driving practice that the individual has completed if the individual is required under section 2.5 of this chapter to complete a certain number of hours of supervised driving practice in order to receive an operator's license. The:

(A) parent or guardian of an applicant less than eighteen (18) years of age; or

(B) applicant, if the applicant is at least eighteen (18) years of age;

shall attest in writing under penalty of perjury to the time logged in practice driving.

(3) Satisfactorily passes the examination and tests required for issuance of an operator's license under IC 9-24-10.

(4) Pays the following applicable fee:

(A) For an individual who is less than seventy-five (75) years of age, seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50).

(B) For an individual who is at least seventy-five (75) years of age but less than eighty-five (85) years of age, eleven dollars (\$11).

(C) For an individual who is at least eighty-five (85) years of age, seven dollars (\$7).

(b) A fee described in subsection (a)(4)(A) shall be distributed as follows:

(1) Fifty cents (\$0.50) to the state motor vehicle technology fund.

(2) Two dollars (\$2) to the crossroads 2000 fund.

(3) Four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) to the motor vehicle highway account.

(4) For an operator's license issued before July 1, 2019, as follows:

(A) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the integrated public safety communications fund.

(B) Nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$9.25) to the commission fund.

(5) For an operator's license issued after June 30, 2019, ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) to the commission fund.

(c) A fee described in subsection (a)(4)(B) shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) Fifty cents (\$0.50) to the state motor vehicle technology fund.
- (2) One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) to the crossroads 2000 fund.
- (3) Three dollars (\$3) to the motor vehicle highway account.
- (4) For an operator's license issued before July 1, 2019, as follows:

(A) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the integrated public safety communications fund.

(B) Four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$4.75) to the commission fund.

- (5) For an operator's license issued after June 30, 2019, six dollars (\$6) to the commission fund.

(d) A fee described in subsection (a)(4)(C) shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) Fifty cents (\$0.50) to the state motor vehicle technology fund.
- (2) One dollar (\$1) to the crossroads 2000 fund.
- (3) Two dollars (\$2) to the motor vehicle highway account.
- (4) For an operator's license issued before July 1, 2019, as follows:

(A) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the integrated public safety communications fund.

(B) Two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) to the commission fund.

- (5) For an operator's license issued after June 30, 2019, three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) to the commission fund.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.101-2009, SEC.3; P.L.145-2011, SEC.11; P.L.125-2012, SEC.173; P.L.198-2016, SEC.429.

IC 9-24-3-2

Expired

(As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.156-2006, SEC.4; P.L.101-2009, SEC.4. Expired 6-30-2010 by P.L.101-2009, SEC.4.)

IC 9-24-3-2.5

Age, experience, and examination requirements

Sec. 2.5. (a) Except as provided in section 3 of this chapter, an individual must satisfy the requirements set forth in one (1) of the following subdivisions to receive an operator's license:

- (1) The individual meets the following conditions:
 - (A) Is at least sixteen (16) years and ninety (90) days of age.
 - (B) Has held a valid learner's permit for at least one hundred eighty (180) days.

- (C) Obtains an instructor's certification that the individual has satisfactorily completed an approved driver education course.
 - (D) Passes the required examinations.
 - (E) Completes at least fifty (50) hours of supervised driving practice, of which at least ten (10) hours are nighttime driving, as provided in subsection (b).
- (2) The individual meets the following conditions:
- (A) Is at least sixteen (16) years and two hundred seventy (270) days of age.
 - (B) Has held a valid learner's permit for at least one hundred eighty (180) days.
 - (C) Passes the required examinations.
 - (D) Completes at least fifty (50) hours of supervised driving practice, of which at least ten (10) hours are nighttime driving, as provided in subsection (b).
- (3) The individual meets the following conditions:
- (A) Is at least sixteen (16) years and one hundred eighty (180) days of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (B) Has previously been a nonresident of Indiana, but, at the time of application, qualifies as an Indiana resident.
 - (C) Has held for at least one hundred eighty (180) days a valid driver's license, excluding a learner's permit or the equivalent, in the state or a combination of states in which the individual formerly resided.
 - (D) Passes the required examinations.
- (4) The individual meets the following conditions:
- (A) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (B) Has previously been a nonresident but, at the time of application, qualifies as an Indiana resident.
 - (C) Held a valid driver's license, excluding a learner's permit or the equivalent, from the state or country of prior residence.
 - (D) Passes the required examinations.
- (5) The individual meets the following conditions:
- (A) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (B) Is a person with a disability.
 - (C) Has successfully completed driver rehabilitation training by a certified driver rehabilitation specialist recognized by the bureau.
 - (D) Passes the required examinations.
- (b) An applicant who is required to complete at least fifty (50) hours of supervised practice driving under subsection (a)(1)(E) or (a)(2)(D) must do the following:
- (1) If the applicant is less than eighteen (18) years of age, complete the practice driving with:
 - (A) a licensed driver, with valid driving privileges, who is:
 - (i) at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and

- (ii) related to the applicant by blood, marriage, or legal status;
 - (B) the spouse of the applicant who is:
 - (i) a licensed driver with valid driving privileges; and
 - (ii) at least twenty-one (21) years of age; or
 - (C) an individual with valid driving privileges who:
 - (i) is licensed as a driver education instructor under IC 9-27-6-8 and is working under the direction of a driver training school described in IC 9-27-6-3(a)(2); or
 - (ii) is a certified driver rehabilitation specialist recognized by the bureau who is employed through a driver rehabilitation program.
- (2) If the applicant is at least eighteen (18) years of age, complete the driving practice with:
- (A) a licensed driver, with valid driving privileges, who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age; or
 - (B) the spouse of the applicant who is:
 - (i) a licensed driver with valid driving privileges; and
 - (ii) at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- (3) Submit to the commission under IC 9-24-9-2(c) evidence of the time logged in practice driving.

As added by P.L.101-2009, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.145-2011, SEC.12; P.L.125-2012, SEC.174; P.L.85-2013, SEC.27; P.L.150-2015, SEC.1; P.L.198-2016, SEC.430.

IC 9-24-3-3

Age and experience requirements; hardship waiver

Sec. 3. (a) The bureau may waive up to six (6) months of the age and experience requirements for an individual making an application for the individual's initial operator's license due to hardship conditions.

(b) The bureau shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to state the conditions under which the age and experience requirement may be waived under subsection (a).

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.149-2015, SEC.57.

IC 9-24-3-4

Repealed

(As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.125-2012, SEC.175; P.L.217-2014, SEC.80; P.L.197-2015, SEC.4. Repealed by P.L.198-2016, SEC.431.)

IC 9-24-3-4.5

Licenses; permitted operations

Sec. 4.5. (a) This section applies after December 31, 2016.

(b) The holder of an operator's license is entitled to operate a motor vehicle on a highway. An operator's license does not entitle

the holder to operate the following:

- (1) A commercial motor vehicle.
- (2) A motorcycle, other than an autocycle.
- (3) A Class A motor driven cycle.
- (4) A vehicle that is operated for hire.

(c) A commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit is required to operate a commercial motor vehicle.

(d) A motorcycle endorsement under IC 9-24-8.5 or a motorcycle learner's permit is required to operate the following:

- (1) A motorcycle, other than an autocycle.
- (2) A Class A motor driven cycle.

(e) A for-hire endorsement under IC 9-24-8.5 entitles the holder to operate the following:

- (1) A motor vehicle that is:
 - (A) registered as having a gross weight of at least sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds; and
 - (B) used to transport property for hire.
- (2) A motor vehicle that is used to transport passengers for hire.

(f) The following are not considered transporting for hire:

- (1) Operating a medical services vehicle.
- (2) Transporting a recreational vehicle before the first retail sale of the recreational vehicle when:
 - (A) the gross weight of the recreational vehicle is not more than twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds; or
 - (B) the gross combination weight of the recreational vehicle and towing vehicle is not greater than twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds, including the gross weight of the towed recreational vehicle, and the weight of the towed recreational vehicle is not greater than ten thousand (10,000) pounds.

- (3) Operating a motor vehicle that is:
 - (A) registered as having a gross weight of less than sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds; and
 - (B) used to transport property for hire.

As added by P.L.198-2016, SEC.432.

IC 9-24-3-5

Violations

Sec. 5. A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.