

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

The Standards are voluntary; however, States are encouraged to develop a plan to incrementally adopt as many standards as possible.

Why Should the Standards be Implemented?

Driver education and training 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 and training provider. Every family should receive the highest quality driver education and training available.

How Can I Provide Input to the Standards?

Recommendations, suggestions, comments or concerns relating to the NTDETAS and/or Strategic Plan can be submitted to the Association's Secretariat. More information can be found in the "Requirements for the Review and Update of the NTDETAS and the Strategic Plan" document at www.anstse.info.

How Does My State Align with the Standards?

Complete a state self-assessment using the NTDETAS State Self-Assessment tool at www.anstse.info.

Consider conducting a NHTSA State Assessment of your Driver Education and Training Program. For more information visit www.anstse.info.



The Association of National Stakeholders in Traffic Safety Education (ANSTSE) was established in 2010 to maintain and, when necessary, upgrade the NTDETAS. ANSTSE is an Association of voluntary Stakeholders dedicated to identifying areas of common ground and consensus to support the NTDETAS. The NTDETAS were revised in 2023 by stakeholders in the driver education and training community and ANSTSE with assistance from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to define the future of driver education and advance the administration and delivery of driver education programs nationally.

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Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards



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What are the Standards?

The Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards (NTDETAS) were created to serve as the foundation for States to be successful in administering and delivering driver education and training programs consistent with the latest advances in methodology, subject matter, and technology.

The NTDETAS represent the minimum requirements States should strive to achieve to provide quality, consistent, and equitable driver education and training.

These standards represent the highest collective knowledge based on subject matter expert input and available research findings. They provide States with guidance to enhance their programs and identify opportunities for improvement.

The Effectiveness of Driver Education

Driver education is recognized and promoted as a safety measure that dates back to the early 1930s. Although past evaluations have reported results that often challenged its safety benefits, research shows driver education to be effective.

Recent studies on the effects of driver education in Oregon, Nebraska, Georgia, and Ohio found reductions in crashes and traffic violations among teen drivers who completed a quality driver education and training program. For the research reports visit: www.anstse.info.

What Areas Do the Standards Cover?

The NTDETAS cover **five** key areas:

1. Program Administration
2. Education and Training, including curriculum content, classroom, behind-the-wheel (BTW) and online/virtual delivery standards
3. Instructor, Mentor, and Instructor Trainer Qualifications
4. Coordination, Collaboration, and Communication 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 BTW instruction a DE program should consist of.
- The content that should be covered in DE courses.
- How BTW training should be conducted.
- How online/virtual DE programs should be delivered.
- What qualifications DE instructors should possess and training they should receive.
- Resource materials to assist in training DE instructors.
- How DE should integrate with Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL).
- How parents/guardians should be involved in their teen's learning-to-drive process.

Who Should Use the Standards?

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

What Should I Do Next?

- Visit www.anstse.info.
- Review the NTDETAS in the 5 key areas.
- Complete a state self-assessment at www.anstse.info or review and update the state self-assessment if already completed.
- Consider requesting from ANSTSE, at no cost to the State, ANSTSE State Consultation Services:
 - ◇ to review possible areas of advancement in your driver education and training program.
 - ◇ after conducting an Assessment to help meet recommendations made from the NHTSA State Assessment.
- Consider hosting a comprehensive NHTSA Driver Education State Assessment to help identify reasonable next steps in making your State's driver education program even stronger.

