

Sec. 14-78-35. Drivers' education certificates for those sixteen and seventeen years of age

(a) Each person sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age upon completion of the driver education program, and being determined by the commercial driving school to be a safe and capable driver and qualified to hold an operator's license, shall be issued a drivers' education certificate by the commercial driving school indicating whichever of the following is or are applicable:

(1) The successful completion of a full course of driver education as provided for in section 14-78-33 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(2) The successful completion of a course consisting of a minimum of thirty (30) hours of classroom instruction only as provided in subsection (b) of section 14-78-33 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which includes successful completion of eight (8) hours of safe driving practices, of which two (2) hours were attended by a parent or legal guardian;

(3) The successful completion of eight (8) hours of safe driving practices classroom instruction only, as provided in subsections (c) of section 14-78-33 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies; or

(4) The successful completion of the number of hours of behind-the-wheel instruction required by law.

(b) Where the student is issued a drivers' education certificate indicating successful completion of behind-the-wheel instruction only, the additional driver education requirements of section 14-36 of the Connecticut General Statutes may be met by successful completion of a minimum of thirty (30) classroom hours and, where appropriate, eight (8) hours of safe driving practices instruction, given by a licensed commercial driving school or by an approved driver education program in a secondary school. Such additional instruction shall be listed on a driver's education certificate issued by the commercial driving school or secondary school providing such training.

(c) Where a person sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age is issued a drivers' education certificate indicating successful completion of thirty (30) hours of classroom instruction only, the additional driver education requirements of section 14-36 of the Connecticut General Statutes may be met by the successful completion of the number of hours of behind-the-wheel instruction required by law. Such additional instruction shall be listed on a driver's education certificate issued by the commercial driving school or the secondary school which provided such instruction, where such additional instruction was successfully completed by the student.

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