Before a written driver license test begins, applicants under the age of eighteen must present to the State Police testing examiner the official records listed below.

**IMPORTANT DRIVER LICENSE TESTING INFORMATION:**

**TESTING APPLICANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18**

*Effective August 1, 2015*

- School Attendance Forms should be signed by the appropriate school official, dated and exhibit the school seal or stamp.
- Attendance Forms accepted for testing purposes are only valid through the end of the school semester when the form was created. License examiners will collect new attendance forms each January 10th and June 10th. Attendance Forms dated after June 10th will be valid throughout the school summer break. No attendance form will be required for the skill exam.

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Original or certified copy of the applicant’s certified birth certificate:

- No hospital birth certificates or birth registration cards will be accepted.
- No photocopies or electronically scanned reproductions of a birth certificate will be accepted.
- U.S. citizens born out-of-country must provide a Birth Abroad Certificate.
  - Applicants who have lost a Birth Abroad Certificate must contact the embassy representing the country where the birth occurred.
- Applicants who are not citizens of the United States must present a passport with U.S. Visa along with a current I-94, permanent resident card, employment authorization card or naturalization certificate.
  - No photocopies or electronically scanned reproductions or translated reproductions will be accepted.

Signature of biological parent, step parent or legal guardian as required by ACA §27-16-702:

- Biological parent must be present with a valid state driver license or valid state identification card.
- Legal guardians must be present and provide an original or certified court document establishing guardianship of the applicant. Guardians must also present a valid state driver license or valid state identification card.
- A step-parent may sign the testing application but must also provide a marriage license identifying the biological parent of the applicant. The step-parent must also present a valid state driver license or valid state identification card.
  - A Financial Responsibility Form may be substituted for applicants who are enrolled in Job Corps, Youth Challenge, or may be an Exchange Student or a Boarding School student. *Applicants among these groups will need to obtain the Financial Responsibility Form from a State Police Driver License Testing Examiner prior to the driver test being administered.

School Attendance Form, Notice of Intent to Home School Form, GED or high school diploma (no online diplomas accepted) as required by ACA §27-16-701 (d)(1)(A)(i)(a):

- School Attendance Forms (no report cards will be accepted - contact your school counselor or principal)
  - School Attendance Forms should be signed by the appropriate school official, dated and exhibit the school seal or stamp.

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Notice of Intent to Home School

- Notice of Intent to Home School Forms must be issued for the current school year. The forms will be valid from August of the current year through August of the following year. (i.e. August 2014 - August 2015).
- Notice of Intent to Home School Forms must be notarized.

The Arkansas driver license testing process for persons under 18 years of age:

- The applicant begins the process by submitting the required documents to the testing examiner, undergoing vision and knowledge testing.
- If the applicant has prescribed eyeglasses or contact lens, either should be available during the vision testing process. Failing the vision test may disqualify an applicant from progressing further in the testing process.
- The testing examiner will assign the applicant to a testing kiosk. The test questions appear on a computer screen and answers are selected by multiple choice. An oral exam is available at the kiosk. The applicant may request instructions to use the oral testing process.
- Once the applicant has successfully passed the knowledge and vision examinations, an instruction permit will be issued. Applicants who fail the test may return five (5) calendar days for retesting. Applicants who re-test will be required to present one identification document (i.e. birth certificate, school identification, Arkansas Identification or any other acceptable form of identification listed in the driver license study guide (Social Security cards are not an accepted form of identification).
- The instruction permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance and will not be renewed (*no exceptions).
- Instruction permit holders may drive a motor vehicle when accompanied by a licensed driver twenty-one years of age or older for purposes of perfecting their driving skills in advance of becoming a licensed driver. A permit holder will not be allowed to be administered the skills test until thirty-days after the issuance of the permit as required under ACA §27-16-104.
- Skills Test applicants and their licensed driver will be required to submit the following documents:
  - Valid proof of insurance (printed or electronic)
  - Valid vehicle registration
  - Valid license of the accompanying driver
  - Instruction Permit along with valid proof of legal presence for Non-U.S. Citizen applicant
- Upon validation of the applicant’s permit for a driver license the applicant must submit the stamped permit immediately to the Department of Finance & Administration and receive the driver license. An underage applicant will receive either a restricted or non-restricted license based on age and/or six months of driving experience based on the date of permit issuance.
  - A minor age individual between the ages of 14 - 16 must be accompanied by a licensed driver 21 years of age or older until the minor age individual reaches their sixteenth birthday or until the six month restriction is completed.
  - A minor age individual between the ages of 16 - 17 must be accompanied by a licensed driver 21 years of age or older until the six month restriction is completed.
An Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration Notification Driver Attendance Form is valid until the end of the most current semester.

If the knowledge examination is not passed by the end of the most current semester, the student will be expected to submit a new school form after January 10th or June 10th when new semester grades are calculated. School forms dated after June 10th will be valid through the summer.

School forms may be obtained through the local school of enrollment or the local superintendent of schools.

Questions regarding the school form should be directed to the school district, where the child is currently enrolled, not the Department of Education.

The entire form (a sample is provided above), with the exception of the School Official’s Printed Name and School Officials Signature, can be typed or handwritten. The school official’s title may be typed or handwritten. Prior revisions of the form will not be accepted.

Any parent of a child who is a resident of Arkansas who’s child attends school in another state or country must have the school contact the Arkansas Department of Education for a current version of the school form. The out of state school may contact the Department of Education for additional information.