



DCS Driving Program

Expectations

- Caregiver and youth agree youth is ready for the responsibility of driving.
- Driving supports young adult's transition to adulthood goals.
- Young adult feels additional support will increase their driving confidence
- Young adult understand the driving laws and consequences while on the road

What To Expect

- 4 hours of classroom time to prepare for written test
- Being taken to the MVD to take the written permit test
- 10 hours of total driving time with the instructor, broken up into four 2 1/2 hour drives.
- 4th driving lesson will be a road test with instructor
- Instructor will transport youth to MVD to obtain their driver's license.

Eligibility

- Permit Requirements
 - ▶ Must be at least 15 years and 6 months old.
 - ▶ Must pass written and vision tests
- Driver License
 - ▶ Must be at least 16 years old.
 - ▶ Must hold an Arizona drivers permit for at least six months. (If enrolling in the driving program, they require young adults to take written permit test even after 18 years old)

Legal Requirements

Youth under 18: The application for an instruction permit or driver license must be signed by at least one adult 18 and older

- ▶ Living in a foster home, Foster Parent must be in agreement to sign for the young person. Foster parent will bring notice to provider to MVD when obtaining permit.

The adult will be responsible for any negligence or willful misconduct when the teen is driving.

- ▶ Youth not living in a foster home: Any responsible person may sign and may include family members, community and natural supports.
- ▶ Note: If you are 17.5 and older not living in a foster family and do not have a responsible adult willing to sign, the driving program can sign for liability while driving with the instructor. The youth can only drive with the instructor who signs the permit.

Remember: DCS employees, Group Home Staff or contractors are unable to sign for permits and drivers license.

Vital Documents Needed

- Original or certified copied of birth certificate
- Social security number
- Two documents that prove Arizona residency.
- For questions about missing documents, follow up with DCS to complete voucher process with ADOT prior to completing the Driving Program referral.

Questions? Contact us at YouthServices@azdcs.gov

Youth Information

Young Adult's Name		Date of Birth	
Address		City	State
Zip Code			
Phone	Email		
Caregiver Name	Caregiver Phone	Relationship to Youth/Young Adult?	
DCS Specialist	Who's submitting referral?	Relationship to Youth/Young Adult?	

If youth is 18+, please skip to Question 3.

1 Where does the youth live? Do they live in foster home? Are the foster parent's willing to sign for the learner's permit or driver's license?

Note: Only the foster parents can sign for youth living in a foster home.

2 Has a responsible adult been identified to co-sign the youth's permit or driver's license? Yes No

If no, the driving program will assign an instructor who may sign for the youth age 17.5 or older and they can only drive with the assigned instructor.

3 Please check off all document's the youth/young adult has in their possession.

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Note: If not all are checked please reach out to YouthServices@azdcs.gov to start the voucher pass to obtain the youth's vital records.

4 Does the youth/young adult have the legal right to get a license or permit? Yes No

If no, what legal actions need to be taken in order to obtain their permit/license? (examples: Complete probation, pay off restitution fines, and citizenship status)

5 Does the youth/young adult and caregiver feel they can meet the driving program's education expectations? Yes No

6 Is there a driving plan after the youth/young adult obtain their permit or driver's license? Yes No

(Does the youth/young adult have access to driving a car, will they have their own car, are they able to obtain and pay for car insurance, etc.)

7 Has the youth/young adult already obtained their permit? Yes No

Please send completed referrals to YouthServices@azdcs.gov

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