

**R277. Education, Administration.**

**R277-507. Driver Education Endorsement.**

**R277-507-1. Authority and Purpose.**

(1) This rule is authorized by:

(a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;

(b) Subsection 53E-3-501(1)(a), which directs the Board to make rules regarding the certification of educators;

(c) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

(d) Section 53G-10-507, which directs the Board to establish procedures and standards to certify teachers of driver education classes as driver license examiners.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to establish standards and procedures for secondary teachers to qualify for a driver education endorsement.

**R277-507-2. Definitions.**

(1) "Driver License Division" or "DLD" means the Driver License Division of the Department of Public Safety.

(2) "Endorsement" means a stipulation appended to a license setting forth the areas of practice to which the license applies.

(3) "Level 1 License" means a license issued:

(a) upon completion of an approved educator preparation program;

(b) upon completion of an alternative preparation program;

(c) pursuant to an agreement under the NASDTEC Interstate Contract to candidates who have also met all ancillary requirements established by law or rule; or

(d) in accordance with the requirements of Rule R277-511.

(4) "Level 2 License" means a license issued after satisfaction of all requirements for a Level 1 license as well as any additional requirements established by law or rule relating to professional preparation or experience.

(5) "Level 3 License" means a license issued to an educator who holds a current Utah Level 2 license and has also received, in the educator's field of practice, National Board certification or a doctorate from an accredited institution.

(6) "NASDTEC Interstate Contract" means the contract implementing Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 10, Compact for Interstate Qualification of Educational Personnel, which is

administered through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, and which provides for reciprocity of educator licenses among states.

(7)(a) "Utah Driver Handbook" means a manual, prepared and periodically updated by the DLD, containing the rules which should be followed when operating a motor vehicle in Utah.

(b) The updated Utah Driver Handbook is available at <http://dld.utah.gov/handbooksprintableforms/>.

### **R277-507-3. Endorsement Requirements.**

(1) A driver education endorsement shall be added to an educator's Level 1, 2, or 3 license if the educator:

(a) has a valid and current Level 1, 2, or 3 license with an area of concentration in one or more of the following:

- (i) Secondary Education;
- (ii) Special Education;
- (iii) School Counselor; or
- (iv) Career and Technical Education;

(b) has a valid Utah automobile operator's license;

(c) has not had an automobile operator's license suspended or revoked during the two year period immediately prior to applying for the endorsement; and

(d) has completed the professional preparation requirements set forth in Subsection (2).

(2) A high school driver education teacher shall complete professional preparation which includes sixteen (16) semester hours in the area of driver and safety education, as follows:

(a) a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours shall be in the area of driver and safety education, including a practicum covering classroom, on-street, simulator, and driving range instruction;

(b) a minimum of two (2) semester hours of Driver Education State Law and Policy through Utah Education Network;

(c) a minimum of one (1) semester hour of current/valid first aid and CPR training; and

(d) a minimum of one (1) semester hour of DLD online examiners training.

(3) In order for a high school driver education teacher to be certified as a driver license examiner by the DLD, the teacher shall first be licensed and endorsed as provided in this Section R277-507-3 by the Board.

(4) After meeting the criteria of Subsection(1), a high school driver education teacher shall obtain a valid and current certificate from the DLD to administer written and driving tests, in accordance with Section 53G-10-507.

**R277-507-4. Driver Education Program Standards.**

A teacher preparation program of an institution may be approved by the Board if it requires demonstrated competency by the teacher in:

- (1) structuring, implementing, identifying and developing support materials related to:
  - (a) regular classroom instruction;
  - (b) multimedia instruction;
  - (c) driving simulation;
  - (d) off-street multiple car driving range experiences; and
  - (e) on-street driving experiences;
- (2) assisting students in examining and clarifying their attitudes and values about safety;
- (3) understanding and explaining the basic principles of motor vehicle systems, dynamics, and maintenance;
- (4) understanding and explaining the interaction of all highway transportation system elements;
- (5) initiating emergency procedures under varying circumstances;
- (6) motor vehicle operation and on-street instruction;
- (7) understanding and explaining the physiological and psychological influences of alcohol and other drugs especially as they relate to driving;
- (8) understanding and explaining seat belt safety;
- (9) understanding and explaining the consequences of distracted driving;
- (10) understanding and explaining due process in the legal system;
- (11) communicating effectively with federal, state, and local agencies concerning safety issues;
- (12) understanding and explaining the frequency, severity, nature and prevention of accidents related to driving which occur in various age groups in various life activities; and
- (13) understanding and explaining the Utah Driver Handbook.

**R277-507-5. Endorsement Suspension.**

(1) A driver education endorsement shall be immediately suspended and the previously-endorsed individual may not be allowed to teach driver education following the

suspension or revocation of the individual's automobile operator's license.

(2) Once an individual's endorsement to teach has been suspended, the individual shall maintain a driving record free of convictions for moving violations or chargeable accidents for a period of two years before the endorsement to teach may be reinstated.

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