

Sec. 14-78-48. Instructor requirements

(a) No person shall provide any instruction to a student in a driver education program unless such person complies with the requirements of section 14-73 of the Connecticut General Statutes, makes application to the commissioner, and is licensed by the commissioner.

(b) An applicant for an instructor's license shall submit an application on a form approved by the commissioner; such application shall include all information required by the commissioner, the required fee, and be signed by the applicant.

(c) An applicant for an instructor's license shall have held a valid operator's license for the past four (4) consecutive years.

(d) An applicant for an instructor's license shall present to the commissioner certification by a physician licensed in this state that the instructor is physically fit to operate a motor vehicle and provide driver training. Such certification shall be on a form approved by the commissioner, and be based on a medical examination within the prior three (3) months, and shall be made with respect to the standards contained in 49 CFR 391.41. Any change in an instructor's medical condition, which may affect the safe operation of a motor vehicle, shall be reported in writing to the commissioner within five (5) business days.

(e) An applicant for an instructor's license shall take and pass a behind-the-wheel driving test and written test as required by the commissioner. If an applicant fails an examination, the applicant may be reexamined not earlier than five (5) business days from the date of such failure upon the completion of additional training. An applicant shall provide proof of such additional training prior to any reexamination by the commissioner. The commissioner shall determine the schedule for all such reexaminations.

(f) An applicant for an instructor's license shall take and pass a course in instructor training having at least three (3) semester hours of credit, of not less than forty-five (45) clock hours in length, which has been approved by the commissioner. Proficiency testing of each instructor shall be required by the commissioner.

(g) An applicant for an instructor's license shall be fingerprinted prior to issuance of a license and be subject to a state and national records check and a check of the state child abuse and neglect registry pursuant to section 14-73 of the Connecticut General Statutes. If there is a criminal record or listing on the state child abuse and neglect registry, the commissioner shall make a determination whether to issue a license using the standards set out in section 14-73 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(h) An applicant for an instructor's license shall have a driving history with no more than two (2) moving violations as listed in section 14-111g of the Connecticut General Statute or in section 14-137a-5 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies within the previous three (3) year period.

(i) An applicant for an instructor's license or any licensed instructor, shall be disqualified from instructor status for a period of five (5) years upon a first conviction of section 14-224, 14-227a, 14-227b, 53a-56b, 53a-57, or 53a-60d of the Connecticut General Statutes, and upon a second or subsequent conviction occurring within ten (10) years of a prior conviction, shall be disqualified for ten (10) years.

(j) Within three (3) years following their initial licensure, an instructor shall annually attend seminars in traffic safety sponsored by the department or take an advanced instructor

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course of not less than forty-five hours in traffic safety pursuant to section 14-73 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The commissioner shall approve such advanced course. An instructor shall provide the commissioner with proof of compliance of the additional training prior to his or her license renewal

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