



TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION (TSD) APPLICATION FOR

DRIVING SAFETY NEW INSTRUCTOR ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

Before completing this application please review the Rules and Regulations pertaining to licensing, NMAC 18.20.8. The rules can be found on the TSC website under the Licensing tab and Driver Safety Schools. Your signature below will verify that you have taken this action.

- ☐ Complete this application by typing, *or* by printing legibly in black ink
- ☐ Provide all information requested in Sections 1 and 2 of the application form
- ☐ Include copies of all the required documents listed in Section 3 of the application form
- ☐ Initial each statement in Section 4 of the application form
- ☐ Sign and date the application in Section 5 of the application form
- ☐ Submit a check made payable to *Traffic Safety Division* in the amount of:
 - ☐ \$50.00 if you file your application between November 1 and April 30
(for certificates valid more than 6 months)
 - ☐ \$25.00 if you file your application between May 1 and October 31
(for certificates valid less than 6 months)
- ☐ Make a copy of the completed application and required documents for your records
- ☐ Mail all documents to:

**University of New Mexico
Traffic Safety Center
MSC07 4030,
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001**

If you have any questions concerning this application or any of the forms, please contact the Traffic Safety Center by telephone at 505-546-9876 *or* by email at TSCdriverprograms@unm.edu

WHAT HAPPENS ONCE YOU SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION?

The UNM Traffic Safety Center (TSC), on behalf of the Traffic Safety Division (TSD), will review your application within 15 business days to determine if it is complete. Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. ***Applications will not be considered complete until TSC receives all required documents, including the MVD and DPS reports.***

If the application is ***not*** complete, the TSC will contact you regarding the missing information or documents. If the TSC does not receive the missing information or documents within 30 days of the date the application was received, your application will be considered inactive. You may resubmit a complete application at any time.

If the TSD does not approve your application, you will receive a letter stating the reasons why it was not approved. If the reasons can be resolved, you may resubmit your application.

NO PERSON MAY INSTRUCT A DRIVING SAFETY SCHOOL CLASS UNLESS AND UNTIL THE TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION HAS GRANTED WRITTEN APPROVAL BY ISSUING A DRIVING SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATE.

➤ ***PLEASE KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.***

APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL (NEW) INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATE

Section 1 – Instructor Information

Instructor Name (as you would like it to appear on certificate)	
Instructor Mailing Address (if different from Address of School Where Employed, below) Street Address, City, State, Zip Code	
Instructor Telephone Number(s)	
Instructor E-mail Address	
Do you have Internet access?	
Instructor Date of Birth	
Name of School Where Employed	
Address of School Where Employed Street Address, City, State, Zip Code	
Name of School Owner/Operator	
Specials	<input type="checkbox"/> 6hr <input type="checkbox"/> 8hr <input type="checkbox"/> Distance Learning

Section 2 – References

Please provide three (3) character and employment references.

At least one of the references must be a present or past employer.

***Family members may not be used as references.**

1	Name	
	Street Address, City, State, Zip Code	
	Telephone Number	
	Relationship	
2	Name	

	Street Address, City, State, Zip Code	
	Telephone Number	
	Relationship	
3	Name	
	Street Address, City, State, Zip Code	
	Telephone Number	
	Relationship	

Section 3 – Required Documents

Please submit the following documents with this application:

- ☐ A completed *Request for MVD Limited Driving History* form. This form can be found on the TSC website on the Driving Safety School Forms list. This will enable the TSC to obtain the applicant's limited driving history directly. The applicant's original signature is required;
- ☐ A completed *Authorization for Release of Information* by DPS form. This form can be found on the TSC website on the Driving Safety School Forms list. This will enable the TSC can obtain the applicant's state criminal background check directly. The applicant's original signature is required. ***This form must be notarized and accompanied by a check for \$15.00 made payable to the Department of Public Safety;***
- ☐ If you have ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest to a misdemeanor, traffic misdemeanor or felony, a separate sheet and supporting documentation explaining why each such conviction or plea should not disqualify you from obtaining a license under paragraph 18.20.8.16 (E);
- ☐ A copy of the applicant's health certificate signed by a physician and dated no earlier than sixty (60) days before the date the application is filed with the TSC stating that the applicant is free from any chronic communicable diseases (distance learning instructor applicants do not need to submit a health certificate);
- ☐ A copy of the applicant's resume or curriculum vitae indicating a school and/or work history;
- ☐ A copy of the applicant's high school diploma and/or transcripts from any postsecondary educational or training institutions you have attended; ***and***

- ☐ A copy of a certificate of satisfactory completion of an Instructor Training Course sponsored or approved by the Traffic Safety Division designed to teach instructional strategies, classroom management, or acquisition of teaching competencies

OR

- ☐ A request for variance to be temporarily exempt from the training requirement until the next scheduled Instructor Training Course (requirements for exemption requests are detailed in NMAC 18.20.8.20).

Section 4 – Sworn Statements

By my **initials** beside each statement, I, _____, certify that:

- I have obtained a copy of, have read, and agree to comply with the requirements of, 18.20.8 NMAC, Driving Safety Schools, the rule adopted by the Traffic Safety Division regarding the Driving Safety School program.

Signed: _____

- The information submitted is accurate and valid.

Signed: _____

- I understand that failure to comply with the requirements of the rule shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of any certificate issued to me by the Traffic Safety Division.

Signed: _____

- I understand that TSD shall not renew the certificate of any driver education instructor who fails to meet the standards specified in NMAC 18.20.8.16 (E).

Signed: _____

- I am in compliance with the Parental Responsibility Act, NMSA 1978, Section 40-5A-1 et seq. regarding paternity or child support proceedings and understand that failure to comply with this Act will result in denial of my application or revocation or suspension of my license.

Signed: _____

- I will not instruct Driving Safety students in New Mexico until I have received a Driving Safety Instructor certificate from the Traffic Safety Division.

Signed: _____

- I understand that I **must** complete a Bureau sponsored or approved Teaching Techniques Training within one year of certification or a Bureau to be eligible for re-certification per NMAC 18.20.8.16 (F)(1).

Signed: _____

Section 5 – Signature and Date

By my signature below, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the information given in this application and all accompanying documents is true to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Applicant's signature

Date

Please note that TSD requires an original application for processing. Copies will not be accepted. Please make a copy of this application for your records and submit an original.

TSC Review by _____ Date _____

NMDOT TSD _____ Date _____

☐ Approved

☐ Denied

Reviewer's Comments: