

Driver Education Instructor Professional Development Requirements

The Driver Education Provider and Instructor Act, MCL 256.641, requires instructors to certify compliance with the 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. In order to fulfill these requirements, all instructors must complete a professional development option such as those listed below. The list is updated frequently with additional options.

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. Traffic Safety Center of Southwest Michigan (TSCSM) "Enhancing Your Behind-the-Wheel Instruction," **January 18, 2010**, 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m., Advanced Driving Academy, 44932 Ford Road (Murray's Mall), Canton, MI 48187. Register at www.mitrafficsafety.com (click on "Professional Development") or contact robin@borderfarms.com or (269) 506-5111. \$50.
 - b. The Michigan Truck Exposition and Safety Symposium, **February 16-17, 2010**. Follow this link for detailed information on the symposium: www.truckingsafety.org
 - c. The Michigan Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (MDTSEA) "Tips for Behind-the-Wheel Instruction," a distance learning correspondence course. Follow this link for detailed information on this offering: www.adtsea.iup.edu/michigan/professional_development.htm
 - d. Check later for information on the 2010 conference for the following organizations:
 - The Michigan Traffic Safety Summit, usually held in March.
 - M-CASTL Transportation Research and Education Conference, usually held in April.
 - The MDTSEA Annual Conference, usually held in May.
 - The ADTSEA Annual Conference, usually held in July.
 - M-CASTL International Symposium on Teen Driver Safety, usually held in August.
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 Association 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.