



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4501:1-1-19 Issuance of minor's license.

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(A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall not grant the application of any minor under eighteen years of age for a probationary license or restricted license, unless the application is signed by one of the minor's parents, the minor's guardian, other person having custody of the applicant, or, if there is no parent or guardian, by a responsible person who is willing to assume the obligation imposed under this rule.

When a minor under eighteen years of age applies for a probationary license or restricted license, the registrar of motor vehicles shall give the adult who signs the application notice of the potential liability that can be imputed to the adult pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule and notice of how the adult can prevent any liability from being imputed to him pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule.

(B) Any negligence, or willful or wanton misconduct, that is committed by a minor under eighteen years of age when driving a motor vehicle upon a highway shall be imputed to the person who has signed the application of the minor for a probationary license or restricted license, which person shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor for any damages caused by the negligence or the willful or wanton misconduct.

There shall be no imputed liability imposed under this paragraph, if a minor under eighteen years of age has proof of financial responsibility with respect to the operation of a motor vehicle owned by the minor or, if the minor is not the owner of a motor vehicle, with respect to the minor's operation of any motor vehicle, in the form and in the amounts required under Chapter 4509. of the Revised Code, the "Financial Responsibility Law," which defines the penalties which can be imposed as a result of a conviction or motor vehicle accident along with the provisions which must be met in order to bring the individual into compliance with this chapter of the Revised Code to maintain driving privileges in this state as a result of a conviction of a moving violation or a motor vehicle accident. This chapter also establishes the limits of acceptable financial responsibility requirements.

(C) Any person who has signed the application of a minor under eighteen years of age for a license,



may thereafter surrender to the registrar the license or temporary instruction permit of the minor and request that the license or permit be canceled. The registrar shall then cancel the license or temporary permit, and the person who signed the application of the minor shall be relieved from the liability by paragraph (B) of this rule.

(D) Rule 4501:1-1-37 of the Administrative Code shall govern the application requirements for a nonrenewable license or a nonrenewable identification card issued to a minor temporary resident of the United States.