

Minimum **Education** Requirements to Qualify for a Regular (Class D) Driver Training School Instructor are:

1. Hold a Valid Drivers Education Certificate from the Department of Public Instruction.

OR

2. Successfully complete an approved instructor preparation course for regular (Class D) training instructors. Instructor preparation courses must be submitted to and approved by the director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation.
- Preparation courses conducted by a licensed commercial driver training school must consist of both classroom training and practical driving situations.
 - At a minimum, **instructor** development training must consist of 30 hours of classroom and 30 hours of behind-the-wheel practical training.
 - The behind the wheel practical training must consist of both actual driving and riding along and observing a licensed instructor during a student training session.

Approved Regular (Class D) Instructor Preparation Courses in North Dakota are:

Note: Be sure to contact the school and confirm they provide instructor training

- *1st Geer Driving School located in Bismarck 701-989-3707*
- *ABC Minot Driving School located in Minot 701-500-9969*
- *AJM Behind the Wheel located in Page 701-668-2970*
- *Behind the Wheel located in Carrington 701-652-2984*
- *Dakota Driving School located in Williston 701-774-8442*
- *Dave's Dakota Driving School located in Bismarck 701-527-0785*
- *Don's Driving School located in Bismarck 701-223-5304*
- *Fork's Drive Right located in Grand Forks 701-740-9951*
- *Gotta Go Driving School located in Fargo 701-238-0236*

- *G's Driving School located in Minot 701-852-6036*
- *Krueger Driving Academy located in Fargo 701-367-8955*
- *Larry's Driving School located in Dickinson 701-483-5754*
- *The Right Way LLC located in Grand Forks 701-772-1133*
- *Xcell Driving School located in Fargo 701-232-1200*
- *Valley Driver Education, LLC located in Wimbledon 701-491-7170*

OR

Successfully complete a series of Driver and Traffic Safety Online Courses through Minot State University.

1. Successfully complete *DTS 350 Advanced Driving* course to **initially** obtain your Class D Driving Instructor certification.
2. Within 3 years, successfully complete *DTS 230 Driver and Traffic Safety Education, DTS 260 Teenage Driving Behavior Problems, and DTS 450 Organization, Administration, & Supervision of Traffic Safety Education* courses in order to keep your Class D Driving Instructor certification.
3. At the end of the 3 years, complete annual refresher training by attending ED 500- ND Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association Conference Workshop.

Go to http://www.minotstateu.edu/drivered/dr_ed/offerings.shtml

If starting a NEW Regular Class D Driving School, the first step for the owner is to acquire an Instructor who holds a valid Drivers Education Certificate from the Department of Public Instruction or has completed an approved regular (Class D) Instructor Preparation Course (see above). Task this instructor with developing the student behind the wheel **training curriculum**. Submit the training curriculum to the North Dakota Drivers License Division for approval.

When approved, complete the remaining School and Instructor Requirements found at www.dot.nd.gov. Under the **green Public** tab, click on **Driver**. Then click on the **Driver Education** tab on the left side of the screen. Then click on **Driver Training Schools**.

Minimum **Training Curriculum** Requirements to Qualify for a Regular (Class D) Driving School:

1. Must consist of a minimum of 6 hours of actual Behind the Wheel Training (a valuable resource to enhance the learning experience is the North Dakota Noncommercial Drivers License Manual available at local Drivers License Offices and online at www.dot.nd.gov).

The 6 hours of Behind the Wheel Training must include:

- Starting and stopping the vehicle
- Proper driving posture
- Proper use of vehicle controls including use of clutch or automatic transmission
- General observation skills and attention to the driving task
- Controlling the vehicle
- Speed control
- Proper intersection speed
- Intersection observance
- Traffic lights, Stop Sign intersections, and Railroad crossings
- Adherence to other traffic signs
- Unsigned intersections
- Proper application of the right-of-way

- Proper lane positioning
- Safe lane changes
- Multi-lane and one-way streets
- Proper full stops
- Proper following distance
- Right turns and Left turns
- Proper signaling
- Backing, to include parallel parking without park assist technology
- Driving in residential, business, highway, and rural areas including gravel road surfaces