

READY TO DRIVE?

For Teenage Drivers



A new court ruling allows 16 and 17 year-olds living in Ohio with undocumented immigrant parents to obtain their driver's permit and license. Follow the steps below to learn how!



Step 1

Driver's Permit

By age 15 and a half,* you can receive a temporary permit. To do so, you must first pass the vision and written exams. Then, you will need to pay the permit fees and present the required documents.

Step 2

Driver's Education

Before getting an Ohio driver's license in 6 months, you must first sign up, pay for, and complete a 24-hour course, 8 hours of driving with an instructor, and 50 hours of driving with a licensed adult.

Step 3

Driver's License

To take the Driver's Exam at an eligible BMV, you must bring your: completed Driver's Education Certificate, signed statement confirming 50 hours of driving, your permit, and the license fees.

*NOTE: If you are younger than 18, you will have to have a parent, guardian, or another adult with you to apply for your permit.

See "IDs For You Kids" for more information.

IDs For Your Kids

For Parents/Guardians

A new court ruling allows your 16 and 17 year-old children to obtain their driver's permit and license in Ohio, regardless of your immigration status.

Follow the steps below to learn how!



for **Identification (ID) Cards**

Children under 18 with U.S. citizenship or lawful presence can get a state ID card. A state ID card is not valid for driving a vehicle. You will need to sign their electronic application and show a form of identification:

- Driver's License
- Ohio Identification (ID) Card
- Birth Certificate
- U.S. or Foreign Passport
- Foreign ID or Consular ID

for **Driver's Permits & Licenses**

If your child is under the age of 18, they will need you (or another person who is willing to take financial responsibility of them) to sign their electronic application, present a form of identification (see examples listed to the left) and complete the Co-Signer Liability form.

NOTE: You, as the parent, do not need to show that you have a lawful immigration status. If you have trouble with your ID at the BMV, contact Allison Reynolds-Berry at Allison@IJPCcincinnati.org or call the IJPC office at 513-579-8547.