



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4501-8-02 Place of business.

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- (A) Each driver training enterprise offering the abbreviated adult driver training course shall maintain an established place of business that is owned and operated by that enterprise.
- (1) Except for an online school, each driver training enterprise offering an abbreviated adult driver training course in the classroom shall maintain at least one fixed geographical location at which a school is operated and at least one classroom where training is conducted.
- (a) Any facility used for an abbreviated adult driver training course shall be inspected and approved prior to its use as a school. Exceptions may be provided for public schools, educational service centers, and colleges and universities as defined in paragraphs (S)(3) and (S)(4) of rule 4501-7-01 of the Administrative Code.
- (b) The use of a mobile or modular structure as an abbreviated adult driver training school shall be prohibited unless the structure is installed on a permanent foundation.
- (c) The place of business shall only be occupied by the abbreviated adult driver training school during times of classroom instruction.
- (2) The classroom for an abbreviated adult driver training school includes:
- (a) Sufficient space to comfortably sit at least ten students and an instructor, and contain tables and chairs or desks for all students;
- (b) Is equipped with a variety of audio and/or visual training aids that support the course curriculum;
- (c) Is free of visible and audible distractions and shall present an atmosphere adequate for learning;
- (d) Has a clean and functional restroom that is available for student use within the facility; and
- (e) Conforms to all federal, state and local fire, building and safety regulations.
- (3) Each driver training enterprise, that is offering virtual instruction shall maintain at least one office, that has been inspected and approved by the director prior to use, at a fixed geographic location where records are kept and the virtual instruction is provided. The place of business shall only be occupied by the driver training school during times of instruction.



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- (4) The enterprise shall also maintain at least one office in a fixed geographical location where records are kept.
 - (a) The office of a driver training enterprise shall have access to a computer, printer, e-mail and the internet. It shall have space adequate to maintain those records required to be kept. A driver training enterprise shall have sufficient space to interview clients and to display the school license.
 - (b) If the office of the driver training enterprise and the classroom of the adult driver training school are located in the same facility, there shall be a permanent wall that sufficiently prevents distractions and noise in the classroom. If no permanent wall exists, the office shall remain closed during classroom instruction.
 - (c) The office shall be located in the same county as, or in a county adjacent to the school, for which students' paper records are being stored.
 - (5) Each driver training enterprise providing an online abbreviated adult course shall maintain at least one office at a fixed geographic location where records are kept. The office of an enterprise providing an online abbreviated adult course shall:
 - (a) Have a person available for technical support during reasonable hours, which must be posted on the online driver education program website;
 - (b) Have a mechanism for response to students available for curriculum content support during reasonable hours, which must be posted on the online driver education program website.
 - (6) Neither the office of an online abbreviated adult course nor the office and abbreviated adult driver training school shall consist of a house, trailer, tent, temporary stand, post office box, rooming house or apartment. Neither the office of an online abbreviated adult course nor the office and adult driver training school shall be located within a residence or a room in a hotel or motel. No driver training enterprise may share any office or any classroom with any other driver training enterprise unless the same person owns both enterprises.
- (B) The driver training enterprise shall operate in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws.