

**Chapter 308-108 WAC  
DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOLS**

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**DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER**

308-108-190	Emergency clause. [Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290. WSR 20-20-143, § 308-108-190, filed 10/7/20, effective 11/7/20.] Repealed by WSR 22-22-075, filed 10/31/22, effective 12/1/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290 and 46.01.110.
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**WAC 308-108-010 Promulgation—Authority.** Pursuant to RCW 46.82.290(2), this chapter is promulgated for the purpose of establishing basic requirements governing the operations and scope of traffic safety education programs that are offered by commercial businesses, and includes policies and practices for monitoring and ensuring the ongoing quality of the commercial driver training program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290. WSR 05-16-061, § 308-108-010, filed 7/29/05, effective 8/29/05.]

**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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**WAC 308-108-025 Fees.** The following fees shall be charged by the driver services division, department of licensing:

<b>Title of Fee</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Driver training school license original application	\$500.00
Driver training school license renewal application	250.00
Driver training school license transfer	500.00
Branch office or branch classroom original application	250.00
Branch office or branch classroom renewal application	125.00
Instructor's license original application	125.00
Instructor's license renewal application	100.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Knowledge and/or skill examination	25.00

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**WAC 308-108-070 Background check and fingerprint check.** An instructor, owner, or other person affiliated with a school who has contact with students must complete a background check through the Washington state patrol criminal identification system and through the federal bureau of investigation, including a fingerprint check, as required by RCW 46.82.325(1).

(1) An applicant for an instructor's license must complete the check at the time of initial application or, for a currently licensed instructor who has not completed such check within the past five years, at the time of the next application for a license renewal.

(2) An owner must complete the check at the time of initial application for a driver training school license or, for an owner of a currently licensed school who has not completed such check within the past five years, at the time of the next application for a license renewal.

(3) A person affiliated with a school who has contact with students must complete the check at the time of initial affiliation with the school or, for a person who is currently affiliated with a school who has not completed such check within the past five years, within the sixty-days prior to the next application for a license renewal for the school. A person who must complete the check under this subsection at the time of initial affiliation with a school may begin duties following the department's notice that it has received an acceptable local criminal background check through the Washington state patrol criminal identification system, pending the outcome of the fingerprint check using the fingerprint card.

(4) For the purpose of chapter 46.82 RCW, a person affiliated with a school is considered to be a person directly or indirectly interested in the driver training school's business.

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46.82.290, 46.82.310, 46.82.320, 46.82.330, and 46.82.340. WSR 07-01-069, § 308-108-070, filed 12/18/06, effective 1/18/07.]

**WAC 308-108-080 Instructor's license—Application.** (1) To ensure that an applicant or instructor meets the conditions set out in RCW 46.82.330 (2)(a), the department shall review the complete abstract of driving record for all instructor's license applicants and licensed instructors. For this purpose:

(a) A moving traffic violation is an offense listed as a moving violation in WAC 308-104-160. The department will determine the number of moving traffic violations received by an applicant within a given time period based on the date(s) that the violation(s) occurred.

(b) A drug or alcohol-related traffic violation will be deemed to have occurred if it resulted in:

(i) A conviction or finding that a traffic infraction was committed for violation of RCW 46.61.502, 46.61.503, 46.61.504, 46.61.519, 46.61.5195, 46.61.520 (1)(a), 46.61.522 (1)(b), or 46.61.5249, or a substantially similar law, administrative regulation, local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution of a political subdivision of this state, the federal government, or any other state;

(ii) An administrative action imposed under RCW 46.20.3101;

(iii) An administrative action imposed under RCW 46.25.090 (1)(a), (b), or (e); or

(iv) Entry into a deferred prosecution agreement for an alcohol-dependency based case.

(2) The instructor's license applicant must submit satisfactory evidence of completion of a course of instruction as approved by the director in the training of drivers at time of initial application.

(3) For instructor's licenses that expire on or after July 1, 2007, each application for renewal of an instructor's license must be accompanied by proof of no less than eight hours of continuing professional development as approved by the director.

(4) Application for initial or renewal of an instructor's license is not complete until the applicant passes any examination requirement for licensure under RCW 46.82.320(1) or 46.82.330 (2)(e).

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**WAC 308-108-090 Instructing instructors in the training of drivers.** (1) The course of instruction approved by the director in the training of drivers required under RCW 46.82.330 (2)(d) shall include instruction in driver education classroom methods and principles that prepare an instructor to provide traffic safety education as described in these rules and in state law.

(2) To ensure the quality of the training given, the instruction course must:

(a) Be provided by, and under the direct supervision of:

(i) An institution of higher learning accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges or by an accrediting association recognized by the higher education board;

(ii) A licensed private vocational school as that term is defined by RCW 28C.10.020(7); or

(iii) An instructor-trainer.

(b) Be not less than one hundred hours in total length and consist of:

(i) Not less than forty hours of instruction in behind the wheel teaching methods;

(ii) Not less than twenty hours of supervised practice in behind the wheel teaching of driving techniques;

(iii) Not less than forty hours total of instruction that includes all of the following areas:

(A) Education and special education;

(B) Driver education teacher, instructor, or trainer skills training;

(C) Classroom teaching techniques;

(D) Communication skills;

(E) Teaching the concepts of driving and traffic safety to others;

(F) Educational methods, theories and concepts in teaching a driver education course, and knowledge of all aspects of the driving task;

(G) Developing instructional materials and activities that aid student learning and performance;

(H) Defining and describing the nature of the driving task on public highways;

(I) Establishing and maintaining classroom organization;

(J) Managing enrollment, student scheduling, student records, and required reports; and

(K) Planning a course of student instruction with outlines, lesson plans, and student performance evaluation tools.

(3) The department must approve an instructor training course curriculum before use by an instructor-trainer.

(4) Any revision to an approved instructor training course curriculum used by an instructor-trainer must be submitted for review and approval by the department no less than thirty days prior to its use.

(5) The department may consider other instructional methods, instruction providers, or academic instruction in lieu of those listed in subsection (2) of this section.

(6) The department may monitor instructor education courses at any time to ensure that the instructor training requirements of this section are being satisfied.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290. WSR 09-21-093, § 308-108-090, filed 10/20/09, effective 11/20/09; WSR 07-01-070, § 308-108-090, filed 12/18/06, effective 9/1/07; WSR 05-16-061, § 308-108-090, filed 7/29/05, effective 8/29/05.]

**WAC 308-108-100 Place of business—Classroom space.** (1) The place of business of a driver training school must:

(a) Not be established nor any business of a driver training school conducted or solicited within one thousand feet of an office building owned or leased by the department of licensing in which ex-

aminations for driver's licenses are conducted. The distance of one thousand feet shall be measured along the public streets by the nearest route from the place of business to such building. If the department establishes an office in which examinations for driver's licenses are conducted within one thousand feet of a driver training school's existing location, the driver training school may continue operations in such location until there is a change in school ownership, or the license to operate is not renewed or is suspended or revoked for cause.

(b) Be regularly occupied and used exclusively for the business of giving driver instruction, except for purposes of administering examinations as may be permitted under chapter 308-110 WAC. Regularly occupied means that the public and the department can expect to make contact with the school owner or its staff or instructors at the main office during its business hours; and

(c) Meet all applicable requirements of chapter 46.82 RCW.

(2) A driver training school's classroom space must:

(a) Provide sufficient seating and table or desk space for all students enrolled in each class;

(b) Be properly equipped with all other equipment necessary for student training and instruction purposes; and

(c) Be separated from the business office by using walls, partitions, or alternate scheduling when a school must use one space for both activities.

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**WAC 308-108-110 Traffic safety education vehicles.** (1) All vehicles used for student instruction by a commercial driver training school shall:

(a) Carry a minimum twenty-piece approved first aid kit, fire extinguisher safely secured in the vehicle and fully charged, and an emergency strobe light, reflective triangle, or two eighteen-inch traffic cones;

(b) Maintain an annual vehicle inspection form meeting minimum equipment and safety criteria established by the department that has been conducted by or for the school owner; and

(c) Be used exclusively for driver training purposes at all times when student instruction is being given.

(2) Records of all traffic safety education vehicles used by a commercial driver training school shall:

(a) Be maintained at the school's primary place of business; and

(b) Include the original insurance policy or policies covering the vehicles and copies of the current vehicle registrations and annual vehicle safety inspection report.

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**WAC 308-108-120 Administration.** (1) The driver training school's license and all instructor certificates shall be posted in a conspicuous place before engaging students in a course of instruction. An additional electronic copy will be provided to school customers, upon request.

(2) Each driver training school shall adopt and provide for its customers a written policy that includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Enrollment criteria;
- (b) Student fees and student fee refunds;
- (c) Course failures and course repeats;
- (d) The minimum and maximum course duration;
- (e) Refusing to allow a student to attend a driver training education course before the age of 15 years;
- (f) Refusing to enroll new students in a driver education course after the first three classes have been completed; and
- (g) Information about Washington's intermediate licensing requirements, restrictions, and penalties and a place for parents to initial indicating that they have received the information.

(3) Driver training school owners and instructors shall maintain individual student records on forms provided by the department or on substantially similar forms that have been approved by the department. Student records shall document for each student:

- (a) Course attendance, starting, and ending dates;
- (b) The dates and times for each session of classroom and behind the wheel instruction;
- (c) Classroom and behind the wheel progress and time involvement or flowchart;
- (d) Classroom and behind the wheel performance evaluation results;
- (e) The name and signature of the instructor who provided each session of classroom and behind the wheel instruction; and
- (f) That both the student and parent received intermediate license requirements, restriction, and penalty information.

(4) Student records must be maintained by a driver training school for three years from the date instruction has ended.

(5) Driver training school records that must be maintained by a driver training school for three years, include but are not limited to:

- (a) The school's written curriculum guide;
- (b) Insurance policies;
- (c) Collision or injury reports;
- (d) Traffic safety education vehicle registration records; and
- (e) Records of any traffic violations committed by an instructor employed by the school.

(6) Upon the sale or other transfer of a school by its owner, the school and student records shall be transferred to the new owner and become the property and responsibility of the new owner.

(7) The driving school owner must notify the department within 30 days of closing the school and submit all unused traffic safety certificates and student course completion reports to the department.

(8) Class size must not exceed city fire code requirements for the classroom.

(9) Traffic safety education classroom hours shall not overlap between two or more classes.

(10) Failure to renew a school license before it expires will put all related branch office or branch classroom licenses into an inactive status.

(11) Student records are subject to department audit and inspection anytime after 90 days of the school's initial licensing, or as soon as practicable for the department.

(12) Branch office or classroom locations must display an official license issued by the department in a conspicuous place.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290 and 46.01.110. WSR 22-22-075, § 308-108-120, filed 10/31/22, effective 12/1/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290. WSR 09-21-093, § 308-108-120, filed 10/20/09, effective 11/20/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290, 46.82.310, 46.82.320, 46.82.330, and 46.82.340. WSR 07-01-069, § 308-108-120, filed 12/18/06, effective 1/18/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290. WSR 05-16-061, § 308-108-120, filed 7/29/05, effective 8/29/05.]

**WAC 308-108-130 Inspection and review.** (1) The department may require that a driver training school owner submit to an inspection or review of the school's operations and records at any time during regular business hours.

(2) Records shall be housed electronically or via hard copy and made available for inspection within two business days following a request for review by the department.

(3) Schools will provide the department access to virtual classroom sessions upon request.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290 and 46.01.110. WSR 22-22-075, § 308-108-130, filed 10/31/22, effective 12/1/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290, 46.82.310, 46.82.320, 46.82.330, and 46.82.340. WSR 07-01-069, § 308-108-130, filed 12/18/06, effective 1/18/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290. WSR 05-16-061, § 308-108-130, filed 7/29/05, effective 8/29/05.]

**WAC 308-108-140 Reporting requirements.** (1) All driver training school owners shall:

(a) Report to the department within 10 days any driving or traffic-related incidents involving an instructor employed by the school including, but not limited to:

(i) Conviction for a traffic violation;

(ii) Finding that a traffic infraction has been committed;

(iii) Entry into a deferred prosecution agreement; or

(iv) Suspension, revocation, cancellation, or denial of driving privileges.

(b) Report to the department within 24 hours following any traffic safety education vehicle involved in a traffic collision for which an accident report must be or has been made under the provisions of RCW 46.52.030. Prior to the return to service of any traffic safety education vehicle that has been involved in a collision, the school owner must forward a vehicle inspection report to the department.

(c) Forward to the department by the seventh day of each month, a report of student enrollment in traffic safety education courses provided by the school, including but not limited to:

(i) The start date and end date of any courses provided by the school that are initiated during the reporting period, including the total number of students enrolled in each course;

(ii) The names and certificate numbers of all instructors providing classroom and/or behind the wheel instruction for each course;

(iii) The names and instruction permit or driver's license numbers or dates of birth of all students enrolled in each course, along with the identifying number of the traffic safety education certificate reserved for each student for issuance upon successful completion of the course.

(d) Not less than annually, have completed and have on file at the main school location a vehicle inspection report as required under WAC 308-108-110 (1)(b) for all traffic safety education vehicles in use by the school.

(e) Report to the department within 10 days any new vehicles used by the school for instructional purposes or any vehicles taken out of service.

(2) All driver training schools must report the following information to the department at time of license application, license renewal, and no less than once per year unless otherwise specified in this or another chapter:

(a) Name of business;

(b) Location(s) where services are provided, in standard USPS format;

(c) Contact information, including:

(i) Phone number;

(ii) Email address;

(iii) Website (if applicable);

(d) Language(s) training course services are offered in;

(e) Course offerings, including:

(i) Driver training education course;

(ii) Adult course;

(iii) Course cost; and

(f) License or endorsement test offerings.

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**WAC 308-108-150 Course requirements.** Driver training schools that provide education for persons under the age of 18 must ensure their course:

(1) Includes a minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction;

(2) Meets the behind the wheel instruction and observation requirements of WAC 308-108-160;

(3) Has a minimum of one hour and no more than two hours of classroom instruction and no more than one hour of behind the wheel instruction during a single day, except when adding a make-up class, in which case classroom instruction must not exceed four hours in a single day;

(4) Has a classroom portion that is instructor-led, where the instructor is present for the duration of instruction, and consists of:

- (a) Lecture, group work, videos, and/or other activities;
- (b) Teacher and student interaction; and
- (c) Questions and answers, and/or discussion;
- (5) Has no more than six make-up hours of alternative instructor-led classroom instruction, delivering the same information that was missed.
- (6) Has all students in a classroom session on the same lesson, with the exception of make-up lessons. Open enrollment or self-paced instruction is not permitted;
- (7) Is not completed in fewer than 30 calendar days;
- (8) Includes comprehensive final written and behind the wheel examinations;
- (9) Has a flow chart that indicates how the classroom and behind the wheel instruction are completed throughout the course;
- (10) Includes information on the state of Washington's intermediate license requirements, restrictions, violations, and sanctions for violation of these requirements;
- (11) Includes the delivery of instructional material developed by the department and the federally designated organ procurement organization for Washington state relating to organ and tissue donation awareness education; and
- (12) Has a designated time for a parent, guardian, or employer night that is no less than one hour, which may fulfill one of the 30 hours required for student training, and must include:
  - (a) Instruction on the parent, guardian, or employer responsibilities and the importance of parent, guardian, or employer involvement with the teen driver;
  - (b) Information on intermediate license laws, restrictions, and sanctions;
  - (c) An introduction to the parent guide to teen driving; and
  - (d) A questions and answers period.

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- WAC 308-108-155 Required curriculum.** (1) The curriculum for traffic safety education courses in Washington state shall comply with the *Washington Traffic Safety Education Required Curriculum Standards*, published and jointly approved by the department of licensing and the office of the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to RCW 46.82.420. These standards are incorporated by reference into this chapter and are available for review on the department's website.
- (2) Courses must include instruction on the following concepts outlined in the required curriculum:
    - (a) Classroom standards:
      - (i) Traffic safety education introduction;
      - (ii) Vehicle components;
      - (iii) Vehicle maintenance and malfunctions;
      - (iv) Vehicle handling;

- (v) Vehicle safety technology systems;
- (vi) Driver behavior;
- (vii) Driver attention and perception;
- (viii) Driver respect and responsibility;
- (ix) Rules of the road;
- (x) Sharing the road;
- (xi) Perception and risk management;
- (xii) Emergencies and adverse conditions;
- (b) Behind-the-wheel standards:
  - (i) Vehicle components and safety technology;
  - (ii) Vehicle handling;
  - (iii) Driver behavior;
  - (iv) Driver attention;
  - (v) Sharing the road;
  - (vi) Hazard awareness and navigation.

(3) Driver training schools must submit a detailed description of their course curriculum to the DOL using the designated form. This form must outline how the school's instruction fulfills the required curriculum standards, specifying whether they are using preapproved instructional resources or submitting their own materials for department review and approval.

(4) The school must update the designated form and submit changes in curriculum to the department for review and approval.

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**WAC 308-108-160 Behind the wheel instruction and observation.**

(1) Instruction provided to students under the age of eighteen must include:

(a) Behind the wheel instruction consisting of:

(i) Not less than six hours of on-street behind the wheel vehicle operation under the direct supervision and direction of a licensed instructor; or

(ii) Five or more hours of on-street behind the wheel vehicle operation and four or more hours of driving simulation instruction under the direct supervision and direction of a licensed instructor; and

(b) One or more hours of additional in-vehicle driver observation.

(2) Behind the wheel instruction must be documented on a form provided or approved by the department, including the time the instruction was conducted, the signature of the instructor, and initials of the student.

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**WAC 308-108-165 Prohibition on wireless communication devices during instruction.**

(1) Driving school instructors must not use personal electronic devices, hands-free or otherwise, that distract from or interfere with the behind the wheel or classroom instruction task. This includes the use of any communications devices that result in

verbal or written text responses while conducting instruction. While supervising the operation of a vehicle, instructors are additionally prohibited from sending or receiving messages with these devices. Ring volumes for these devices, or any phone in proximity, are to be silenced so as not to interfere in any way with the student learning or interacting with the instructor.

(2) This section does not apply to voice activated GPS devices or classroom devices that are being used as part of an approved curriculum. This section also does not preclude the use of devices to report illegal activity, summon medical or other emergency help, or prevent injury to a person or property, as permitted under RCW 46.61.672.

(3) An unreasonable risk associated with a failure to obey this section is a violation of RCW 18.235.130(4).

(4) This section does not prohibit the use of wireless communication devices during instruction if the use is to access a virtual classroom or in the case of an emergency.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290 and 46.01.110. WSR 22-22-075, § 308-108-165, filed 10/31/22, effective 12/1/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.01.110, 46.20.2891, 46.82.290, and 46.90.010. WSR 17-21-026, § 308-108-165, filed 10/10/17, effective 11/10/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290. WSR 09-21-093, § 308-108-165, filed 10/20/09, effective 11/20/09.]

**WAC 308-108-170 Ensuring student accomplishment.** (1) Each driver training school must have a written curriculum guide available to each instructor and such guide shall be used for student instruction.

(2) In order to receive a traffic safety education certificate, all students under the age of 18 must satisfactorily complete all portions of the course of instruction included in the student curriculum as approved by the driver instructors' advisory committee.

(3) In order to satisfactorily complete a school's driver training course, all students under the age of 18 must pass a comprehensive driving knowledge and skills test or tests that deals with all or many of the relevant details of the course curriculum that meets the standards established by the department.

(4) Each driver training school must assess the needs and progress of students and give appropriate direction for additional driving experience and/or guided practice provided by a licensed driver with at least five years of driving experience.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290 and 46.01.110. WSR 22-22-075, § 308-108-170, filed 10/31/22, effective 12/1/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290. WSR 09-21-093, § 308-108-170, filed 10/20/09, effective 11/20/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290, 46.82.310, 46.82.320, 46.82.330, and 46.82.340. WSR 07-01-069, § 308-108-170, filed 12/18/06, effective 1/18/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290. WSR 05-16-061, § 308-108-170, filed 7/29/05, effective 8/29/05.]

**WAC 308-108-180 Disciplinary action—Public notice of actions taken.** (1) Licensee responsibilities:

(a) School owners and instructors are responsible for knowing and complying with the requirements of chapter 46.82 RCW and rules promulgated under that chapter.

(b) Any failure to comply with these requirements may lead to disciplinary action affecting an applicant's or licensee's privileges to be licensed or to otherwise operate a commercial driver training school and/or to provide classroom and behind the wheel instruction.

(2) The original or a facsimile of each final order imposing disciplinary action that is issued to a driver training school or any of its instructors by the department shall be conspicuously displayed immediately adjacent to the driver training school's license. The final order shall be displayed for not less than the duration of the sanction period plus the next sixty days or for one year, whichever is less.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290, 46.82.310, 46.82.320, 46.82.330, and 46.82.340. WSR 07-01-069, § 308-108-180, filed 12/18/06, effective 1/18/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.82.290. WSR 05-16-061, § 308-108-180, filed 7/29/05, effective 8/29/05.]