

# The Complete Guide to Texas Parent Taught Drivers Ed

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## INTRODUCTION TO PARENT TAUGHT DRIVERS ED

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Welcome to Aceable's Texas Parent Taught Drivers Ed course! Skip the boring classes. Instead, work on your drivers ed requirement on your computer, tablet, or phone. We'll have you behind-the-wheel in no time!

### ***You can take this course if:***

- You're a Texas teen (14-17 years old).
- You have an eligible parent instructor to teach you the behind-the-wheel portion.\* (we'll talk about what this means here)

### ***You should take this course because:***

- Aceable is **state-approved**. Our certificates are accepted at any DPS in Texas.
- Aceable is all about **convenience**. You can log into your account on our website or by downloading the free Aceable Drivers Ed app for iOS and Android devices. You can switch between devices anytime and anywhere you want. Our course does not expire!
- Aceable includes **32 hours of engaging and entertaining content** written in an easy way for teens to understand. Your course will include text, videos, pictures, memes, and pop-up questions galore! You won't just be reading for 32 hours straight.
- Aceable gives you access to **unlimited free practice tests** to ensure your success.
- Aceable includes the actual **DPS written knowledge test** that students take to get their permit, so you can skip the test at the DPS.
- Aceable will **email you two certificates** to bring to the DPS to get both your permit and license. You won't have to wait for anything in the mail from us!
- Aceable allows **parents to track student progress and test scores**. We also provide parents with guidance on doing behind-the-wheel instruction and practice with their teens.
- Aceable's **Customer Experience Heroes** are available every day of the week to help answer your questions about anything and everything drivers ed. You can reach us by phone, email, and live chat.

*\*If you don't have an eligible parent instructor, please consider taking [Aceable's Instructor Taught Drivers Ed course](#).*

# STEPS TO GETTING YOUR LICENSE WITH PARENT TAUGHT DRIVERS ED

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## Step 1: Make Sure You Have An Eligible Parent Instructor

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In order to do the Parent Taught Drivers Ed program at all (no matter what company you sign up with), you **MUST** have an eligible parent instructor.

Eligible parent instructors must meet all of the following requirements:

- You are the student's parent, step-parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster parent, legal guardian, or an individual designated by your parent/legal guardian/judge.
  - If you use a designated individual as your instructor, there are a few extra requirements for them. They also need to be at least 25 years old; they cannot charge a fee for being your instructor; they need at least 7 years of driving experience, and they must meet the rest of the requirements below.
  - You will also need to print out the Parent Taught Driver Education Instructor Designation Form, complete it, and bring with you to the DPS when getting your permit.
- You must have a valid Texas driver license for the preceding three years.\*
- You don't have a conviction or probated sentence of driving while intoxicated in the past 7 years.
- You don't have a conviction or probated sentence of criminally negligent homicide.
- You haven't had your driving privileges suspended, revoked, or forfeited for traffic-related violations in the past three years.
- You don't have six or more points assigned to your driver license.

\*If the parent instructor has had a Texas license for less than the preceding three years, they are responsible for ordering a certified driver record from the state or country where they last had a license. The driver record should go back at least three years and the DPS will need to see the record when the student gets their permit. We recommend doing a quick Google search to find out from which government entity you order your driver record. Example: "Name of previous state or country where you last had a license + driver record."

The parent instructor is responsible for checking their criminal and/or driver records. You can check your driving eligibility status and pay fees charged to you for your driver license suspension offenses [here](#). You can request your driver record from the state of Texas [here](#).

The DPS will verify the parent instructor's record when the student and parent go to the DPS to apply for the permit and license. If the DPS determines at that time that the parent instructor doesn't meet the state requirements, the DPS will deny the permit or license application.

\*If you don't have an eligible parent instructor, please consider taking [Aceable's Instructor Taught Drivers Ed course](#).

## Step 2: Order Your Parent Taught Drivers Ed (PTDE) Packet

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### ***What is the PTDE packet and how do I get one?***

The first step of the process is ordering the Parent Taught Drivers Ed (PTDE) Packet from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). You can order the packet from the TDLR and submit the mandatory \$20 state fee online [here](#).

The Parent Taught Drivers Ed (PTDE) program guide packet contains forms that you'll fill out and submit to your local DPS office when you get your permit and license, and the DPS will also ask to see your PTDE packet receipt (only if you ordered the packet on or after November 14, 2016). You won't be able to get your permit or license without the packet, so it's important that you order and receive it from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) before starting your Aceable Parent Taught course.

### ***When will I receive my PTDE packet?***

You order the PTDE packet online directly from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) – it *will not* be available at your local DPS. TDLR charges a \$20 fee for the packet.

When you order the packet online, you can download it immediately after paying for it. Once you've gotten to the purchase confirmation page, there will be a link to download your packet. TDLR also emails you a receipt which also contains the link to download the packet right away. If you requested for TDLR to mail the packet to you, it takes about 2-3 weeks to receive it.

You can check the status of your packet order AND redownload your packet [here](#). When looking yourself up in the TDLR system, the easiest way is to put down what you had put down for your instructor's email address when initially ordering the packet. Can't remember which one you used? We recommend trying all possible email addresses in your family. If nothing pulls up, please contact TDLR at 800-803-9202 for help.

### ***How do I get another copy of my packet?***

To get a new copy, all you have to do is look yourself up on their [website](#). You won't have to pay for another packet. Once you find yourself in their system, you can download your packet again!

When looking yourself up, the easiest way is to put down what you had put down for your instructor's email address when initially ordering the packet. Can't remember which one you used? We recommend trying all possible email addresses in your family. If nothing pulls up, please contact TDLR at 800-803-9202 for help.

Another way to look yourself up is by putting in your receipt number. This receipt number was sent to your instructor's email address and it is not to be confused with an Aceable receipt.

### ***I started my course before receiving the PTDE packet. What do I do?***

Technically, the state doesn't want you starting the course before you receive the packet. If you did, however, stop working on the course and take the following steps right away:

1. Make sure you have an eligible parent instructor before ordering the PTDE packet.
2. Order the PTDE packet ASAP from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).
3. When you receive the packet, hang on to it for three days.
4. After three days, let us know by emailing us at [support@aceable.com](mailto:support@aceable.com) to update your Permit Certificate date. This is done to ensure that the date printed on your Permit Certificate is **after** the date you received the PTDE packet. **Important note:** please tell us the date that you received your packet!

### ***How do I fill out the forms in the PTDE packet?***

Once you receive your PTDE packet, feel free to read through it. However, you don't need to fill out any of the forms in it until you're ready to get your permit or license at the DPS. So, for now, just set your packet aside in a place you know you won't lose it.

When you're ready to get your permit or license at the DPS, Aceable will give you a list of what forms in the packet you need to bring with you and guide you through how to fill them out.

[Click here](#) to view all of our resources for filling out your forms, knowing what to bring, and downloading blank forms.

### **Step 3: Start Parent Taught Drivers Ed and Finish Level 1**

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In order to get your permit, you'll need to complete Level 1 (the first six hours of the course) and the Written Knowledge Test at the end of Level 1. This means that you won't need to take the Written Knowledge Test at the DPS! The test will consist of 30 multiple-choice questions. You'll have one hour to complete the test and you must score at least 70% or better (at least 21 out of 30 questions correct) in order to pass.

One hour after passing your Written Knowledge Test at the end of Level 1, we will email you your DE-964 Permit Certificate. This certificate will state that you have finished the minimum required 6 hours to get your permit AND that you have passed the Written Knowledge Test with Aceable already. Print this out and bring it with you to the DPS. In the same email, we provide helpful videos and a [Pre-DPS Trip Guide](#) which contains a checklist, examples for filling out your forms, and blank forms.

### **Step 4: Get Your Parent Taught Permit**

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One hour after you pass Level 1 and the Written Knowledge Test, Aceable will email you a DE-964 Permit Certificate. You'll take this certificate and other documents to the DPS, where you'll do your vision exam and get your permit.

Remember, you must be at least 15 years old to get your Texas permit.

Once you have your permit, you can start working on your behind-the-wheel instruction and practice hours. Click [here](#) to learn more about the behind-the-wheel process.

\*Note: The six-month permit period starts on the day that you receive your permit at the DPS. When you have your permit, you are only allowed to drive if there is a licensed adult 21 years old or older with you in the car. There are no restrictions on what hours you may drive during the day or night, but you must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the late hours of the night.

## Step 5: Complete Your Parent Taught Drivers Ed and Behind-the-Wheel Hours

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Once you have your permit, you'll need to finish up the rest of your Parent Taught course (Levels 2-12). Aceable will email you a DE-964 Certificate of Completion within 1-3 business days of your course completion and you'll present this certificate to the DPS when you test for your license.

You'll also need to complete 44 hours of state-required behind-the-wheel instruction and practice. The behind-the-wheel hours are divided as follows:

**You must do 14 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction with your official parent instructor.** You'll list these hours in the Behind-the-Wheel Instruction Log of the PTDE packet. The student will observe the parent instructor for seven of the hours. The parent instructor will observe the student for the other seven hours.

If you want a guide to completing the 14 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction, you can use the Driving Manager in your Aceable course.

- Log into your Aceable student or parent account on the [web](#) or in the Aceable Drivers Ed app.
- In your course, click on the three horizontal lines in the top right-hand corner. This will expand the menu bar. Click on Driving Manager.
- You can use the Driving Manager in the web course or app to check off the behind-the-wheel instruction tasks you've completed. Click [here](#) to learn more about how the Driving Manager works.
- You can also download a PDF version of the Driving Manager from the [web course](#).

**You must also do 30 hours of behind-the-wheel practice with any licensed adult 21 years old or older (10 of these hours must be done at night).** You'll list these hours in the Behind-the-Wheel Practice Log of the PTDE packet.

If you want a guide to completing the 30 hours of behind-the-wheel practice, you can use the 30-Hour Behind-the-Wheel Guide from the state of Texas [here](#).

## Step 6: Complete the Impact Texas Teen Drivers (ITTD) Course

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The [Impact Texas Teen Drivers program](#) (ITTD) is a free, two-hour video course provided online by the Texas DPS. Any student who has taken Texas Parent Taught Drivers Ed or

Instructor Taught Drivers Ed and has received a Certificate of Completion from Aceable is required to complete ITTD no more than 90 days before their driving exam. ITTD is not optional.

You can only start working on it AFTER you have finished all 12 levels (32 hours) of your Aceable course.

ITTD is made up of eight 15-minute videos, totaling two hours. You can choose to watch all eight modules at one time or watch the modules separately at different times.

When you complete ITTD, the DPS will email you a certificate. You must print out this certificate and present it at the DPS when you take your driving exam. If you are unable to receive your ITTD certificate through email, you can [log into your ITTD account](#) and access it there.

While there is no expiration date on the ITTD certificate, you must take ITTD no more than 90 days before your driving exam. Therefore, if you don't pass your driving exam within 90 days of the date on your ITTD certificate, you must take ITTD again and get a new ITTD certificate.

To learn more about ITTD and take the course, [click here](#).

## Step 7: Get Your Parent Taught License

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You can get your Texas license if you meet all of the following requirements:

1. You have held your permit for at least six months.
2. You are at least 16 years old.
3. You have completed all 12 levels of Aceable and have received a Certificate of Completion from us.
4. You have completed 44 hours of behind-the wheel instruction and practice.

If you meet all of these requirements, you can [schedule a driving exam at your local DPS](#). Please note that the DPS can book up very quickly, especially during high-volume seasons like the summer and during spring break. You should schedule your driving exam as far in advance as possible. Click [here](#) for tips on preparing for your driving exam.

When you go to the DPS, don't forget to bring all your paperwork and documents with you. Click [here](#) to see what you need to bring with you on that day.

## PARENT INSTRUCTOR

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### Parent Instructor Eligibility

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In order to be a parent instructor, you must meet all of the following requirements:

- You are the student's parent, step-parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster parent, legal guardian, or an individual designated by your parent/legal guardian/judge.

- If you use a designated individual as your instructor, there are a few extra requirements for them. They also need to be at least 25 years old; they cannot charge a fee for being your instructor; they need at least 7 years of driving experience, and they must meet the rest of the requirements below.
- You will also need to print out the Parent Taught Driver Education Instructor Designation Form, complete it, and bring with you to the DPS when getting your permit.
- You must have a valid Texas driver license for the preceding three years.\*
- You don't have a conviction or probated sentence of driving while intoxicated in the past 7 years.
- You don't have a conviction or probated sentence of criminally negligent homicide.
- You haven't had your driving privileges suspended, revoked, or forfeited for traffic-related violations in the past three years.
- You don't have six or more points assigned to your driver license.

\*If the parent instructor has had a Texas license for less than the preceding three years, they are responsible for ordering a certified driver record from the state or country where they last had a license. The driver record should go back at least three years and the DPS will need to see the record when the student gets their permit. We recommend doing a quick Google search to find out from which government entity you order your driver record. *Example: "Name of previous state or country where you last had a license + driver record."*

The parent instructor is responsible for checking their criminal and/or driver records. You can check your driving eligibility status and pay fees charged to you for your driver license suspension offenses [here](#). You can request your driver record from the state of Texas [here](#).

The DPS will verify the parent instructor's record when the student and parent go to the DPS to apply for the permit and license. If the DPS determines at that time that the parent instructor doesn't meet the state requirements, the DPS will deny the permit or license application.

\*If you don't have an eligible parent instructor, please consider taking Aceable's Instructor Taught Drivers Ed course.

## Changing Your Parent Instructor / No Eligible Parent Instructor

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Unfortunately, you cannot take Parent Taught Drivers Ed without an eligible parent instructor.

First things first: have you gone to the DPS yet?

**If you have not gone to the DPS yet**, follow these steps.

1. Email TDLR with the new instructor information.
  - Their email is [CS.Driver.Education.Safety@tdlr.texas.gov](mailto:CS.Driver.Education.Safety@tdlr.texas.gov).
  - Tell them the following information:
    - Your student's first and last name
    - Your new instructor's first and last name



- Your new instructor's address
  - The email address that the packet was ordered under
  - PTDE program guide receipt number (found on the first page of your packet – optional, but will help them find your info quickly)
- 2. TDLR will reply back to let you know that the change has been made. They may also tell you to contact us to have the instructor changed as well. **We don't ask for instructor information so you can disregard that!**
- 3. Download your updated packet.
  - Go to TDLR's website at [this link](#) to search up your packet.
  - Enter the original email address that the packet was ordered under – most likely your previous instructor's email address.
  - When you download your updated packet, your new instructor's name will be listed on the bottom right of your packet!
  - If you do not see a change, follow up with TDLR over email OR give them a call at [800-803-9202](tel:800-803-9202).

It's important that only the name of the new instructor be present on the packet. If you had completed any of the packet with the signature of the prior instructor, re-print those pages of the packet so that the new instructor can sign with their name. It is not necessary to re-print the entire packet, just anything that had already been filled out!

**If you have already gone to the DPS, follow these steps.**

1. Check if you have someone else to be your eligible instructor.
  - If you have someone else who can be your eligible instructor, move on to step 2! The state of Texas requires that you order a new PTDE packet (\$20) and to restart the course (we do not charge you for that).
  - If you do not have anyone to be your instructor, we can transfer you over to the Instructor Taught Drivers Ed course, which doesn't require a parent instructor. Instead, this option requires that you receive your behind-the-wheel instruction hours at a driving school of your choice. Contact our Customer Experience Heroes to switch to that course free of charge.
2. Order a new Parent Taught Drivers Ed Program Guide Packet.
  - You will need to order a new packet for \$20 with your new instructor's information.
  - We know it's really frustrating that you have to purchase the program guide packet again and we wish you didn't have to! Any concerns about this requirement can be directed to TDLR by calling them at 800-803-9202.
3. Download your new packet.
  - As soon as you make the payment, there is a link to download the new program guide packet on the purchase confirmation page. The same link is also provided in the receipt that TDLR emails you.
  - You can also put your information on this page to download the program guide.
  - When searching for this info, simply enter in an instructor email. If none of the emails you try work, you can enter a receipt number and the date you ordered the



- program guide. That information is found on page 1 of your program guide.
4. After you order the program guide packet again, [contact our Customer Experience Heroes](#) in order to have your course reset.
  5. Once we reply, simply log back in to your Aceable student account. You can start Level 1 and continue with the process just like the first time around.

## TESTS IN THE PARENT TAUGHT COURSE

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### Parent Taught Level Assessments

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At the end of Levels 2-12 are level assessments consisting of 10 questions. The questions will be a mix of multiple-choice and true/false questions. You must score at least 70% or better (at least 7 out of 10 questions correct) in order to pass and go on to the next level.

If you fail a level assessment, you can take it again. There is no limit on how many times you can take a level assessment and you don't have to pay again to take a level assessment more than once.

### Parent Taught DPS Written Test

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The DPS Written Knowledge Test will be provided to you at the end of Level 1 (the first six hours of the course). This means that you won't need to take the Written Knowledge Test at the DPS! The test will consist of 30 multiple-choice questions. You'll have one hour to complete the test and you must score at least 70% or better (at least 21 out of 30 questions correct) in order to pass and receive a DE-964 Permit Certificate from Aceable.

If you fail the Written Knowledge test, you can take it again 24 hours later. There is no limit on how many times you can take the Written Knowledge Test and you don't have to pay again to take the Written Knowledge Test more than once.

### Parent Taught Course Assessment / Final Exam

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After you complete the Level 12 Assessment you'll take the final exam, or what we call the Course Assessment. This assessment consists of ten questions. The questions will be a mix of multiple-choice and true/false questions. You must score at least 70% or better (at least 7 out of 10 questions correct) in order to pass and receive a DE-964 Certificate of Completion from Aceable.

If you fail the Course Assessment, you can take it again. There is no limit on how many times you can take the Course Assessment and you don't have to pay again to take the Course Assessment more than once.

## PARENT TAUGHT PERMIT AND LICENSE CERTIFICATES (DE-964)

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Aceable will email you two DE-964 certificates that you need to print out. You can also access

these certificates from your account.

We will email your **DE-964 Permit Certificate** within one hour of completing the permit test at the end of Level 1 (first six hours of the course). Print it out and present this at the DPS when you get your permit.

\*Your Permit Certificate will be marked for the Concurrent Method. If you need it marked for the Block Method, please [contact us](#) when you finish all 32 hours of your course (12 levels).

We will email your **DE-964 License Certificate/Certificate of Completion** within one hour of completing all 32 hours of your course (12 levels). Print it out and present this at the DPS when you get your license.

## PARENT TAUGHT AT THE DPS – DOCUMENTS, STATE FEES, AND TESTS

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### Parent Taught Permit – What to Bring to the DPS

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You must be at least 15 years old to get your Texas Permit. Here are the essentials to bring with you:

Forms From Aceable:

- DE-964 Permit Certificate (we email this to you)
- [Aceable Classroom Instruction Log](#) (only the first six hours for Level 1 shown if going by the Concurrent Method, OR all 32 hours of Levels 1-12 shown if going by the Block Method)
- Texas Residency Affidavit

Forms From the PTDE Program Guide Packet from Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation:

- PTDE Program Guide Receipt Page – it's just the first page of your program guide from TDLR

If you don't have your PTDE packet, you can request one [here](#). If you started the course before receiving the packet, follow these steps:

- Make sure you have an [eligible parent instructor](#) before ordering the packet.
- [Order the packet ASAP](#) from the TDLR.
- When you receive the packet, hang on to it for three days.
- After three days, let us know by emailing us at [support@aceable.com](mailto:support@aceable.com) to update your certificate date.

At DPS:

- \$16 Learner License Fee (cash, credit, check, or money order)
- Application for Driver License or Identification Card

- Vision Exam

Others:

- Your Parent Instructor
  - If your parent/legal guardian is not an eligible instructor and designates another individual instead, you will also need to print out the Parent Taught Driver Education Instructor Designation Form, complete it, and bring with you to the DPS when getting your permit. (Read more about instructor eligibility.)
- Proof of Texas residency (Parent Instructor must bring two forms of proof): deed, mortgage statement, valid and unexpired Texas voter registration card, utility bills, etc.
- Proof of identity and lawful US presence or citizenship: valid US passport, birth certificate, or US certificate of citizenship or naturalization
- Social Security Card
- Verification of Enrollment (VOE): This paperwork proves that you are currently attending school and your grades and attendance are in good standing. You need to fill it out and get it signed by somebody at your school's administrative office.\* If you are not in high school but are getting your GED instead, you'll need to bring the form to your GED program's office and get them to sign as the administrator.
- Some schools require a waiting period between when you request the VOE and when they'll actually issue it to you (usually 24 hours). Therefore, it's a good idea to request the VOE from your school ahead of time (we recommend at least 3-7 days before you head to the DPS). If you get your VOE during the last week of the school year, it is good until the start of the fall semester. During the summer, you can head to your school district's administrative office and have them sign your VOE form.\* If you are home-schooled, Write "Home School" or the name of your home school on the top left corner of the form and your county on the top right corner of the form.
  - Check the first box, indicating your student is enrolled in a home school.
  - Type or print the student's name.
  - Type or print one parent's name and phone number in Administrator/Designee section.
  - Both the student and the parent must sign and date the form.

## Parent Taught License – What to Bring to the DPS

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You must have held your permit for at least six months and be at least 16 years old to get your Texas license. Here are the essentials to bring with you:

Forms From Aceable:

Forms From the PTDE Program Guide Packet from Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation:

- PTDE Program Guide Receipt Page – it's just the first page of your program guide from TDLR

\*Click [here](#) for help on filling out the packet forms.

At DPS:

- \$11 Provisional License Fee (cash, credit, check, or money order)
- Application for Renewal/Replacement/Change of a Texas Driver License or Identification Card
- Driving Exam (Click [here](#) for tips on preparing for your driving exam)

Others:

- Your Parent Instructor
- Your permit (must be held for at least 6 months)
- ITTD program certificate of completion (expires after 90 days)
- Proof of insurance – Your name does not need to be on the car insurance
- Current registration and inspection sticker
- Two license plates (front and back)
- Verification of Enrollment (VOE): This paperwork proves that you are currently attending school and your grades and attendance are in good standing. You need to fill it out and get it signed by somebody at your school's administrative office.\* If you are not in high school but are getting your GED instead, you'll need to bring the form to your GED program's office and get them to sign as the administrator.
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  - Type or print the student's name.
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  - Both the student and the parent must sign and date the form.

## TRANSFERRING FROM PARENT TAUGHT TO A DRIVING SCHOOL FOR BEHIND-THE-WHEEL

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It's easy to transfer from Aceable's Parent Taught Drivers Ed to a local driving school for your behind-the-wheel portion.

Step 1. Get your permit and complete all 32 classroom hours with Aceable.

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You'll want to finish your 32-hour Aceable Parent Taught Drivers Ed course before any transfers are allowed by the state of Texas. You can read about the first couple of steps for getting your permit [here](#).

Note: You cannot transfer to a driving school if you do not have an eligible parent instructor. Why? It's because any work done under Parent Taught Drivers Ed with an ineligible instructor is not considered valid. All of the work will have been done for nothing. If you have an ineligible instructor, the correct process would be to switch to our [Instructor Taught Drivers Ed](#) course by [contacting our Customer Experience team](#).

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## Step 2. Pick your driving school and let Aceable know.

Contact Aceable when you're done with all 32 hours of the course. At this time, provide us with the name and address for your driving school.

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## Step 3. We will email you a transfer certificate.

Your final certificate from Aceable is proof that you have finished all 32 hours of classroom instruction with us. The final certificate also has a spot to indicate if you are transferring from Aceable to another company. That's where we'll put your driving school information.

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## Step 4. Start your driving hours with your school.

They generally just take care of the 14 hour of in-car observation with you. The rest of your hours will be done outside of class unless your school also offers the option to do the remaining 30 hours at the school.

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## Step 5. Practice 30 more driving hours with a licensed driver over 21.

If your driving school doesn't offer these hours, you'll do them outside of class. You can follow this [handy guide](#) from the state of Texas to know what you need to learn.

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## Step 6. Hold your permit for at least 6 months.

You are required to hold your permit for at least 6 months and be at least 16 before you can get your license.

If you've already held your permit for 6 months before starting with your driving school, you do not have to restart the waiting period.

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## Step 7. Complete the Impact Texas Teen Drivers Program.

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ITTD is made up of eight 15-minute videos, totaling two hours. You can choose to watch all eight modules at one time or watch the modules separately at different times.

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While there is no expiration date listed on the ITTD certificate, you must take ITTD no more than 90 days before your driving exam. Therefore, if you don't pass your driving exam within 90 days of the date on your ITTD certificate, you must take ITTD again and get a new ITTD certificate.

To learn more about ITTD and take the course, [click here](#).

## Step 8. Schedule your driving test and get your license!

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You can get your Texas license if you meet all of the following requirements:

1. You have held your permit for at least six months.
2. You are at least 16 years old.
3. You have completed all 32 classroom hours of drivers ed.
4. You have completed 44 hours of behind-the wheel instruction and practice.
5. You have the transfer certificate from Aceable (license certificate that indicates you transferred to a driving school).
6. You got the Certificate of Completion from your local driving school for your driving hours.

If you meet all of these requirements, you can [schedule a driving exam at your local DPS](#). Please note that the DPS can book up very quickly, especially during high-volume seasons like the summer and during spring break. You should schedule your driving exam as far in advance as possible. Click [here](#) for tips on preparing for your driving exam.

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## TRANSFERRING TO ACEABLE PARENT TAUGHT FROM ANOTHER COURSE

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We'll help you figure out if you can transfer to Aceable for just the driving portion for parent taught.

## Step 1. Check if you are eligible to transfer to parent taught drivers ed.

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First, let's see if you are eligible to do just your parent taught driving hours with Aceable. There are a couple requirements you need to meet in order to be able to transfer – these are state rules.

Ask yourself these questions:

1. Have you finished all 32 classroom hours at the school or company you were with?
2. Are you able to get a transfer certificate from that school or company transferring you to your parent instructor?

If you have not finished all 32 hours at another school or company, you have to redo your classroom hours if you decide to sign up with Aceable. However, you do not have to get a new permit or start over on your 6-month waiting period for your permit.

If you have finished all 32 hours but your school won't give you a transfer certificate, unfortunately, there are no rules or regulations that can force that school to issue you a certificate. Without the certificate, you can't prove to DPS that you've finished all 32 hours. They would either expect you to finish those hours with that school OR complete all 32 hours at a different company like Aceable, for example. On the bright side, you do not have to get a new permit or start over on your 6-month waiting period for your permit.

## Step 2. Check if you have an eligible parent instructor.

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There is absolutely no way to do the parent taught program if you don't have an eligible instructor. That's why it's important to make sure you have one before paying any sort of fees!

Here are the state's eligibility requirements to be a parent instructor:

- You are the student's parent, step-parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster parent, legal guardian, or an individual designated by your parent/legal guardian/judge.
  - If you use a designated individual as your instructor, there are a few extra requirements for them. They also need to be at least 25 years old; they cannot charge a fee for being your instructor; they need at least 7 years of driving experience, and they must meet the rest of the requirements below.
  - You will also need to print out the [Parent Taught Driver Education Instructor Designation Form](#), complete it, and bring with you to the DPS when getting your license.
- You must have a valid Texas driver license for the preceding three years.\*
- You don't have a conviction or probated sentence of driving while intoxicated in the past 7 years.
- You don't have a conviction or probated sentence of criminally negligent homicide.
- You haven't had your driving privileges suspended, revoked, or forfeited for traffic-related violations in the past three years.
- You don't have six or more points assigned to your driver license.



\*If the parent instructor has had a Texas license for less than the preceding three years, they are responsible for ordering a certified driver record from the state or country where they last had a license. The driver record should go back at least three years and the DPS will need to see the record when the student gets their permit. We recommend doing a quick Google search to find out from which government entity you order your driver record. *Example: "Name of previous state or country where you last had a license + driver record."*

The parent instructor is responsible for checking their criminal and/or driver records. You can check your driving eligibility status and pay fees charged to you for your driver license suspension offenses [here](#). You can request your driver record from the state of Texas [here](#).

The DPS will verify the parent instructor's record when the student and parent go to the DPS to apply for the permit and license. If the DPS determines at that time that the parent instructor doesn't meet the state requirements, the DPS will deny the permit or license application.

\*If you don't have an eligible parent instructor, your only options are to do your driving lessons at a driving school or wait until you are 18 to take the Adult Drivers Ed course.

### Step 3. Order the Parent Taught Drivers Ed Program Guide Packet from TDLR.

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The first step of the process is ordering the Parent Taught Drivers Ed (PTDE) Program Guide Packet from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). You can order the program guide packet from the TDLR and submit the mandatory \$20 state fee online [here](#).

Why is it required?

It contains forms that you'll fill out and submit to your local DPS office when you go to get your license. Without it, you'll be turned away. It is also a state requirement that you order this before starting your parent taught driving hours with Aceable.

What if I already bought one before I got my permit?

You can still use the same one. If you've never bought the packet at all, then the program you were with was not a parent taught program, so it wasn't a requirement at that time. If you want to do your driving hours under the parent taught, you are required to order the packet.

### Step 4. Sign up with Aceable for the Behind-the-Wheel Only section for \$30.

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Purchase Aceable's Behind-the-Wheel Only course [here](#).

Contact your previous drivers ed program that you received a DE-964 Certificate (Certificate of Completion) from and tell them that you would like to transfer to a different program. They will designate your parent as the new instructor and issue you an updated certificate.

Step 5. Complete your 14 in-car observation driving hours with your parent instructor.

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Complete the 14 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction with your parent instructor using Aceable's Driving Manager. List these hours in the [Behind-the-Wheel Instruction Log](#). These hours cannot be back-dated to before you signed up with Aceable.

Contact the Aceable team after you've completed the 14 hours with your parent instructor and we'll email you a Certificate of Completion.

WAIT...but what if I've already done all 44 of my driving hours before signing up with Aceable?

Well, TDLR's rules are that the 14 hours of in-car observation must be completed while enrolled in a program whether it's at a driving school or in a parent-taught program. If you transfer to parent taught, you have to redo these 14 hours of in-car observation. The remaining 30 hours of behind-the-wheel practice aren't limited to that requirement, so you don't have to redo those.

### Step 6. Practice 30 more driving hours with a licensed driver over the age of 21.

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You'll also need to complete 30 hours of behind-the-wheel practice with any adult who is at least 21 years old or older and has had a valid Texas license for the previous three years. List these hours in the [Behind-the-Wheel Practice Log](#). You can use the [30 Hour Behind-the-Wheel Guide](#) from the state to help you complete these 30 hours of behind-the-wheel practice.

When you're done with the 30 hours of behind-the-wheel practice in Step #6, mark the Completion Date on the Certificate of Completion that we emailed to you in Step #5.

If you have done these hours already, you can use the actual dates that you worked on it. These hours can be backdated from before you signed up with Aceable.

### Step 7. Hold your permit for 6 months.

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You are required to hold your permit for at least 6 months and be at least 16 before you can get your license.

If you've already held your permit for 6 months before starting with Aceable, you do not have to restart the waiting period.

### Step 8. Complete the Impact Texas Teen Drivers Program.

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The Impact Texas Teen Drivers program (ITTD) is a free, two-hour video course provided online by the Texas DPS. Any student who has taken Texas Parent Taught Drivers Ed or Instructor Taught Drivers Ed and has received a Certificate of Completion from Aceable is required to complete ITTD no more than 90 days before their driving exam. ITTD is not optional.

ITTD is made up of eight 15-minute videos, totaling two hours. You can choose to watch all eight modules at one time or watch the modules separately at different times.

When you complete ITTD, the DPS will email you a certificate. You must print out this

certificate and present it at the DPS when you take your driving exam. If you are unable to receive your ITTD certificate through email, you can [log into your ITTD account](#) and access it there.

While there is no expiration date listed on the ITTD certificate, you must take ITTD no more than 90 days before your driving exam. Therefore, if you don't pass your driving exam within 90 days of the date on your ITTD certificate, you must take ITTD again and get a new ITTD certificate.

To learn more about ITTD and take the course, [click here](#).

## Step 9. Schedule your driving test and get your license!

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You can get your Texas license if you meet all of the following requirements:

1. You have held your permit for at least six months.
2. You are at least 16 years old.
3. You have completed all 32 classroom hours of drivers ed.
4. You have completed 44 hours of behind-the wheel instruction and practice.
5. You have the transfer certificate from your other drivers ed company.
6. You got the Certificate of Completion from Aceable for your driving hours.

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## HARDSHIP LICENSE

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A [hardship license](#)—also known as a minor restricted driver license (MRDL)—is a Texas driver license that you can get before you're 16 years old or without holding your permit for a minimum of 6 months. In order to obtain a hardship license, you must show proof of why you need to drive as soon as possible.

You can apply for a hardship license if you meet all of the following:

1. You are at least 15 years old.
2. You have completed all 32 hours of Aceable's Parent Taught Drivers Ed course and have received a Certificate of Completion from us.

3. You have completed 44 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and practice.
4. You have a qualifying hardship.

Qualifying hardships are:

- Economic need (Example: You need to go to work to support your family, but no one can drive you to work)
- Death-related emergency
- Sickness/illness/disability of family members (physician's statement required)
- Enrollment in a Vocational Education Program\* (certification from school required)

\*Vocational Education Programs include classes that require you to drive to a location as part of an internship or training program. For example, if you were in a health care internship class and needed to go to the hospital to learn from the nurses and doctors there, but you did not have anyone to drive you, you would meet this hardship.

If you are approved for a hardship license, it will expire on your next birthday.

To apply for a hardship license, bring all of the following to your DPS:

1. All the paperwork and documents needed to meet regular licensing requirements
2. A parent or legal guardian
3. A completed MRDL application (also available at any driver license office)

## PARENT TAUGHT COURSE TOOLS

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### Parent Taught Student Course Tools

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Aceable provides a variety of student course tools that you'll find very helpful. These tools include the student profile, table of contents, progress logs, practice tests, and Aceable's Driving Manager. You can learn about using these tools in the [Student Tools section](#) of our help center.

### Parent Taught Parent Monitoring Tools

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Aceable provides parents with valuable parent monitoring tools so they can keep up with the work that their students are doing in the course. These tools include progress logs, student test scores, and Aceable's Driving Manager. You can learn about using these tools in the [Parent Tools section](#) of our help center.

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT & TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you are experiencing technical issues with the web course or app, there are a variety of troubleshooting options available to you. For a detailed guide on troubleshooting your web course or app, check out [Aceable's Technical Support & Troubleshooting section](#).

## CONTACT TEXAS DPS & TDLR

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If you want to contact the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) headquarters, you can reach them at: 800-803-9202

If you want to contact the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) headquarters, you can reach them at: 512-424-2000

If you want to contact a DPS office near you, you can find that contact information [here](#).