



KnowTo Drive / Wisconsin DMV age 17 and under online knowledge test Q&A

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Wisconsin DMV announces online knowledge tests

Beginning mid-March 2025, driving students age 17 and under, may take their Wisconsin Class D knowledge tests from the comfort of their own home with a parent or guardian supervising each test.

This online option will be provided by Wisconsin DMV's knowledge test vendor, KnowTo Drive, and will come with a fee of \$10. Please know that this fee is not collected by DMV and WisDOT does not receive any portion of this assessed fee.

Interested applicants must use a webcam equipped desktop or laptop computer for online testing.

Wisconsin DMV will initially offer the online test in both English and Spanish. This online option provides the same look and feel as the tests at the DMV.

What is KnowTo Drive?

KnowTo Drive is a convenient and secure testing platform for online driver testing developed by Intellectual Technology, Inc. (ITI). Currently offered in 12 states, KnowTo Drive administers the same testing experience as in Wisconsin DMV Customer Service Centers.

Who can take the knowledge tests online?

Applicants between the ages of 15 and 17 that are enrolled in a behind-the-wheel driver education course.

How does this online testing work?

Using a link on the Wisconsin DMV website (wisconsindmv.gov/test), or from KnowTo Drive's site, users will:

- Agree to the rules and verify their technology meets requirements.
- Register and provide information about their parent or guardian overseeing the exam.
- Respond to identity verification questions.
- Provide payment information.
- Take a control photo of the applicant to be used as the baseline during the exam process.
- Receive test result and/or completion certificate via e-mail.
- Print completion certificate(s) and visit any DMV customer service center to apply for their instruction permit. DMV staff will review each applicant's online test results.

Are there any fees?

KnowTo Drive will charge a fee of \$10 per test. This fee is collected and maintained by ITI. While DMV set the fee, no portion goes to WisDOT DMV. Any dispute regarding the assessed fees will need to be addressed with ITI.

Note that taking the knowledge tests at any Wisconsin DMV Customer Service Center is free. Wisconsin DMV also offers a [free online practice test](#). The practice test results are not valid for instruction permit issuance.

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What is the payment process?

Once on the KnowTo Drive site, the applicant will register and complete the payment process. Credit cards and PIN-less debit cards are accepted, including American Express, Mastercard, VISA and Discover cards.

What is required to complete the tests on KnowTo Drive?

Test takers will need access to a reliable internet connection, a laptop or desktop computer with a working webcam, keyboard and mouse. A parent or guardian over the age of 21 will be required to assist with the registration and payment. Applicants must complete a step-by-step ID and personal history check before the test can begin.

What rules does the applicant agree to?

By registering and completing the parental agreement, the online applicant agrees to the following:

- I understand that KnowTo Drive Online is required to take a clear photo of my face prior to the test for identity verification purposes.
- I understand that random photos will be captured during the knowledge test process to ensure compliance with testing rules.
- I understand that if a clear photo of my face cannot be captured during the test it will result in an infraction. Multiple infractions will result in an automatic failure.
- I understand that I cannot leave the test at any time; this will result in an infraction. Multiple infractions will result in an automatic failure.
- The Knowledge Test must not be taken with any additional help from any other persons or resources.
- I understand that my personal information submitted may be sent to a national identity verification partner to validate my identity.
- I understand I must have a Parent/Guardian/Adult supervising me during this test and they may not interfere with the test.
- I understand I cannot use notes, handbooks or other resources during the tests.
- I understand no phone or similar communication devices may be used during the test and can result in an automatic failure. Make sure you place all phones and other communication devices away from your testing area before your test begins.
- I understand I must have a functioning webcam on the same screen as the test is being taken on. Webcam interference, detection of another individual, or moving my mouse cursor outside of the red window border at any time will result in an infraction and multiple infractions will result in an automatic failure.
- I understand computer inactivity during the test may result in an automatic failure.
- I understand the online testing fee is \$10. If I fail this test, I will have to pay a retest fee of \$10, but I may not attempt the online test more than one time per calendar day.
- I understand if any of the test rules are broken, my online test will be failed, and I will not be eligible for a refund.
- I understand automatic failure of any test will count as an attempt in DMV's testing allotment. I may only attempt each knowledge test five times in a 12-month period and only two of these five attempts may be attempted online. If I cannot pass the required tests online, I will have to complete the testing process in a DMV office.
- I understand I may be asked to retake the test in the DMV office for quality control assurance.

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What happens if the applicant fails?

If an applicant fails, they will not receive a certificate of completion and will be required to re-take the test(s) at a future date. A Wisconsin test taker is limited to two attempts online before they would be required to test in-person. An applicant may only attempt the test once in a 24-hour period.

I passed my online tests and have my certificate; can I drive now?

No. Before you may get behind the wheel and practice driving, you must visit a DMV customer service center and obtain an instruction permit. Upon the successful passing of online knowledge tests, applicants will receive a completion certificate and information for the next step in this process.

Can DMV retest an online applicant?

Yes. Any applicant who uses the online knowledge test may be re-examined by Wisconsin DMV for any reasons.

What makes KnowTo Drive secure?

KnowTo Drive utilizes cutting-edge fraud detection and prevention methods to ensure security. Test applicants must complete step-by-step ID and personal history checks before and during their test.

During the test, the applicant is subject to an initial photo capture for verification purposes, as well as photos taken randomly throughout the test to prevent fraud or deception. Upon passing and completing the test(s), a certificate of completion is issued to take to the DMV office for testing validation.

What languages will the test be offered in?

Wisconsin DMV will initially offer online test in both English and Spanish.

Currently, Wisconsin offers knowledge tests in these languages in our DMV Customer Services Centers:

- English
- American Sign Language (ASL)
- Burmese
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Croatian
- Hmong
- Polish
- Russian
- Serbian
- Somali
- Spanish

Associated Webpages

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