



Bemidji Driving School

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Frequently Asked Questions

CLASS

- 1. What do I bring to class?**
 - a. Pen or pencil, paper, and a good attitude. Unlike what you may think about Algebra and Chemistry, you **WILL** use what you learn here for the rest of your life.

- 2. What if I miss a day?**
 - a. You will need to make up the day during the next scheduled class. If you are in a big hurry, an individual make up day may be arranged for an additional fee.

- 3. What if I need to leave early or I come late?**
 - a. State law requires 30 hours of classroom time. Missed time will need to be made up.

- 4. Is the Knowledge test taken in the class?**
 - a. No. The knowledge test is administered by the State of Minnesota and is taken at a Exam Office. In Bemidji, the office is located at 111 2nd Street Northwest, Bemidji. Testing hours are 9-4:30, no appointment is needed.

- 5. When are classes offered?**
 - a. Currently we offer classes every month. See the website for exact dates and times.



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OTHER QUESTIONS

- 1. Can I drive with my paper permit?**
 - a. Yes. For up to 45 days. You should have received your hard card by then.

- 2. When should I schedule my first behind the wheel session?**
 - a. To get the most from behind the wheel training, we recommend you spend enough time behind the wheel with your parents to become comfortable being behind the wheel and are able to use the controls easily before scheduling behind the wheel training.

- 3. I lost my permit, can I still drive?**
 - a. No. A valid permit is required to be on you while driving. Also if your permit has restrictions, such as, glasses or lenses, they must be worn or you can not drive.

- 4. Will we be driving downtown?**
 - a. Absolutely Yes, It is a must that you are able to handle busy car traffic, as well as pedestrian traffic. A large part of your road test will take place downtown.

- 5. Will there be other people in the car?**
 - a. No. All drives will be private one-on-one lessons.

- 6. Can we take extra lessons if needed?**
 - a. Yes. After the required 6 hours of training, additional hours may be scheduled if considered needed by student or parents. Additional lesson fee is \$40.00 per hour.

- 7. What days and times are available for Behind the Wheel?**
 - a. Currently we have start times available Monday Through Friday from 8am to 4pm
 - b. Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 8pm
 - c. 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9am – 2pm

- 8. Where do I need to go for Behind the Wheel?**
 - a. During the school year we offer pickup and delivery at your school.
 - b. Non school days or non school hour pickup and delivery is at the driving school office.
 - c. Home pickup and delivery is possible if set up at the time of scheduling. Additional fees may apply.

- 9. What happens if I can't make a scheduled drive?**
 - a. We require a minimum of 24 hour notice or a \$30.00 fee may be charged.
 - b. We will wait 10 minutes past your scheduled time.
 - c. We don't charge for emergencies or illness.



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TESTING

1. What do I need to take the written knowledge test?

- a. If you under the age of 18, You will need to take 30 hours of classroom instruction and receive a Blue completion card
- b. You must be at least 15 years of age.
- c. Have your parent, court appointed guardian, county appointed foster parent, or director of transitional living program sign and approve your application
- d. 2 forms of Identification. Please see pages 3-5 of the drivers manual for identification requirements or follow this link to download the manual
<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms-documents/documents/minnesota-drivers-manual-2page.pdf>
- e. Have cash, check or money order for instruction permit. Currently \$12.00.
- f. You must pass a vision screening test with or without glasses or lenses.
- g. A social Security Number is required for issuing a permit
- h. If you are over 18 you are not required to have the classroom instruction or blue card and you do not need parent or guardian signature.

2. What do I need to take my Driving skills test (road test)?

- a. For students under 18 years of age you must have had a valid Instruction permit for at least 6 months
- b. Completed 50 hours of driving with a person 21 years of age or older, 15 of which must be at night. If parent has taken the supplemental parent program, the student will need 40 hours with 15 at night with a parent and recorded on the driving log.
- c. Completed 6 hours of behind the wheel instruction with a licensed instructor and receive a white card of completion from the instructor
- d. For student over 18 -the behind the wheel time is not required, but highly recommended
- e. For students over 19- the waiting period is 3 months.
- f. Proof of insurance for the vehicle you are using for the road test. The vehicle must be in safe condition. Please see driver's manual for a list of requirements. Page 7
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PARENTS & ADULTS

1. Do you offer behind the wheel training for adults?

- a. Yes. In fact we have many adults in need of a refresher or are new to this country. Most only require an hour or two of lessons.

2. How do I know the instructors are safe?

- a. All instructors have gone through a background check by the State of Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and a background check by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Our instructors are also certified by the State of Minnesota.