

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 481.051, 483.255 and 483.725.

A REGULATION relating to driver education; providing that not more than one-half of the required number of hours of training provided to a student may be behind-the-wheel training; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 483.774 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 483.774 1. A course provided by a school for training drivers to enable a person who is under 18 years of age to obtain a license to drive pursuant to NRS 483.250 must consist of the equivalent of not less than 30 hours of instruction, excluding any time taken for meals, rest breaks and any ceremony for the issuance of a certificate upon completion of the course. *Not more than one-half of the required number of hours of instruction may be behind-the-wheel training.*
2. Each student may receive a maximum of 7.5 hours of instruction per day.
3. Each session of a course must be presented not later than 7 days after the previous session was held.
4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.725, the use of audiovisual aids, personal computers or simulators for course instruction must not exceed 6 hours of the total 30 hours that are allotted for instruction and training.

5. In addition to the requirements of NRS 483.725, each student enrolled in a course at a school for training drivers which includes instruction in the classroom, including instruction by correspondence or with the use of communications technology, must be provided with instruction in at least the following subjects:

- (a) The proper attitudes for driving safely and the adverse effects of disturbed emotions;
- (b) Use and maintenance of required safety equipment;
- (c) Defensive driving;
- (d) Established speed laws;
- (e) Proper use of lanes;
- (f) Backing up safely;
- (g) The proper procedure for driving in a controlled or an uncontrolled intersection;
- (h) Passing;
- (i) Differentiating between the techniques required for driving:
 - (1) In a city;
 - (2) On a freeway;
 - (3) On an open highway; and
 - (4) Under adverse conditions;
- (j) The meaning of the different colors of a traffic light and the meaning of traffic signs, signals and pavement markings, including signs that designate parking as illegal;
- (k) Major causes of accidents and the legal and moral responsibilities in case of an accident;
- (l) Driving in a work zone for construction or maintenance;
- (m) Licensing control measures, including the grounds for suspension or revocation of a driver's license;

- (n) Sharing the road with other motor vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians;
- (o) The proper procedures for:
 - (1) The right-of-way in various situations;
 - (2) Hand signals;
 - (3) Passing a school bus, including passing when the driver of a school bus must stop;
 - (4) Starting a vehicle;
 - (5) Making turns;
 - (6) Parking;
 - (7) Moving in reverse; and
 - (8) Following another car at a proper distance; and
- (p) The effects of alcohol and drugs on a person's ability to drive.

6. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 5, each student enrolled in a course at a school for training drivers that includes classroom instruction, including instruction by correspondence or with the use of communications technology, must be provided with instruction in at least the following additional subjects:

- (a) Required vehicle equipment;
- (b) Vehicle registration;
- (c) The different highway systems;
- (d) The organizations that supervise the maintenance of and enforce the traffic laws on each system;
- (e) The requirements for insurance in this State;
- (f) The types of insurance coverage available;
- (g) The procedures for purchasing an automobile;

- (h) The sources of credit to finance the purchase of an automobile;
- (i) The importance of the maintenance of a vehicle for driving safely, including:
 - (1) Compilation of a list for the efficient and economical maintenance of a vehicle; and
 - (2) Identification of the purpose of each instrument, device and control in a vehicle;
- (j) The effects of physical handicaps on the ability to drive;
- (k) Sharing the road with others, including commercial vehicles, buses, motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians;
- (l) External forces affecting driving, including weather, conditions of the road and driving at night; and
- (m) Rules of the road, including state laws and local motor vehicle laws and ordinances.

7. Behind-the-wheel training offered by a school for training drivers must include, but is not limited to:

- (a) Familiarization with a motor vehicle;
- (b) Basic use of the controls in a motor vehicle;
- (c) Development of skills essential to the safe operation of a motor vehicle in traffic; and
- (d) Driving a motor vehicle in traffic with the instructor to develop abilities which are necessary to respond logically in a complex traffic situation.

8. A school for training drivers shall not permit a student to operate a motor vehicle on any public street or highway unless the student has in his immediate possession a valid instruction permit issued by the Department.

9. A school for training drivers shall not permit a student under the age of 18 years to operate a motor vehicle in a jurisdiction during any time when the student would be in violation of a curfew in the jurisdiction.

10. For the purposes of this section, 1 hour of behind-the-wheel training is equivalent to 3 hours of *classroom* instruction.