

# FAQs:

## **How old do I have to be to take a Driver's Ed course?**

You must be 15 by the first day of a class.

## **Do I need to show any documentation when I register?**

No, but you will need to show it to the Dept. of Licensing when you apply for your permit.

## **How long is the course?**

2 hours a day; generally 5 weeks (except for the San Juan Islands and Concrete which are custom programs). Our program typically runs Mon thru Thur for the first 2 weeks, then Mon thru Wed for the last 3 weeks. You will be notified of the exact dates before class begins. Note: If our program takes place at a high school (Cascade in Everett, Oak Harbor High School and Marysville-Pilchuck) then we will NOT have a class if school is not in session on that particular day (as listed above).

## **How much does it cost?**

We have several locations throughout 4 counties and prices vary accordingly.

On our Enrollment Page, once you select your location you will find the price for that particular course--you do not have to be ready to enroll when you click on the location---simply exit out when you are finished. We require at least a \$275 deposit with the balance paid by the first day of class.

## **How do I apply for a learner's permit and how soon can I get it?**

When we receive your registration (and the down payment), we will email (or mail) the Instruction Permit Application form (aka Permit Waiver) which you will fill out completely, sign and take to the nearest Dept. of Licensing with their fee. The DOL will issue the permit no sooner than **10 days before** the course begins that you have registered for.

**OR**, if you are 15 ½ or older, you may take the written test at your local Dept. of Licensing. (Anyone using the Permit Waiver will eventually have to take the written test at the DOL after they have finished the course).

## **What documents do I need when I take the form to the DOL?**

IF you want a picture on the permit, take a certified copy of the birth certificate as well as a Social Security Number. If you do not wish to have a photo, no documentation other than the parent signature on the form is required. See [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov) for more info.

## **How much is the family discount and how do I indicate that when registering online?**

You get \$25 off for a returning immediate family member if you've had another son or daughter go thru our program in the past. Please select Former Sibling on the Lead line and if paying in full deduct \$25 from total tuition.

## **I have a coupon---how do I get the discount?**

We will apply it on our end---please indicate you have a coupon by selecting the appropriate response under How did you hear about us?

## **When do I start my first driving lesson?**

You get 5 drives which take place OUTSIDE of classroom time on an individual basis. Our Drive Instructors will contact you at the Parent Meeting or by phone to schedule your first drive appointment. We cannot drive you until after the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of class and you must have your learner's permit by the first drive.

## **What if I cancel my drive or don't show up?**

If you do not give your instructor at least a 48 hour notice prior to the drive, you will be charged a \$50 re-schedule fee. (It is vital to keep every drive appointment if possible as they must be done in a timely manner during the length of the course.)

## **Do I need to get car insurance when I start Driver's Ed?**

No, you cannot be legally insured until you are a LICENSED driver. If the car you are driving is insured, then you are covered under the policy but check with your agent to be sure.

**What if I miss a class --- how do I make it up?**

You are allowed to miss **3** or less; all class hours **MUST** be made up or you will not receive a Completion Certificate. You may drop in at any of our locations provided there is a current class going on (see our website or contact our office). If you missed a ZED day (computer-simulation class series) you will need to make up the class letter of the Zed day you missed---please contact our office for the exact day and time.

**When can I get my license?**

You must: 1) be at least 16 years old 2) have a learner's permit for at least 6 months 3) have at least 50 hours of practice driving (10 of those must be at night) **And** 4) if you are under 18, you must complete a state-approved Traffic Safety Education (TSE) course and present the Certificate of Completion when you are applying for your license.

**What is the Skid Monster?**

The SKID MONSTER is a vehicle with special attachments placed on the rear wheels which will put the car into a slow, controlled spin at the flip of a switch. It is held at the Arlington Airport on select Saturdays of the month.

**How much is a Skid Monster session and how do I sign up?**

The cost is \$35 and you can call our main office at 1-800-437-4834 to sign up for the next appointment or sign up online. We will then contact you with an assigned appointment date/time.

**Do you offer Stick Shift lessons?**

Yes, by appointment. They start at \$75 per one hour lesson.

**What's the difference between the Basic Package and the Standard, Advanced and Deluxe?**

The Basic Package meets WA State requirements for a Traffic Safety Education (TSE) course. The other packages vary in amount of extra drives offered above the 5 you get with the Basic Pkg. Standard: 2 more drives, Advanced: 5 more drives and Deluxe: 45 more drives. All drives include at least ONE stick shift drive.

**Do you also offer classes for Adults?**

Yes. The teen packages on our website meet the WA state Dept. of Licensing requirements for any teen under the age of 18 who would like to get a license. If you are an adult who is 18 or older, you are eligible to take private driving lessons. You pay as you go or can purchase a certain number of them at \$65/hr. each. Please contact our office so that we may assign you to a Drive Instructor nearest your location.