

WAC 308-108-020 Definitions. The definitions of this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Adult course" means the course offered to adults who do not need the comprehensive driver training education required for minor drivers.

(2) "Behind the wheel instruction" means that portion of a traffic safety education course that consists of on-street, dual-controlled vehicle operation or similar instruction given under simulated conditions that has been approved by the director.

(3) "Branch office" or "branch classroom" means a facility within a 35-mile radius of a driver training school's established place of business, except where the 35-mile radius requirement has been waived or extended by the department as provided by RCW 46.82.360 (6)(c), that has been approved by the department for use by the driver training school.

(4) "Classroom," defined in RCW 46.82.280(2), may also include a virtual classroom environment when video conferencing technology is capable of two-way communication between the instructor and all students.

(5) "Course cost" means the price charged for a course offering before any taxes, subsidies, discounts, or other price reductions or additional fees.

(6) "Department" means the department of licensing.

(7) "Driver training education course" means the driver training education course as defined in RCW 46.82.280 and following the required curriculum.

(8) "Engage in a course of instruction" means to enroll in, schedule, collect a fee for, or sign an application for an instruction permit in order to attend or take part in a driver training education course.

(9) "Inactive instructor" means an instructor with a valid Washington instructor's license who is no longer employed by or otherwise associated with a licensed driver training school.

(10) "Instructor-led" means person-to-person learning where students can ask questions, receive feedback in real-time, and interaction and discussion are enabled.

(11) "Instructor-trainer" means a currently licensed instructor who is training traffic safety education instructors and who has not less than:

(a) One thousand hours of experience in providing traffic safety education in the past year;

(b) Five years of previous experience in providing traffic safety education; or

(c) One thousand hours or five years experience in the field of traffic safety and proof of training acceptable to the director in how to teach and train others, and not less than 300 hours of previous experience in training others.

(12) "License or endorsement test" means a test that is required to obtain a personal or commercial driver license or permit or a motorcycle permit or endorsement.

(13) "Records" means all documents, papers and reports required to own a driver training school, including but not limited to:

(a) Vehicle registration, title, insurance policy, and maintenance information;

(b) Business financial documents, such as franchise agreements, corporate documents, bank records, partnership agreements, lease agreements, and purchase and sale agreements; and

(c) Student classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction reports.

(14) "Required curriculum" means the *Washington Traffic Safety Education Required Curriculum Standards*, which prescribes the mandatory content and objectives for all driver education courses in Washington. These standards are jointly developed and approved by the department of licensing and the office of the superintendent of public instruction and are incorporated by reference in this chapter.

(15) "Student" means any person enrolled in an approved driver training education course who is at least 15 years of age.

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