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# First-Time Learner License

**ANY service, including general information, provided by our Driver License Office is subject to \$6.25 at the beginning of the visit. Additional transaction fees may apply.**

You must meet the following requirements to be eligible to apply for a Learner License:

- An **appointment is required** to process this transaction. Visit [taxcollector.com](http://taxcollector.com) to schedule an appointment.
- You must be at least **15 years old or older**.
- Your parent, guardian, or another responsible adult must be present with their identification to give their **parental consent**. This person must be willing to assume the obligation imposed by s. 322.09 F.S. and they must verbally certify that they assume joint responsibility with you for damages caused by negligence or willful misconduct. If such person cannot be present for whatever reason, they must complete Form HSMV [71142](#) and this form must be turned in with your application for a Learner License.

**Exceptions for parental consent:**

- If married or legally emancipated, you do not need parental consent to apply for a Learner License. You must submit an original/certified copy of your marriage certificate or “Emancipation of Minor Child” court order.
- If you are 18 years old or older, you do not need parental consent to apply for a Learner License.

- You must present **documents that establish your identity** pursuant to the Real ID Act (e.g., birth certificate, proof of name change(s), U.S. passport, USCIS (INS) docs, Social Security Card and 2 proofs of residential address). Non-US citizens must have at least 61 days remaining on their legal presence documentation. For a complete list of acceptable identity documents, visit [flhsmv.gov/whattobring](http://flhsmv.gov/whattobring).
- You must take and pass the following exams. We recommend that you study the [handbook](#) prior to taking any exams.
  - A.) **Traffic Law and Substance Abuse Education (TLSAE)** - This class is offered by many 3<sup>rd</sup> party providers. Refer to your local phone book or [flhsmv.gov/ddl/educate\\_sess.html](http://flhsmv.gov/ddl/educate_sess.html) for a listing. Our office will verify completion online at <https://services.flhsmv.gov/TrafficSchoolCompletionCheck/ExaminerTrafficSchoolSearch.aspx>. (Check this website before visiting our office to ensure your TLSAE completion is available. If it's not, you must contact the 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider and ask that they upload your results.)
  - B.) **General Knowledge** (50 questions) – This exam consists of 45 road rules and 5 road signs. You may take it online at <https://www.flhsmv.gov/driver-licenses-id-cards/driver-license-exams/>, during Driver's Ed at your high school, or in our office. If taken in our office, read over the [Written Exam Information](#) sheet prior to scheduling an appointment to attempt the exam. **There is a Sixty (60) minute time limit on all written exams completed in our office, and written exams are administered for Manatee County Residents only.** Form HSMV [71144](#) is required for minors if the parent, guardian, or other responsible adult is not present during the issuance process.
  - C.) **Vision and Hearing exam** - These exams are administered by a Driver License Examiner in our office.

- You must pay \$54.25 to obtain your Learner License plus any exam retake fees. (A \$10 fee is charged for each retake.)
- You must complete a Driver License Application form: <https://www.powerdms.com/public/MCTC/documents/1490916>

**Note:** If **18 years of age or older**, you have the option of completing the Learner License requirements and upgrading it to a Class E License without first being issued a Learner License. If you opt to do so, it must be completed in two steps. You would first be required to pass all [written exams](#) after which you would be able to schedule an appointment on [taxcollector.com](http://taxcollector.com) to take the [Driving Skills Road Test](#).

**Learner License Driving Restrictions and Information**

- You must be accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years of age or older at all times.
- You may operate a vehicle only during daylight hours during the first three months of issue.
- After three months, you may operate a vehicle until 10:00 p.m.
- You are not allowed to operate motorcycles, mopeds, or go-peds.
- To upgrade to an intermediate license, you need at least 50 hours of driving time, 10 hours of which are night driving.



The Parents Supervised Driving Guide is available for download at [theparentssupervisedrivingprogram.com/](http://theparentssupervisedrivingprogram.com/)



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The following are the **most common** documents provided to become **Real ID compliant**:

**1 IDENTIFICATION**

**BRING ONE:**

- Unexpired US Passport
- Original US Birth Certificate★
- Certified US Birth Certificate★
- Naturalization Certificate
- INS (USCIS) Documentation

★ *Cannot be issued by a hospital*

**Does the name match your license or ID card?** If not, don't forget your name change documents; see box #4 below.

**2 SOCIAL SECURITY**

**BRING ONE:**

- Social Security Card or Stub
- W-2/1099 Form (pre-printed)
- Pay Stub
- L-676 Form (# never issued)
- Military ID Card

Proof must list full name and full Social Security #.

Name changes must be reported to Social Security at least 24 hours prior to visiting our office.

**3 RESIDENT ADDRESS**

**BRING TWO:**

- Car or Boat Registration
- Utility Bill
- Credit Card Bill
- Bank Statement
- Voter Registration Card
- Lease Agreement
- Insurance Policy/Card
- Other Verifiable Mail

Must show name and address.

**4 NAME CHANGE**

**BRING ALL THAT APPLY:**

- Original Marriage Certificate★
- Certified Marriage Certificate★
- Divorce Decree
- Court Order

★ *Cannot be from a church*

This is only required when a **prior name** (or maiden name) is shown on the identification document provided; see box #1 above.

**5 COMMERCIAL (CDL) LICENSES ONLY**

All CDL applicants are required to self-certify into one of the categories below. For complete category details, visit [fmcsa.dot.gov/faq](http://fmcsa.dot.gov/faq). For additional CDL information, visit [http://www.taxcollector.com/contactapp/question\\_detail.cfm?question=1564&category=4#xy](http://www.taxcollector.com/contactapp/question_detail.cfm?question=1564&category=4#xy).

- Non-excepted Interstate
- Excepted Interstate
- Non-excepted Intrastate
- Excepted Intrastate

A medical card is **required for non-excepted categories**. CDL holders can no longer claim exemption from medical certification because they are not employed or currently operating in non-excepted interstate or intrastate commerce.

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