

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. MTS “Something Old – Something New, Let’s Update Segment 2,” **July 8, 2012** 5-8 p.m., E-Z Way Driver Training, 126 Peekstoc, Kalamazoo, MI 49001, **July 22, 2012** 1-4 p.m., Metro Driving School, 4019 East Nine Mile Road, Warren, MI 48901, and **August 13, 2012** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., State Office Building 305 Luddington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829. Register at www.mitrafficsafety (click on “Professional Development”) or contact robin@bordnerfarms.com or (269) 506-5111. \$50
 - b. ADTSEA Annual Conference, **July 15-18, 2012**, in Appleton, WI. Please follow this link for detailed information on the conference: <http://www.adtsea.org/adtsea/>
 - c. 2012 MDTSEA Professional Development Workshop, **August 17, 2012**, University of Michigan Union – 2nd Floor – Pendleton, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Please follow this link for detailed information: www.adtsea.org/michigan/
 - d. MDTSEA “Tips for Behind-the-Wheel Instruction,” an email correspondence course. Follow this link for information: www.adtsea.org/michigan/
 - e. MDTSEA “New Technology as it Pertains to Drivers Education,” an email correspondence course. Follow this link for information: www.adtsea.org/michigan/
 - f. 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”).
 - g. 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. “Professional Driver Coaching” and “Fatigue Management” (both courses must be taken to meet the professional development requirement).
 2. “Decision Driving Course.”
 3. “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. Reviews will be performed to ensure instructors have completed the minimum requirements.

If you have questions or need further information, contact the Driver Education Section at (517) 241-6850, or e-mail at driveded@michigan.gov.