

Date: September 12th, 2024
Bulletin: All Driving School Owners and Operators
From: Business Licensing and Compliance Division
RE: 18-Week Extension Request and Training Vehicle Age Survey

Purpose

This bulletin introduces a new form for use when the driver education program is extended beyond the 18-week requirement, and a survey on the industry views of vehicle age.

Summary

New Request to Extend Driver Education Beyond 18-Weeks Form

- The Motor Vehicle Administration has developed a new form to be utilized when completion of the driver education program is extended beyond the 18-week limit imposed by regulation. There are only two circumstances under which this extension may occur. First, the student requests the extension. Second, the student fails to contact the school to schedule training. This new form addresses both possibilities. At the top, the student may sign signaling the desire to extend their individual training beyond the 18 weeks. At the bottom, the school will track attempts to reach out to students that have failed to make contact for the scheduling of training. Link to new form is below:

[DE-157.pdf \(maryland.gov\)](#)

Training Vehicle Age Survey

- Below is the link to a survey currently being conducted by the Administration to solicit driving school owner input regarding a reasonable age for retiring driver education training vehicles. The survey consists of 6 simple questions, and each school may submit only one response. **This survey must be completed by Sunday, October 13th, 2024.** The link to the survey is:

<https://forms.office.com/g/FtCxiqTAqw>

If you have any questions, please contact us at 410-787-2952 or mvabldisd@mdot.maryland.gov.