

## Does My State Have to Meet Each Standard in the NTDETAS?

The Standards are voluntary; each state is encouraged to implement as many of the standards as possible. It is understood that not all States can implement all of the standards at once, but that States should develop a plan to implement these standards incrementally.

## Why Should I Care About the Standards?

The NTDETAS are recommended and intended to be accepted as the minimum standard for “novice driver education programs” within the United States. They serve as a guide for driver education programs in States striving to provide quality, consistent driver education. These are all minimum requirements that State’s should strive to achieve.

## How Can I Provide Input to the Standards?

Recommendations, suggestions, comments or concerns relating to the NTDETAS Standards and/or Strategic Plan must be submitted to the Association’s Secretariat and forwarded to the Chairperson of the ANSTSE. More information can be found in the “Requirements for the Review and Update of the NTDEAS and the Strategic Plan” document at [www.anstse.info](http://www.anstse.info).

## How Do I Know if My State Meets the Standards?

Complete a state self-assessment on the Information Sharing System site at [www.anstse.info](http://www.anstse.info). Conduct a NHTSA State Assessment to evaluate the state’s driver education program and how well the state aligns with the NTDETAS. For more information on state assessments visit the NHTSA website at: [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

The Association of National Stakeholders in Traffic Safety Education (ANSTSE) was established in 2010 to maintain and, when necessary, upgrade the NTDETAS and to provide oversight in implementation activities. ANSTSE is an Association of voluntary Stakeholders dedicated to identifying and advocating areas of common ground for the improvement of driver education. The NTDETAS were revised in 2017 by ANSTSE with assistance from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to define the future of driver education and assist in improving the delivery of driver education programs nationally.

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# Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards

2017



## Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards (NTDETAS) 2017 Revision

- Program Administration
- Education and Training
  - Content Standards
  - Classroom Delivery
  - Behind-the-Wheel Delivery
  - Online Delivery
- Instructor Qualifications
  - Stages for Instructor Preparation Program
  - Model Teacher Training Materials
- Coordination with Driver Licensing
- Parent/Guardian Involvement

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## What are the Standards?

The Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards (NTDETAS) were developed to define the future of driver education and assist in improving the delivery of driver education programs nationally.

They represent the best efforts of professionals from a wide spectrum of interests to provide guidance that will enhance the uniformity, professionalism and effectiveness of driver education across the nation.

The NTDETAS were created to serve as the foundation for State policies on driver education and training and help an organization be successful in administering and/or providing driver education and training, consistent with the latest advances in methodology, subject matter, and technology.

## Why the Standards Should be Implemented?

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for teen drivers age 15-19. The death of each teen represents a person, not a number. Driver education has been proven to be a successful countermeasure in reducing teen crashes and citations.

Enhancing the quality of driver education programs should be a high priority of every state and driver education provider.

Every family should feel that their teen is receiving the highest quality driver education available.

**Driver Education Saves Lives!**

## What Areas Do the Standards Cover?

The NTDETAS cover **five** key areas:

1. Program Administration
2. Education and Training, including classroom, BTW and online delivery standards
3. Instructor Qualifications
4. Coordination with Driver Licensing
5. Parent/Guardian Involvement

## What Specific Topics do the Standards Cover?

- How states should administer and oversee driver education (DE) programs.
- How many hours of classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction the DE program should consist of.
- The content that should be covered in DE courses.
- How behind-the-wheel training should be conducted.
- How online DE programs should be delivered.
- What qualifications DE instructors should possess, including continuing education requirements.
- Resource materials to assist in training DE instructors.
- How DE should integrate with Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL).
- How parents should be involved in their teen's learning-to-drive process.

## Who Should Use the Standards?

States and driver education providers striving to provide quality, consistent driver education and training should use the Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards to improve their driver education programs.

## What Should I Do Next?

- Visit [www.anstse.info](http://www.anstse.info).
- Review the Standards in the 5 key areas.
- Complete a state self-assessment on the Information Sharing System site at [www.anstse.info](http://www.anstse.info) or review and update the state self-assessment if already completed.
- Consider requesting pre-technical assistance from ANSTSE to review areas in your driver education program that need improved.
- Consider hosting a comprehensive NHTSA DE State assessment to help identify reasonable next steps in making your state's driver education program even stronger.
- Consider requesting post-technical assistance from ANSTSE to implement recommendations made from the State assessment.

