



Swiss driver's license: Step-by-step guide

Be aware that only swiss residents can register to the driving theory courses

Everything you need to know to become a driver!

♦ 1. First aid (Samaritan courses)

- ✓ 10 hours of training
- ✓ Certificate valid for 6 years

(Mandatory before taking the theory test!)

♦ 2. Theory course

preparation for the theory test

- ✓ Group courses 6 hours of training

Training on the application

♦ 3. Registration form Provide

your township with :

- First aid certificate
- Eye test (performed by an approved optician)
- Passport photo + ID

Registration fee: CHF 70-100 (will depend on canton)

- Learning with a manual or application (e.g. "Ithéorie")
Take the MCQ exam

♦ 4. theory test - learner's permit

- ✓ Student valid for 2 years (renewable)

♦ 5. Awareness course (8h)

- ✓ Compulsory certificate

- ✓ 8 hours of training

✗ can't register for the practical exam without taking this course!

♦ 6. Accompanied driving or driving school

Driving school lessons + Accompanied driving (by a relative)

- **Driver:** 23 years old + licence for 3 years
- Mandatory **magnetic "L"** on rear
 - ⚠ **If you are under 20**, wait **1 year** before the practical test
- **No compulsory hours at a driving school, but strongly recommended.**

♦ 7. Practical test (45 min)

Test drive with an expert

⚠ **If unsuccessful**, period: **1 month minimum** (waiting time for a new date)

💡 Advice :

- Prepare well for the theory test (apps help a lot!)
- If you choose accompanied driving, find a close friend with experience, but supplement these driving hours with an instructor.

🚗 **Have a nice trip!**

📌 Need help?

Check out the **OCV** website, or get in touch with your local canton.

Already in possession of a student permit

- ◆ 1. 8-hour awareness course



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