

## **DRIVER TRAINING**

### **Constitutional and Statutory Provisions:**

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Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

#### **SECTION 56-23-20.** Certain courses exempt.

Classroom courses offered by state institutions and duly accredited and approved colleges, public, parochial and private high schools in which classroom driver education is part of the curriculum or to employers giving instruction to their licensed employees shall be exempt from registration and license under this chapter. Courses offered to adults under adult education programs shall not qualify for the exemption.

#### **SECTION 56-23-85.** Driver instructor permits required.

No person connected with driver training schools or private, parochial or public high schools shall engage in behind the wheel training of persons to drive or operate motor vehicles unless such person has obtained and holds a valid driver instructor permit or temporary driver instructor permit therefore issued by the department. Appropriate examination for such instructor permit shall be at the discretion of the department. The annual fee for an instructor permit shall be twenty dollars, and all such instructor permits shall expire on June thirtieth. Public high school instructors shall not be required to pay a fee for a permit.

#### **SECTION 59-39-310.** School district boards shall establish driver education and training programs.

The governing board of any school district maintaining a secondary school which includes any grades nine through twelve, inclusive, shall establish driver education and training programs for students in high school grades.

#### **SECTION 59-39-320.** Rules and regulations of State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations for establishment by local school districts of approved driver education and training courses, and when duly promulgated shall have full force and effect of law. Such regulations shall require that credit for completion of a driver education training course shall not be given unless the course shall have included not less than thirty

classroom hours of instruction in driver education, and not less than six hours of actual behind-the wheel driving.

**State Board Regulation:**

**Driver Training**

A school program shall include the complete program of driver education, classroom and behind-the-wheel phases, and it shall be provided each semester on an elective basis for eligible students. Schools organized on grades 9-12 or 10-12 basis shall provide this program.

Summer programs of driver education are permissible and recommended but may not be substituted for the regular school year program.

1. The course shall be organized on a semester basis and shall include as a minimum 30 classroom hours of instruction in driver education, 6 hours of actual behind-the-wheel driving, and 6 hours of actual observation. Twelve hours of simulation instruction may replace 3 hours of behind-the-wheel driving.
2. Behind-the-wheel driving refers to actual experiences in road instruction with the student as the driver with the teacher present.

Behind-the-wheel instruction shall include the following:

- a. Actual experience in driving a properly marked automobile. It is required that a dual-control automobile be used.
  - b. A minimum of 6 hours of behind-the-wheel practice driving with a certified driving instructor. Twelve hours of simulation instruction may replace 3 hours of behind-the-wheel driving.
3. The instructional materials shall be selected from the list of state adopted instructional materials list for driver education.
  4. Driver education must be offered at a grade level that complies with Section 8 of the Highway Safety Act (R-521, Act No. 362 of 1965). It is recommended that the course be offered at the grade level where most of the students have or are approaching legal driving age which is the ninth grade. However, the course may be offered in any grade 9-12. The course shall be limited to students whose physical and

mental condition gives reasonable promise of being able to pass the requirements of the State Highway Department for a driver's license.

5. The teacher must (a) hold a valid South Carolina teacher's certificate, (b) be certified to teach driver education, (c) have completed successfully a basic and advanced driver and traffic education instructor's course, (d) have a good personal driving record, (e) hold a valid South Carolina driver's license, and (f) hold a valid behind-the-wheel instructor permit.
6. All school districts operating driver education programs must have liability insurance as required by State Law. The Board recommends that medical expense insurance be obtained for drivers and passengers in an amount to be determined by the school district or county.

**Title of Regulation**

**Regulation No.: 43-62**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR  
ADDITIONAL AREAS OF  
CERTIFICATION**

**Effective Date: 6/25/04**

Constitutional and Statutory Provisions:

S.C. Code Ann Section(s):

§ 59-5-60 (2004)

General powers of [State] Board

§ 59-25-110 (2004)

System for examination and certification of teachers

Descriptor Code: None

State Board Regulations:

Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification.

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A. Effective July 1, 2009, individuals who desire to add areas of certification to an existing certificate must complete a State Board of Education approved program and present a passing score on the appropriate content-area examination in the specific subject field. Until that time, the following add-on certification requirements are in effect.
- B. In the event that the State Board of Education should eliminate, revise or adopt new certification areas, currently certified individuals who are affected may retain the areas of certification for which they previously qualified. However, the State Board of Education may require previously certified individuals to upgrade their certification by completing the new requirements within a specified period of time.

- C. The following designations apply to the grade spans for teacher certification in South Carolina, effective September 1, 2005.

**CERTIFICATION GRADE SPANS**

early childhood	=	pre-Kindergarten–grade 3
elementary	=	grades 2–6
middle level	=	grades 5–8
secondary	=	grades 9–12

The areas of art, music, physical education, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), foreign languages, theater, and exceptional children education (all categories) have a pre-Kindergarten (pre-K)–12 grade span.

- D. Instructional areas may not be added to certificates in guidance, media specialist, or school psychologist unless the applicant has completed a teacher education program designed and approved for initial certification purposes.
- E. Certification is divided into four sections: (1) regular program, (2) exceptional children education, (3) career and technology education, and (4) other types of specialized certification.

**II. REGULAR PROGRAM ADD-ON CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The following areas are included:

- A. Art
- B. Driver Education
- C. Early Childhood Education
- D. Elementary Education
- E. English
- F. English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- G. Foreign Languages
- H. Gifted and Talented
- I. Health Education
- J. Mathematics
- K. Middle Level Education
- L. Music Education
- M. Physical Education
- N. Reading
- O. Science
- P. Social Studies
- Q. Speech and Drama
- R. Theater

B. Driver Education

1. Bachelor's degree
2. Temporary, initial, or professional certificate at the early childhood, elementary, middle, secondary, or pre-K–12 level
3. Evidence of at least three years of successful driving experience. Applicant must provide a copy of his or her driver's record from the applicable state transportation department. An applicant whose driver's license has six or more points against it will not be accepted for add-on certification in driver education.
4. Valid driver's license issued by South Carolina or another state in which the teacher is a legal resident. (If a teacher holding certification in driver education has his or her driver's license revoked or suspended, the teacher must report this action to the Office of Teacher Certification upon which the certification in driver education will automatically be rescinded.)

5. Professional education

The following twelve (12) hours are required to add the area of driver education to an existing certificate.

Semester Hours

Basic instructor's course in driver education	3
Advanced instructor's course in driver education	3
Electives (from the list below)	6
Range and Simulation of Driver Education	
Emergency Maneuvers	
Multimedia Systems in Traffic Safety Education	
Research Methods in Traffic Safety Education	
General Safety	
Drugs in Relation to Highway Safety	
Motorcycle Safety Education	
Administration of Traffic Safety Education	