

Driver Education Instructor Professional Development Requirements

The Driver Education Provider and Instructor Act, MCL 256.641, requires instructors to certify compliance with professional development requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State. The requirements must be met during the two years between the date the original certification was issued and the expiration date on the Driver Education Instructor Certificate, and then each two-year renewal cycle thereafter. To fulfill these requirements, instructors must complete a professional development option such as those in the frequently updated list below.

1. Attendance at a state, regional, or national professional traffic safety organization conference or workshop approved by the Department of State. Those already approved include:
 - a. Michigan Traffic Safety, Register at www.mitrafficsafety.com (Click on "Professional Development") or robin@mitrafficsafety.com or (269)506-5111 \$50
 - b. Michigan Traffic Safety Summit, **March 21-23, 2017**. Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, MI.
 - c. MDTSEA Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (MDTSEA) Annual Conference **May 6, 2017**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Soaring Eagle Conference Center, Mt. Pleasant. Please follow this link for detailed information on the conference: www.mdtsea.org
 - d. MDTSEA "Tips for Behind-the-Wheel Instruction, Part 1" an email correspondence course. Follow this link for information: www.mdtsea.org
 - e. MDTSEA "Tips for Behind-the-Wheel Instruction, Part 2" an email correspondence Course. Follow this link for information: www.mdtsea.org
 - f. MDTSEA "New Technology as it Pertains to Drivers Education," an email correspondence course. Follow this link for information: www.mdtsea.org
 - g. MDTSEA "Tips for Navigating the ADTSEA 3.0 Curriculum," an email correspondence course. Follow this link for information: www.mdtsea.org
 - h. MDTSEA "Tips for Teaching About Distracted Driving," an email correspondence course. Follow this link for information www.mdtsea.org.
 - i. MDTSEA "Reaching Students With ADD/ADHD", available either by email correspondence or group on-site-in class by appointment. Follow this link for information: www.mdtsea.org
 - j. Century Driving School "Creating an Effective Lesson Plan," an online course. To register, call (616) 241-4646 or follow this link: <http://oncourse.centurydriving.com/> (click on "Professional Development").
 - k. Creative Associates 1000 "Enhancing Your Teaching of Defensive Driving," available either via individual distance learning or group on-site in-class by appointment. Email creativeassociates1000@gmail.com for information.
2. Attendance at an approved workshop, seminar, or other training offered by an accredited college or university, or sponsored by a professional organization (e.g., AAA, Association of Driver Educators for the Disabled, Michigan Center for Truck Safety, Michigan Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association, Office of Highway Safety Planning). To obtain approval of an option in this category which is not listed on the Department's Web site, instructors should submit information describing the proposed workshop, seminar, or training (including date, time, location, and topics presented) to the Driver Programs Division. If the proposal is acceptable, it will be added as an approved option.
 - a. Several training courses offered by the Michigan Center for Truck Safety are approved as professional development options for truck driver training instructors only. Specific information on each of these offerings can be obtained at: www.truckingsafety.org
 1. "Decision Driving Course."
 2. "Defensive Driving Course."
3. Current certification for Driver Rehabilitation Specialty through the Assn. of Driver Educators for the Disabled.

Instructors must retain appropriate documentation (e.g., registration receipts, certificates of completion, etc.) which reflects completion of professional development requirements. For additional information, contact the Driver Education Section at (517) 241-6850, or email drived@mi.gov.