

**Date:** January 20, 2026  
**Bulletin:** All Driving School Owners and Operators  
**From:** Business Licensing and Compliance  
**RE:** Drivers Education Program, 18-Week Compliance Status

## Purpose

All driver education schools are required to provide behind-the-wheel (BTW) training within 18 weeks consistent with COMAR 11.23.02.34, unless an accommodation by the student is requested. Below is the industry's performance for the last two quarters.

## Summary

### Total BTW Hours Owed

This table shows the number of schools reporting and the number of schools in each range. The total estimated number of BTW hours owed includes estimated hours owed to students enrolled in the schools' driver education programs and estimated hours owed to students not enrolled in the schools' programs. This table includes BTW hours owed prior to May 1, 2024.

### Quarter 3 - 2025

Total BTW Hours Owed	
Category	# of schools
Total # of schools	137
Number of Schools Reporting Data	137
18 weeks or less	104
19-30 weeks	20
31-50 weeks	13
over 50 weeks	0

### Quarter 4 - 2025

Total BTW Hours Owed	
Category	# of schools
Total # of schools	141
Number of Schools Reporting Data	141
18 weeks or less	116
19-30 weeks	18
31-50 weeks	7
over 50 weeks	0

### BTW Hours Owed to Students Enrolled in Drivers Education Program

Starting May 1, 2024, schools began reporting hours owed to students enrolled in the schools' driver's education programs, separate from their BTW hours owed. This table shows the number of schools reporting and the number of schools by week range. It does not include estimated BTW hours owed before May 1, 2024, because we did not collect this specific data before May 1, 2024.

#### Quarter 3 - 2025

18-Week BTW Hours Owed	
Category	# of schools
Total # of schools	137
Number of Schools Reporting Data	137
18 weeks or less	127
19-30 weeks	6
31-50 weeks	3
over 50 weeks	1

#### Quarter 4 - 2025

18-Week BTW Hours Owed	
Category	# of schools
Total # of schools	141
Number of Schools Reporting Data	141
18 weeks or less	130
19-30 weeks	7
31-50 weeks	3
over 50 weeks	1

As seen by the results, the industry has continued to improve each quarter, and we appreciate all your dedication to making this happen.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 410-787-2952 or [mvabldisd@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:mvabldisd@mdot.maryland.gov).