

# GETTING A WISCONSIN DRIVER'S LICENSE

## WHO NEEDS A LICENSE?

1. ANY RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN WHO PLANS TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE.
2. NEW RESIDENTS – MUST HAVE A VALID LICENSE FROM ANOTHER STATE AND MUST SURRENDER IT FOR A WISCONSIN LICENSE.

## WHO DOES NOT NEED A WISCONSIN LICENSE?

1. NON-RESIDENTS IN THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO HOLD A VALID LICENSE – GOOD FOR 1 YEAR.
2. DRIVERS OF NON-REGISTERED FARM EQUIPMENT ON THE HIGHWAY FOR A SHORT DISTANCE. MUST HAVE PASSED A TRACTOR AND MACHINERY SAFETY PROGRAM AS REQUIRED BY WIS. LAW ACT 455. THIS LAW TAKES EFFECT ON MAY 1, 1996.
3. VISITORS AND FULL-TIME STUDENTS WHO ARE 16 AND HAVE A VALID LICENSE – GOOD FOR 1 YEAR.

## TO START DRIVING, YOU MUST:

1. BE 15 YEARS AND 6 MONTHS OLD.
2. IF UNDER 18, BE ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED D.E. COURSE
3. BE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF STARTING B-T-W
4. OBTAIN AN INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT – CANNOT DRIVE UNTIL YOU HAVE IT

## TYPES OF LICENSES

### INSTRUCTIONAL –

- A. GOOD FOR 12 MONTHS
- B. FILL OUT MV-3001 FORM
- C. IF UNDER 18 – COMPLETE SPONSORSHIP SECTION ALSO ON MV-3001
- D. PRIMARY PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED – **SEE HANDOUT**
- E. SECONDARY PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED – **SEE HANDOUT**
- F. PASS WRITTEN TEST – 50 QUESTIONS – 80% CORRECT TO PASS
- G. PASS SIGN TEST – 15 QUESTIONS – 80% CORRECT TO PASS
- H. PASS VISION TEST
  1. VISUAL ACUITY – HOW CLEAR CAN YOU SEE – 20/20, ETC.
  2. PERIPHERAL VISION – HOW FAR TO THE SIDE CAN YOU SEE
  3. DEPTH PERCEPTION – WHICH SIGN IS CLOSER
  4. COLOR BLINDNESS – PICK OUT A NUMBER IN THE DOTS
- I. CHECK TO “REGISTRATION FEE TRUST” OR \$35.00 IN CASH

## **WHEN CAN YOU DRIVE WITH AN INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT AND WITH WHOM?**

YOU MAY DRIVE ONLY WHEN YOU ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A PERSON WITH TWO YEARS DRIVING EXPERIENCE WHO HOLDS A VALID **REGULAR** LICENSE (NO PROBATIONARY OR OCCUPATIONAL) AND WHO SITS IN THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT **AND IS:**

- A. A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR 19 OR OLDER. (UP TO THREE OTHERS MAY RIDE ALONG IF THE VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH DUAL CONTROL BRAKING)
- B. A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR SPOUSE 19 OR OLDER (YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS MAY RIDE ALONG IN THE BACK SEAT)
- C. A PERSON 21 OR OLDER. (IF YOU ARE UNDER 18, THIS PERSON MUST BE DESIGNATED IN WRITING BY YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN PRIOR TO ACCOMPANYING YOU WHILE DRIVING A VEHICLE)

## **PROBATIONARY**

- 1. 16 YEARS OLD AND COMPLETED AN APPROVED D.E. COURSE
- 2. 18 YEARS OLD WITHOUT D.E. COURSE
- 3. MUST HAVE INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT (“TEMPS”) AT LEAST 6 MONTHS
- 4. MUST PASS ROAD TEST - \$33.00
- 5. LICENSE GOOD FOR 2 YEARS MINIMUM AND EXPIRES ON BIRTHDAY

## **WHAT DO YOU TAKE WITH YOU ON THE ROAD TEST?**

- 1. ANOTHER MV-3001 FORM – YOUR INSTRUCTOR DOES **NOT** NEED TO SIGN IT.
- 2. INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT
- 3. \$43.00 CASH OR CHECK TO “REGISTRATION FEE TRUST”
- 4. LICENSED DRIVER
- 5. VEHICLE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER
- 6. SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
- 7. PARENTS MUST SHOW PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION – (DR. LICENSE)
- 8. FORM SHOWING EXTRA DRIVING HOURS BESIDES B-T-W HOURS

## **ROAD TEST CAN BE CANCELLED IF:**

1. CAR FAILS SAFETY INSPECTION
2. BAD WEATHER
3. MISSING ONE OF THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE
4. DIRTY OR BROKEN SEATBELTS

## **WHAT WILL THE EXAMINER BE LOOKING FOR ON THE ROAD TEST?**

1. PROPER ATTENTION TO THE ROAD
2. DRIVING SKILLS
3. SAFE DRIVING HABITS – 2 HANDS ON WHEEL, SEAT BELTS ON, ETC.
4. SHARE THE ROAD WITH OTHERS

## **YOU WILL FAIL THE ROAD TEST IF:**

1. YOU DISOBEY THE LAW
2. FORCE OTHERS TO DRIVE DEFENSIVELY
3. IN AN ACCIDENT
4. LACK OF PRACTICE – POOR DRIVING SKILLS
5. TOO MANY SMALL ERRORS

## **REGULAR**

1. ISSUED AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PROBATIONARY LICENSE
2. GOOD FOR 4 YEARS
3. EXPIRES ON BIRTHDAY

## **RENEWAL OF LICENSE:**

1. WILL RECEIVE A NOTICE ABOUT 90 DAYS BEFORE IT EXPIRES
2. TAKE A NEW VISION TEST
3. PAY ANOTHER FEE
4. NEW PHOTO

## **DUPLICATE**

1. VOIDS OUT ANY EARLIER LICENSE
2. NEED ONE IF YOU;
  - A. LOST YOURS
  - B. HAD IT STOLEN
  - C. HAVE A WRONG ADDRESS
  - D. CHANGE YOUR NAME – MARRIAGE?
  - E. CONTAINS AN ERROR
  - F. IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 – PARENTS WILL HAVE TO SIGN ANOTHER MV-3001

## **COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE (CDL)**

ASK IF YOU NEED INFORMATION ON THIS LICENSE

### **MOTORCYCLE**

1. TEMPORARY PERMIT
  - A. BE 16
  - B. COMPLETE CLASSROOM DR. ED.
  - C. COMPLETE B-T-W DR. ED.
  - D. PASS WRITTEN TEST
2. CAN GET A MOTORCYCLE LICENSE ONLY OR A CYCLE VALIDATION ON YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE.

### **RESTRICTED**

1. SPECIAL LICENSE FOR MOPED OR SPECIALTY VEHICLE FOR HANDICAPPED
2. JUVENILE – CAN DRIVE AT 14 IF:
  - A. SINGLE PARENT HOME
  - B. PARENT REQUIRES MEDICAL ATTENTION
  - C. CAN ONLY DRIVE TO AND FROM MEDICAL FACILITY
  - D. MUST PASS ALL WRITTEN AND ROAD TESTS

### **OCCUPATIONAL**

1. CAN DRIVE TO AND FROM WORK ONLY
2. MUST TAKE ROUTE DESIGNATED
3. MUST DRIVE AT TIMES DESIGNATED