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State Works to Implement New 15-Year-Old Driver's Permit Law
Reprogramming of license system under way; parents and teens can sign up to be notified when system is ready

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 27, 2025) – Now that a new state law, House Bill 15, has taken effect allowing 15-year-olds to earn their driver's permits, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is working quickly to implement this exciting change.

The Transportation Cabinet is making system upgrades so a credential can be issued allowing eligible applicants to take the written permit test. As early as April 2, applicants can start making an appointment with the [Kentucky State Police](#). For individuals who have made an appointment prior to that date, please reschedule with Kentucky State Police to prevent delays.

- Sign up at drive.ky.gov to receive email updates, and be notified when the system is ready.
- Collect all necessary documents, such as birth certificate, Social Security card and School Compliance Verification Form.
- Begin studying for the written permit test. The official Kentucky driver's manual can be found on the Kentucky State Police website by clicking [here](#).

The new law only allows more time for eligible drivers to hold a permit. State law still requires you to be 16 to obtain a license (intermediate).

For more information about Kentucky's graduated driver licensing program and requirements to move from permit to intermediate license to full, unrestricted license, [click here](#).

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