



## Driving School

### **What is included in AAA's Driver's Education program?**

- 30-hours of classroom instruction
- 12-hours of behind-the-wheel driving plus 6-hours in the car observing another student
- 2-hour state mandated parent class, attended by at least one parent (parent certificate is valid for 5 years; if the student is 18 years of age or older the parent is welcome to attend the class, but is not required to)
- Upon completion of the driver's education program and obtaining their license, each student will receive a one year AAA Basic Primary Membership or will be added as an Associate on a parent's membership (parents will be asked to approve the associate membership option) as a graduation gift from AAA.

### **How much does AAA Driving School cost?**

- The cost for AAA Members is \$700; a deposit of \$300 is required to sign up for class.
- The cost for Non-AAA Members is \$800; a deposit of \$400 is required to sign up for class.
- The balance can be paid weekly online in the student portal or by calling 413-205-2475.
- The balance is expected by completion of Classroom Instruction and no later than when the 1st in-car instruction is scheduled.
- All students can start booking driving lessons as soon as they attend the first class of the 30 hours classroom instruction, have a permit and the balance is paid.

### **How old do I need to be to start Driver's Education?**

You must be at least 15 years, 9 months of age.

### **Do I need to have my learner's permit to begin classroom instruction?**

No, you do not need a learner's permit to begin classroom instruction, but you do need it to begin behind-the-wheel driving.

### **Where are Driver's Education classes held?**

AAA Driving School offers driver's education classes at our AAA offices in Hadley, Springfield and West Springfield.

### **When are Driver's Education classes offered?**

Five-week sessions are held on Saturdays. One-week accelerated classes are offered during school vacation weeks and during the summer. Parent classes are scheduled in conjunction with each 30-hour session.

**When can I schedule my Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) driving lessons?** After you have taken the first class, obtained your learner's permit and paid your balance in full, you can schedule your six BTW driving lessons by using the student portal.

### **How do I schedule my Observation (OBS) lessons?**

You would need to email the Driving School Coordinator at [AAAdrivingschool@aaapv.com](mailto:AAAdrivingschool@aaapv.com) to schedule your OBS lessons. Please include in your email: your full name and the best days/times for scheduling the lessons.

## **What is your cancellation policy?**

If you need to cancel an in-car lesson, you must give a minimum 24-hour notice. Students who cancel an in-car lesson without giving a 24-hour notice or do not appear for a lesson will be charged an automatic \$40.00 fee. This fee must be paid prior to next scheduled in-car lesson.

## **How do I obtain my driver education certificate?**

You need to complete the drivers' education course within 2 years of your classroom start date. On the second to last in-car lesson, students must go to their student portal to the purchase tab and pre-pay the \$15 Drivers Education Certificate fee. Once the student officially completes all DOT requirements, AAA Driving School will mail confirmation to the RMV that you have completed the program.

## **How do I schedule my road test?**

AAA offers three options for scheduling your road test:

1. Saturday road test located at our West Springfield office; held the second Saturday of each month.
2. Call AAA Driving School to sponsor your road test at a local RMV location.
3. Call or go to the RMV website to schedule your test at a local RMV location.

## **Do I have to take Driver Education?**

If you want to obtain your driver's license before you turn 18 years old, you must complete a Driver Education program. You will receive a discount on your automobile insurance for completing Driver Education.

## **How long does it take to complete Driver Education and get my license?**

The length of time varies based on the following factors:

- Your age.
- The length of time you have had your permit. (under 18, the minimum RMV requirement is 183 days)
- Your individual skill level.
- Lesson availability (this will fluctuate from season to season).
- RMV testing availability.

## **How do I register for the Driver Education program?**

Call AAA Driving School at 413-205-2475 or register online at [www.AAA.com/drivingschool](http://www.AAA.com/drivingschool)

## **What fees are charged by the RMV?**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Permit test	\$30
Driver Education Certificate	\$15
Road test Appointment	\$35
Driver's License	\$50