

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT DRIVING READINESS ASSESSMENT

Instructions: This form should be used by a young person, social worker, and caregiver when a young person (under age 18) is interested in obtaining their learner's permit or driver's license. This assessment is a tool to facilitate a conversation about a young person's readiness to drive and to assist in the development of a young person's Transitional Living Plan in areas related to driving. This tool should be completed prior to a young person enrolling in driver's education or obtaining their learner's permit or driver's license. This tool is not to be used to create or contribute to barriers to driving.

1. Is the youth at least 14 ½ years of age?

Yes No

Note: In North Carolina, young people must be at least 14 ½ years of age to enroll in a driver's education course.

2. Is the youth enrolled in and attending high school?

Yes No

Explain:

Note: To obtain a Driving Eligibility Certificate in North Carolina youth must be at least 15 years old, but less than 18 years old, be enrolled in school and making progress toward a high school diploma or show that if they did not receive a driver's license, substantial hardship would be placed on their family. If a young person is under 18 and thinking about dropping out of high school, the DMV can revoke their driver's license when notified by the school that the young person is no longer eligible for a Driving Eligibility Certificate (G.S. § 20-13.2). If a young person receives a suspension due to disciplinary action for more than 10 consecutive days, the DMV may revoke your license for 12 months or until a Driving Eligibility Certificate is obtained.

3. Is the youth maintaining at least a "C" average, or is the youth actively working with a tutor or receiving academic assistance to improve school performance?

Yes No

Explain:

4. Has the youth's school attendance been regular without incidents of suspension, non-attendance, or expulsion during the last six months?

Yes No

Explain:

5. Are there any documented medical, mental health, or emotional conditions that would significantly impair the youth's functioning and judgement when operating a motor vehicle?

Yes No

Explain:

6. Has the youth been free from drug or alcohol use during the last year?

Yes No

Explain:

7. Has the youth displayed age-appropriate behaviors generally within the last year? This means they question and test within normal limits, most often use good judgement, avoid unsafe, violent or criminal behavior.

Yes No

Explain:

8. Does the youth have placement stability? Has the youth been in the current placement at least six months or more?

Yes No

Explain:

9. Does the youth have a history of running away or placement disruptions?

Yes No

Explain:

Assessment Results

Note: Use this space to discuss the overall assessment, including any areas that may contribute to a young person not being ready to assume the responsibilities associated with driving. This assessment is not to be used to create or contribute to barriers to the young person driving. The assessment results discussion should also include:

- A joint decision as to the young person's readiness to drive
- If the decision is that a young person is not ready to drive, why
- Specific steps the young person, social worker, and caregiver can take to improve the results of the assessment and prepare the young person to assume the responsibility of driving

Signatures

Social Worker	Signature	Date
Social Work Supervisor		
Caregiver		
Caregiver		
Young Person		