TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF **LICENSING & REGULATION**

Parent-Taught Driver Education: The Process

Getting Started

Parent Taught Driver Education (PTDE) is a driver education course that allows parents, step-parents, grandparents, step-grandparents, foster parents or legal guardians can teach their teenager how to drive. Parent Taught Driver Education has the same education and driving requirements as driver education taken through a licensed driver education school or public school.

A teenager can begin the classroom portion of driver education at age 14, but cannot get a Learner License until they are 15 years old, have completed the first 6 hours of driver education (if using the Concurrent Method) or all 32 hours of classroom instruction (if using the Block Method); and have received a Texas Driver Education Certificate of Completion (DE-964).

When you order a PTDE guide to teach your child's driver education course, you're promising that you'll take that responsibility seriously and perform all the tasks required as an instructor.

Please note: If the parent instructor has a criminal history or a history of driving tickets, they should check their eligibility with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) before starting instruction. https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/txldrcdr/TXDPSLicenseeManager

Sounds great! What should we do first?

By ordering a PTDE guide, the parent instructor takes charge of driver education for the teen driver by working with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and a TDLR-approved PTDE Course Provider.

1. Order the PTDE Guide from TDLR. You can purchase the guide online or download the order form. The guide costs $20 and is non-refundable.
2. Decide whether you're using the Concurrent Method or the Block Method of instruction when you purchase a course from a TDLR-approved Course Provider.
   - Concurrent Method: The student completes six hours of classroom instruction before getting a Learner License
   - Block Method: The student completes all 32 hours of classroom instruction before getting a Learner License.
3. Next, purchase an approved PTDE course from an approved PTDE Course Provider. Search for approved Parent Taught Driver Education courses. Course costs can vary widely. TDLR cannot provide recommendations on which course to take.
4. You can start teaching the course once you receive your PTDE Program Guide from TDLR and the training materials from an approved PTDE Course Provider.

The Texas Driver Handbook is also handy. Download that here for free: http://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/Forms/DL-7.pdf.