

TOP DRIVER

STEPS TO OBTAIN A DRIVER LICENSE AT THE AGE OF 16

Does your teen want to obtain their license on their 16th birthday? Achieving this goal requires advanced planning, and we're here to help. Your teen will have to have started Top Driver class and obtained their permit before they turn 15 and 3 months of age - the state will not license any minor who has held their permit less than 9 months. Eligibility for obtaining a learner's permit from the Illinois Secretary of State (IL SOS) is limited to teens age 15 and older who are enrolled in Driver Education. To attain a minor's license, all students must adhere to the following timeline:

1

Enroll in a Top Driver program. You can take any class that ends after you turn 15.



2

The IL SOS requires that you submit proof of good academic standing to be eligible for Driver Education.



3

Once your child turns 15, have them prepare for and take the permit test at a nearby DMV facility.



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Once you acquire your permit, you may begin scheduling and completing in-vehicle training.



5

You must pass both a written classroom final exam (75% or greater) and an in-vehicle evaluation to successfully complete Driver Education.



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In addition to your Driver Education coursework, you must complete at least 50 hours of at-home in-vehicle practice. At least 10 hours must be at night.



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