

Ohio Revised Code Section 4510.311 Juvenile driver improvement programs.

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(A) The director of public safety shall establish standards for juvenile driver improvement programs and shall approve any programs that meet the established standards. The standards established by the director shall require a minimum of five hours of classroom instruction, with at least three hours devoted to driver skill requirements and two hours devoted to juvenile driver information related to the driving records of drivers under eighteen years of age, driver perceptions, and the value of the traffic laws. The standards also shall require a person whose probationary driver's license was suspended under section 4510.31 of the Revised Code to undertake and pass, as successful completion of an approved juvenile driver improvement program, the driver's license examination that a person who holds a temporary instruction permit is required to undertake and pass in order to be issued a probationary driver's license. The person shall pay the applicable fee that is required to accompany an application for a driver's license as prescribed in division (E) of section 4507.23 of the Revised Code. The director shall prescribe the requirements for the curriculum to be provided as well as other program directives. Only those programs approved by the director shall be acceptable for reinstatement of the driving privileges of a person whose probationary driver's license was suspended under section 4510.31 of the Revised Code.

(B) The director of public safety shall establish standards for advanced juvenile driver improvement programs and shall approve any programs that meet the established standards. The standards established by the director shall require a minimum of two hours of classroom instruction with a focus on driving physics, vehicle dynamics, proper vision techniques, and teen driver statistics. The standards also shall require a minimum of four hours of emergency driving skills development through "behind-the-wheel" driving exercises with a focus on vehicle control in emergency and adverse weather driving situations. The driving exercises shall include vehicle control in inclement weather conditions, emergency transition maneuvers, and spin and skid control. The driving exercises shall take place in a suitable closed-course facility that is safe and controlled and has adequate run-off areas. The director shall prescribe the requirements for the curriculum to be provided as well as other program directives and the requirements and score necessary to pass the course. A person who attends an advanced juvenile driver improvement program for the purpose



specified in division (C)(2) of section 4510.31 of the Revised Code that meets the standards and requirements prescribed in this division for such courses and successfully completes the course shall receive a certificate of completion from the program.