The training required before you can apply for a license depends on how old you are when you start the process. Colorado requires teens to have a driving permit for 12 full months before applying for a license. So, if you want to get your license on your 16th birthday, you’ll need to start the process before you turn 15.

**Start at age 15 up to 15 and 6 months:**
- Complete 30-hour driver’s education course
- Apply for permit (min. age 15)
- Log 50-hours driving time
- 6 hours behind-the-wheel training is mandatory if under age 16 and 6 months at time of applying for a license.

**Start at age 15 and 6 months up to 16:**
- Complete 30-hour driver’s education course
- or
- Complete 4-hour classroom driver awareness program
- Apply for permit
- Log 50-hours driving time
- 6 hours behind-the-wheel training is optional if age 16 and 6 months or older at time of applying for a license.

**Start at age 16 - 17:**
- No requirements prior to applying for permit. Driver’s education and behind-the-wheel training strongly recommended.
- Apply for permit
- Log 50-hours driving time
- 6 hours behind-the-wheel training is optional.

Apply for license after 12 full months with permit.

All drivers under age 18 must follow restrictions outlined in this brochure. Violating them can result in a revoked license and lost driving freedom.

For a list of state-approved driving schools, visit the website for the Colorado Department of Revenue Division of Motor Vehicles at www.colorado.gov/revenue/dmv

**DID YOU KNOW?**
Studies show that teens who take professional behind-the-wheel training make safe drivers.