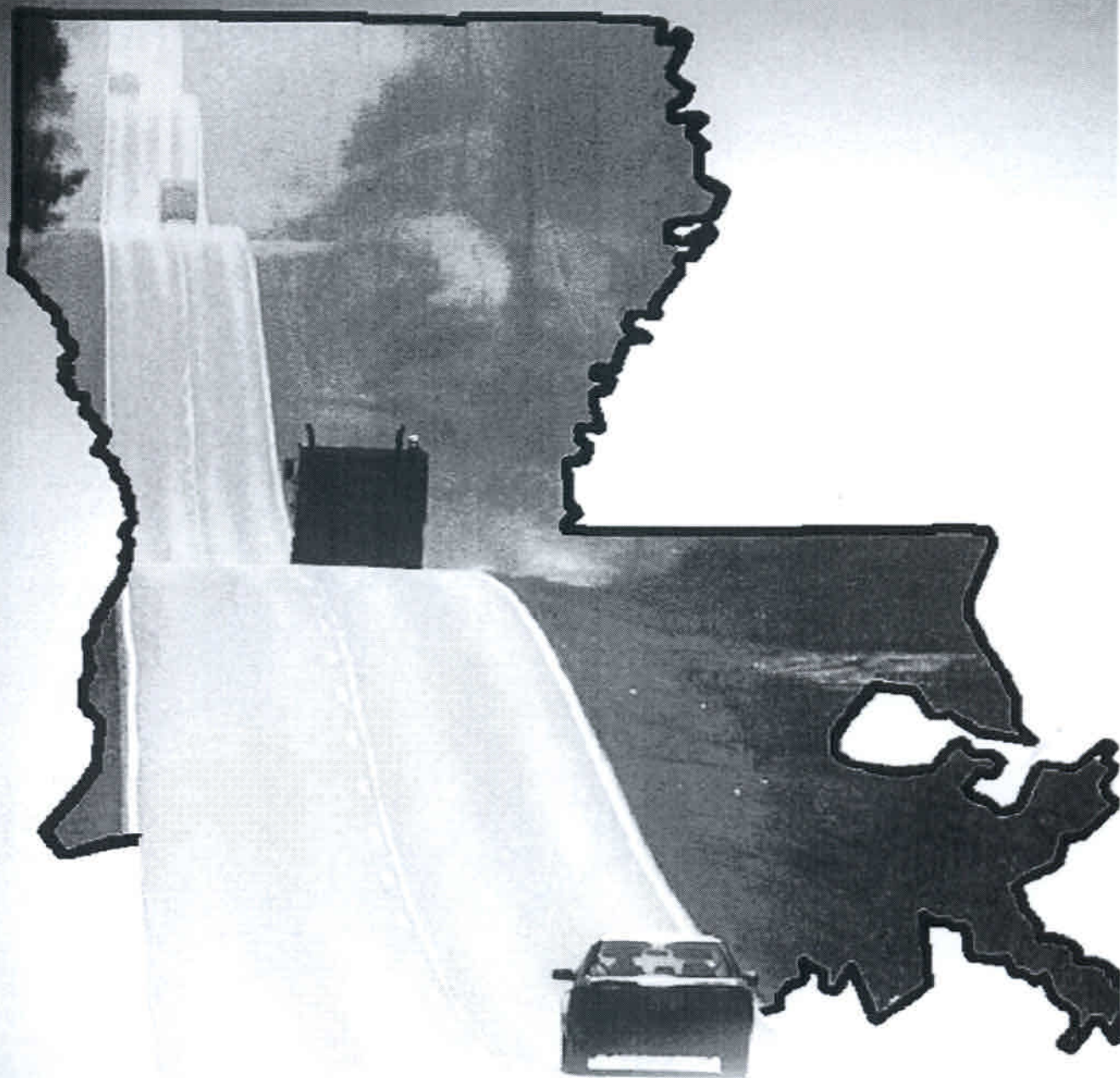


# Louisiana Driver's Guide Classes "D" and "E"



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
and Corrections

## Part 1

### Driver and Vehicle Licensing Information

#### CHAPTER 1 GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE

Driving is a privilege, not a right!

#### WHO MUST HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE?

You must have a Louisiana driver's license if you are a resident of Louisiana and want to drive a motor vehicle on public streets and highways. Always carry your license with you when driving. You are required to show it to any police officer or any officer or agent of the department who may ask to see it.

#### EXCEPTIONS:

You do not need a Louisiana driver's license if:

- you are a non-resident and possess a valid license issued by another state. You are permitted to drive in this state for a period of 90 days.
- you are a student and possess both a valid driver's license issued by your home state and a current student ID card.
- you are operating a farm tractor, farm implements, or road machinery temporarily on the highway.
- you are a member of the Armed Forces driving a U.S. government vehicle while on official duty.
- you are a resident member of the Armed Forces or resident military dependent possessing a valid driver's license from your home state.

#### NEW RESIDENTS

All applicants for a Louisiana driver's license will be required to take and pass a visual exam administered by the Office of Motor Vehicles personnel at the time of application. New residents have 30 days from the time residence is established to obtain a Louisiana license. In order to make application, you must have a valid Louisiana address.

1. If you have a valid/expired out-of-state picture license, you must:
  - surrender the out-of-state picture license. It is unlawful in Louisiana to have more than one driver's license.
  - provide one primary document (see pages 5 and 6: ID requirements).
  - provide proof of social security number (see page 7: Social Security Requirement).
  - provide proof of insurance on any personal vehicle you may have registered in Louisiana.
2. If you are not in possession of your out of state picture license, you must:
  - submit either a letter of clearance or an official driving record from your last state of license. This letter must include your personal information (name, date of birth, social security number, if applicable) as well as your license number for that state.
  - meet all identification and social security requirements (see page 5-7).