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Driver Education Traffic Safety (DETS)

- How does the new law on Driver Education Requirements affect me?
 - The new law requires that effective August 1, 2025 applicants under 18 years of age applying for a Florida Learner's Permit in Florida, must complete the new 6-hour Driver Education Traffic Safety (DETS) course to meet the minimum requirements.
 - Individuals ages 14-17 years of age who take the current Traffic Law Substance and Education (TLSAE) 4-hour course prior to August 1, 2025 will be grandfathered in for one year after the completion date.
- I already completed the Traffic Law & Substance Abuse 4-hour course, do I have to take the Driver Education Traffic Safety (DETS) course before obtaining my permit?
 - No, there is an approved transition period that has been authorized for those who take the Traffic Law Substance and Education (TLSAE) course prior to August 1, 2025. We will continue to accept both Traffic Law Substance and Education (TLSAE) course and Driver Education Traffic Safety (DETS) course completions.
- Will those whom already took the course be grandfathered in?
 - Yes, individuals ages 14-17 years of age who completed the Traffic Law Substance and Education (TLSAE) 4-hour course **prior to August 1, 2025**. These individuals will be grandfathered in and allowed to use their TLSAE course completion certificate **for one year after the completion date**.
 - Individuals ages 14-17 years of age who **do not obtain a FL driver license within the year** will be required to take the new 6-hour Driver Education Traffic Safety (DETS) course to meet requirements for issuance.
- I am under 18 years of age, hold an out of state license and I am transferring to Florida, will I be impacted?
 - Applicants under 18 years of age who already hold an out of state license transferring to Florida will not be impacted by the new law.
- I have a Florida Learner's Permit, will I be impacted?
 - Individuals who have already obtained a Florida learner's license prior to August 1, 2025 will not be impacted.
- I am over 18 years of age and a Florida resident attempting to obtain my permit, what course do I take?
 - Applicants 18 or older attempting to obtain their permit will continue to use the TLSAE course for licensure.

For more information: Visit www.FLHSMV.gov or call 352-569-6740.