



TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION APPLICATION FOR

PERMISSION TO ENROLL IN DRIVER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

The Traffic Safety Division believes that personal instruction is of great benefit to students but recognizes that there are some situations that make it extremely difficult for a student to attend a local driver ed classes due to distance, availability, schedule or extenuating circumstances. TSD may, in its discretion, grant permission for a student to enroll in a correspondence course only if the student meets one of the two conditions set forth below (18.20.3.8 NMAC). Completed applications with supporting documentation should be submitted by mail to:

Transportation Safety Center – Licensing Section
UNM Continuing Education
MSC07 4030
1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001

WE WILL NOT CONSIDER ILLEGIBLE, INCOMPLETE OR UNSUBSTANTIATED APPLICATIONS.

Name of Student: _____

Student Date of Birth: _____

(Applications should be submitted no more than 2 months before student’s 15th birthday)

Mailing Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Telephone number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Name of Correspondence School you wish to use: _____

(A list of licensed schools is online: http://transportation.unm.edu/lic/ApprovedProviders.aspx?17)

Condition 1. The student named above is home-schooled in ALL subjects.

In order for a student to be approved under this condition you must provide verification that you have notified the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) that you intend to home school this student for the current school year; a copy of the Establishment of a Home School Notification Form or a copy of the confirmation you received if you notified PED electronically (If you have questions about home schooling, please contact David Padilla via telephone: 505-827-6909 or email: davidv.padilla@state.nm.us).

IF THE STUDENT IS NOT HOMESCHOOLED YOU MAY APPLY UNDER CONDITION 2

Condition 2. Circumstances make it necessary for the student to enroll in a driver ed correspondence school

Table with 2 columns and 6 rows: Name of School student currently attends, Address of School (City, State, Zip Code), Telephone Number of School, Name of Principal or Counselor, Telephone Number of this Person, Type of School (Public* or Private).

*State law requires public schools to offer Driver Education as part of its curriculum (See NMSA 1978 Section 22-13-12).

Answer each question by checking YES or NO.	YES	NO
Does the school the student attends provide driver education? If no, attach a letter from the school on official school stationery, signed by the principal/assistant principal or a letter on district letterhead signed by the superintendent/assistant superintendent so stating.		
Is there a driver education school within 25 miles of the student's residence? If no, attach a letter stating the location and distance in driving time to the nearest private driver education school (A list of licensed schools is listed by city on the following website: http://transportation.unm.edu/lic/ApprovedProviders.aspx?17).		

If the school the student attends provides driver education and a private driver education school is within 25 miles of the student's residence, you must indicate the extenuating circumstances that prevent the student from attending driver ed classes locally.

Please answer each question by checking YES or NO.	YES	NO
A. Are there transportation issues that prevent the student from attending local driver ed classes? If yes, please provide supporting documentation of the issues that prevent transporting the student to and from local driver ed classes such as the student's bus schedule or a letter detailing other transportation issues.		
B. Is the student involved in academic activities such as AP or honors classes, school groups or functions, or a work/study program that conflict with a local driver ed class? If yes, attach a letter from the supervising teacher or principal detailing how this activity conflicts with local driver ed classes		
C. Is the student involved in extracurricular activities such as church groups or activities, sponsored sports activities, band, choir, orchestra, volunteer activities, scouting, or FFA that conflict with an available driver education program? If yes, attach a letter signed by the person in charge of the activity detailing how this activity conflicts with local driver ed classes		
D. Is the student working at a job that has conflicting hours with an available driver education program? If yes, attach a letter from the student's employer detailing how the student's work hours conflicts with local driver ed classes.		
E. Are there any other extenuating circumstances that prevent this student from attending a driver education program? If yes, please attach a letter detailing the circumstances and their duration (Note: Cost or personal preference are not considered extenuating circumstances).		

By my signature below, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the information given in this application and all substantiating documents is true to the best of my knowledge and ability. I will assume responsibility in providing behind-the-wheel training for my student.

Parent or Guardian's signature

Date

Once we have received your application, provided it meets the criteria for approval we will email your preferred correspondence school and copy you on that email. From that point, you will need to contact the school to enroll and obtain a permit referral card.

Should you have further questions regarding the application process, please contact Meg Kempert via telephone: 505-277-8771 or via email: meg@unm.edu.