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## Driver's licence: Early Learning (CAA) from age 15

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You are 15 years of age or older and would like to have a driving experience before taking the B licence? Advance Driving (ATC) may be of interest to you. This page explains how it works. Advance driving should be distinguished from the other 2 forms of driving: supervised driving from the age of 18 and supervised driving from the age of 16.

### Advance driving training: how old?

You must have:

- **15 years or older** when registering for a car school
- **17 years or older** to present yourself to the practical test of [driving licence B \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2828?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2828?lang=en).

 **Please note** : if you're under 21, [ASSR 2 \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16548?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16548?lang=en) is required to get a 1<sup>st</sup> driving licence. If you cannot have ASSR2, you must get [road safety certificate \(ASR\) \(https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16511?lang=en\)](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16511?lang=en). For example, if you have completed all your schooling at the foreigner.

### How is the learning going?

Learning includes **2 steps** :

1. **Initial training in a car school**
2. **Advance driving with an attendant** and educational follow-up by self-study

Auto-school must offer you a [standard contract for the teaching of driving](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000041609995)  (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000041609995>).

This contract shall specify in particular **programme** and **course of training**, **price** training and administrative services, **obligations** of each **means of payment**.

It is given to you **learning booklet**. The booklet indicates the objectives of the training.

### Step 1: initial training in a car school

Initial training shall consist of **theoretical part** and **practical part**.

The **duration of practical part of training** varies depending on your situation.

Répondez aux questions successives et les réponses s'afficheront automatiquement

You're on the first time

The duration of the training is **20 hours minimum** including 15 hours on taxiways, or at least 10 hours in the case of a driving simulator.

You have an AM or B1 licence

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You have an A, A1 or A2 permit

The duration of the training depends on your progress in learning.

You pass the automatic gearbox licence

The duration of the training is **13 hours minimum** including 10 hours on taxiways, or at least 7 hours in the case of a driving simulator.

 **FYI** : if you pass the permit **automatic gearbox** (restrictive code 78 (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F32927?lang=en>)), you will have to follow a **training** to drive a car to **manual**. You must wait a minimum **3 months** after the permit. **Hard training 7 hours**. Contact [labelled autoschool](https://www.securite-routiere.gouv.fr/passer-son-permis-de-conduire/inscription-et-formation/inscription-dans-une-ecole-de-conduite/les)  (<https://www.securite-routiere.gouv.fr/passer-son-permis-de-conduire/inscription-et-formation/inscription-dans-une-ecole-de-conduite/les>).

## Step 2: early learning of driving

To enter the early learning phase of driving, you must meet all of the following conditions:

- Have **15 years or older**
- **Pass the code (general theoretical test or ETG)** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F33694?lang=en>) or hold a licence category for up to 5 years
- Credit Memo **Completion of Initial Training (AFFI)**
- Have your consent legal representative
- Have **your car insurance agreement** for driving the vehicle(s) used during early learning. One **warranty extension** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2662?lang=en>) may be required under the contract.

Early learning of driving begins with **prior appointment** a minimum of 2 hours with a driving instructor and in the presence of at least one attendant.

The instructor gives advice for the early driving period.

He gives a guide to the attendant.

The results of the evaluations shall be indicated on **learning booklet**.

### What conditions for the escort (permit, insurance...)?

The attendant must meet all of the following conditions:

- Have it **licence B for 5 years or more**
- Have **his car insurance agreement** for driving the vehicle(s) used during the accompanied driving. One **warranty extension** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2662?lang=en>) may be required under your contract.
- Not having had **cancellation** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F21774?lang=en>) or **invalidation** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1704?lang=en>) of the licence in the previous 5 years

It is possible to have several attendants, in or out of the family setting.

### What are the rules during early learning of driving?

You **take part in 2 educational appointments** each lasting 3 hours:

- 1<sup>st</sup> appointment takes place between 4 and 6 months after the issuance of the AFFI
- 2<sup>e</sup> appointment must take place when you have travelled at least 3000 km

These appointments include **practical part** and **theoretical part**.

The presence of at least one of the guides is mandatory at each appointment.

One **3<sup>e</sup> appointment** can be organised on the advice of the school or at your request or at the request of an attendant.

**You must also comply with the following driving rules:**

- Drive while **1 year minimum**
- Browse **3,000 km minimum**
- Drive **in France**. Foreigner traffic is prohibited.
- Drive on **road and motorway network**
- Respect **specific speed limits**

#### Speed Limitations

Track Type	Maximum Speed
Highway section where speed is limited to 130 km/h	110 kph
Other section of highway	100 kph
Road with 2 roads separated by a central median	100 kph
Agglomeration	50 kph
Other	80 kph

Where do I place the drive disk with it?



To identify the vehicle as a learning vehicle, you must place a distinctive sticker or magnetised sign **left back** (and on the trailer if necessary).

When does early learning of driving end?

You can introduce yourself **from the age of 17** to practical tests **permit B** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2828?lang=en>).

If successful, you will receive your **driving licence examination certificate**.

The CEPC shall have a period of validity of **4 months**.

The period of validity of the ECSC is short **from the date you turn 18**.

You must drive **with your companion** until you're 18. **You can only drive when you are 18**.

**Please note** : the duration **trial permit** (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2390?lang=en>) is **2 years** in case of early learning of driving (instead of 3 years).

#### Statute and miscellaneous references

- Route Code: items R211-3 to R211-7 [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006177075/#LEGISCTA000006177075)
- Order of 20 April 2012 fixing the conditions of establishment, issue and validity of the driving licence [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000025803494/)
- Decision of 22 December 2009 on the training of motor vehicles of category B in an approved educational institution [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000021560658/)
- Order of 29 July 2013 concerning the learning booklet for category B of the driving licence [↗](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000027899735/)