



North Carolina Drop Out Prevention Law

Driver license applicants less than 18 years old must have a "Driving Eligibility Certificate", high school diploma or its equivalent to be eligible for a North Carolina driving permit or license. The Driving Eligibility Certificate must be signed by the applicant's school administrator who certifies that the applicant is currently enrolled in school and making progress toward a high school diploma; or that substantial hardship would be placed on the applicant or the applicant's family if he or she does not receive a driver license. The steps in graduated license must still be followed even if the "Driving Eligibility Certificate" is issued due to hardship conditions. North Carolina does not issue a hardship driving permit or license. DMV must revoke the driver license of any person under age 18 when it receives notice from the proper school authority that the person is no longer eligible for a Driving Eligibility Certificate. This revocation remains in effect until the person's 18th birthday unless a Driving Eligibility Certificate, high school diploma or GED Certificate is obtained.

A loss of license will occur if a student receives a suspension for more than 10 consecutive days or receives an assignment to an alternative educational setting due to disciplinary action for more than 10 consecutive days. This suspension remains in effect for 12 months or until a Driving Eligibility Certificate is obtained.