

A Teen Driver's Next Step

****Note: Your teen can start right away with the online course before submitting the DL-92 request to the DPS, as long as one parent's driving record has been continuous for past 3 years and has no DUI or other criminal driving offenses, you will be approved (Tickets are not criminal offenses).**

1. Submit: DL-92 Form Online Parent Taught Request to Austin Texas,
(Online parent taught approval from Texas DPS is mandatory for all online courses)
2. VOE Form - Verification of Enrollment in High School
(form can be down loaded at our website and must be signed by high school administrative staff member)

**** Disregard the notice after 6 hours of online training to apply for driving permit, as this only applies if you the parent are going to complete the in-car training.**

3. Teen must continue online driver's education course until finished with all 32 hours if you want to transfer to any commercial driving school.

4. You will receive certificate of completion within 3 to 5 business days, then go to your local DPS office address that you printed on the DL-92 Parent Taught Request Form (DPS will be holding a DE-964 in your teen's name), and request to take the DPS Eye Exam and Written Exam for a Driver's Permit.

5. **IMPORTANT!** Request to Transfer Your Teen from parent taught to commercial driving school, SmartChoice Driver School # (C-2439) for the in-car behind-the-wheel portion.

**** You will need the following to make your visit at the DPS office smooth:**

1. Completed application for Texas Driver's License/Permit Form, DL14a
(can down load from our website; make sure to select "Driving Permit" on the application)
2. Online Driver's Education Course Completion Certificate (DPS Copy)
(received from online Driver's Ed school)
3. DL-90a Affidavit that has been notarized
(find in your parent taught packet from DPS or down load from our website)
4. DL-91a Classroom Instruction Record Log of online hours
(can only find this form in your parent taught packet from DPS)
5. Valid VOE Form - Verification of Enrollment in High School
(must be less than 90 days old to be accepted by Texas DPS)
6. Teen's Original or Certified Birth Certificate, Original Social Security Card, and a Valid Student Photo ID, Texas Photo ID, or Pass Port.
7. Proof of liability Insurance (only if your teen own's the vehicle)
8. \$11. cash or check only (DPS office does not accept any kind of cards for payment)

****Once your teen passes the written exam and receives their driver's permit then;**

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1. Call SmartChoice Driver School to schedule your teen's 14 hours of in-car lessons.
(teen must present a valid driving permit, photo ID, and lenses required to avoid no show fee of up to \$45.00.)
2. Teen must complete 14 hours of in-car training and;
3. As of May 2010 a new Texas state law requires all students under 18 years of age to complete an additional 20 hours behind-the-wheel training with a qualified driver.
(20 hour Behind-the-Wheel instructions and log form can be down loaded at our website)

****Note:** Texas law requires a minimum of 16 days to complete in-car driver training.

****Once your teen has turned 16 years of age, completed the in-car training and received their DE-964** from SmartChoice Driver School and had their permit for at least 6 months, they will be qualified to take the DPS Road Test.

****Schedule your teens DPS Road Test** in one of our cars today, which includes free pick-up and drop-off. Your teen will share test car at a cost of \$78.00 each, with at least one other student.

There is a \$81.00 payment required from each student one day in advance of Road Test Date **if by credit or bank card online**, a check or exact amount in cash can be paid on the day of pick-up. (we do not carry change)

Private use of test car can be arranged with instructor with free pick-up and drop-off for a flat fee of \$145.00.

****Students must be ready for pick-ups as early as 5:30 am on the day of the road test and must be prepared to return to school, work, or home as late as 11:30am.** The lines at the DPS Office vary from day to day and can be quite long, as only same day appointments are possible.

Student drivers must bring the following items to DPS Road Test to avoid a no show fee of \$45.00
We will not be able to return for any forgotten items when student is sharing test car.

1. Warm Jacket and gloves if winter time and rain jacket if rainy day, as we must wait outside.
(DPS will not cancel Road Test unless there is severe rain, fog, or icy road conditions.)
2. Valid driver's permit with a valid student or Texas state photo ID.
3. VOE Form - Verification of enrollment in high school.
(form cannot be over 30 days old during school year and 90 days old during summer time)
4. Cash or check only for \$11.00 to pay DPS for processing new driver license photo.
5. Proof of your payment to Smart Choice Driver School for the DPS Road Test Service.
6. Do not forget your lenses if required.