



DRIVER SAFETY

NEW REQUIREMENT FOR FIRST TIME WASHINGTON DRIVERS UNDER 25



Starting November 1, 2026, first-time Washington driver license applicants under the age of 25 must pass a free online-only course for work zone and first responder safety to get their license. The free course will be available to everyone starting September 1.



COURSE OVERVIEW

Key features of a roadside emergency or work zone are orange safety cones, speed reduction signs, and flashing lights. The course covers how to navigate these zones and avoid risky last-minute decisions. The steps to take the course are on DOL's work zone and first responder webpage <https://dol.wa.gov/wzfr>.



A new mandatory training for younger drivers aims to reduce collisions with emergency and first responders on the roadside.

Work zone and first responder safety course

- Free of charge
- Online only – mobile and desktop friendly
- Approx 1 hour to complete



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