

**Mature Driver Course**  
**Ohio Administrative Code**  
**4501:2-9-01 Scope of Rules**

Rules 4501:2-09-1 to 4501:2-09-08 of the Administrative Code govern the procedures and requirements for applicants applying for approval to offer a motor vehicle accident prevention course for drivers age sixty or older and govern the requirements for successful completion of the course by participants.

**4501:2-9-02 Definitions**

As used in Chapter 4501:2-09 of the Administrative Code:

- A) “Course” means the motor vehicle accident prevention course for drivers age sixty or older.
- B) “Course director” means the individual designated by the course operator to conduct the motor vehicle accident prevention course for drivers age sixty or older.
- C) “Course operator” means the person approved by the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety to operate a motor vehicle accident prevention course for drivers age sixty or older.
- D) “Course records” mean the course curriculum, all course materials, instructor’s guides, copies of written examinations, and examination scores.
- E) “Drug use” means the use of prescription or nonprescription drugs.
- F) “Participant or student” means a person age sixty or older taking the motor vehicle accident prevention course.

**4501:2-9-03 Authority of the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety**

- A) The Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety shall:
  - 1) Approve all motor vehicle prevention courses for drivers age sixty and older and shall approve the examination to be used.
  - 2) Approve an applicant to operate a course who meets the requirements established in rules 4501:2-09-04 and 4501:2-09-08 of the Administrative Code.
  - 3) Withdraw the approval of a course for failure to meet the requirements established in rules 4501:2-09-01 to 4501:2-09-08 of the Administrative Code.
  - 4) Maintain a file on all courses offered that includes the course operator’s application, all information submitted with the application, and any correspondence pertaining to the course.
  - 5) The Director or his designated representative may attend any course or practical examination offered by a course director to determine compliance with these rules.

#### **4501:2-9-04 Course approval procedures**

- A) An applicant for approval to offer a motor vehicle prevention course for drivers age sixty and older shall apply to the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety on a form supplied by the Director.
- B) Such applicant shall be of good reputation and character and shall include the following information in the application:
  - 1) Applicant's name and address.
  - 2) The address of the site where the course will be offered.
  - 3) Name of course director.
  - 4) Detailed information describing the course curriculum and course content. The detailed information shall demonstrate compliance with the minimum course content standards and examination requirements established in rules 4501:2-09-05 and 4501:2-09-06 of the Administrative Code.
  - 5) A drawing of the practical examination on-road and off-road course layout, as applicable.
  - 6) A sample copy of a written examination.
  - 7) Indicate where all course records shall be maintained.
- C) Any changes in the course curriculum, course content, or written or practical examination shall be submitted to the Director for approval at least thirty days prior to implementation.

#### **4501:2-09-05 Minimum standards for course content and curriculum**

- A) All course curriculums shall meet the following standards:
  - 1) The duration of a course shall be a minimum of eight hours of instruction. Instruction time includes all actual classroom instruction and practical demonstration, and shall not include time spent for registration, lunch breaks, other break periods, practical examination, and issuance of course completion certificate.
  - 2) All courses shall include a written examination and a practical demonstration.
  - 3) All courses shall contain at a minimum the following subject requirements:
    - a) Concept of crash prevention;
    - b) Defensive driving techniques, with concepts including visual lead time, communications, and adjusted speed margin of safety;
    - c) The effects of aging upon the driving tasks, both mental and physical;
    - d) Methods of compensating for the effects of aging;
    - e) Alcohol and drug use as a crash factor;
    - f) Motor vehicle inspections, vehicle systems, and vehicle maintenance.

- B) The practical course standards shall require the participant to demonstrate the ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control of a motor vehicle in the performance of the following activities:
  - 1) Start and place a motor vehicle in motion.
  - 2) Demonstration of one backing maneuver.
  - 3) One left turn and one right turn of a through street at an intersection.
  - 4) One left turn and one right turn on a stop street at an intersection.
  - 5) Stop and secure motor vehicle.
- C) All off-road courses used in the practical course shall be laid out with at least one simulated cross intersection. One roadway is to be designated a through street and the other a stop street. Simulated roadways on the off-road course cannot exceed twenty-four feet in width equally divided into two marked lanes.

**4501:2-9-06 Course written examination and practical examination**

- A) All course participants are required to pass a written examination administered by the course director. The examination shall consist of not less than twenty-five questions and shall have a mixture of true/false and multiple choice questions. A score of not less than seventy-five percent is required for satisfactory completion of the written examination.
- B) All course participants are required to pass a practical examination administered by the course director.
- C) The course director may offer one of the following options for completion of the practical examination:
  - 1) On-road practical examination – The course instructor shall ride with the student in a motor vehicle on the public roadways through a course that meets the requirements established in rule 4501:2-09-05 of the Administrative Code and this rule for the practical course.
  - 2) Off-road practical examination – The course instructor shall take a position on the off-road practical course that allows him/her to observe the student's actual operation of a motor vehicle through the course. The off road practical examination shall meet the requirements established in rule 4501:2-09-05 of the Administrative Code and this rule.
- D) Evaluation of the practical examination shall be based on the following criteria:
  - 1) Did the student drive within marked lanes?
  - 2) Did the student stay in the appropriate lanes when turning?
  - 3) Did the student exercise the proper use of turn signals?
  - 4) Did the student maintain the proper stopping distances at intersections?
  - 5) Did the student exercise vigilance for other traffic?
  - 6) Did the student wear a seat belt?
- E) The student shall meet all the criteria established in rule 4501:2-09-05 of the Administrative Code and this rule in demonstrating the ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle for the purposes of the practical examination.

**4501:2-9-07 Certification of successful completion of course.**

- A) The course director shall certify to the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety as to the successful completion of the course by each participant. The certification shall be on a form furnished by the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.
- B) The course director shall provide the student who successfully completes the course with a certificate of completion. The certificate shall be on a form furnished by the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety and shall include the name of the student, the name of the course director, the date the course was completed, and shall be signed by the course director.
- C) No course director shall certify that a participant has successfully completed such course unless such participant attended the course for the entire eight hours required and successfully passed the written examination and the practical examination.

**4501:2-9-08 Maintenance of records.**

- A) The course director shall maintain all course records in a place as designated on his application for approval. All records shall be kept for a three year period.
- B) The course records shall be open to inspection by the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety or designated representative during normal business hours.

**§ 3937.43 Premium reduction for insureds sixty or over who have completed an accident prevention course and have appropriate driving records. –RC §3937.43 is affected by Am. Sub. H.B. 490 (149 v --), effective 1-1-2004. See the 2002 Legislative Bulletin No. 6 for the version effective 1-1-2004.**

- A) As used in this section;
  - 1) “Automobile insurance policies” has the same meaning as in section 3937.30 of the Revised Code.
  - 2) “Moving violation” means any violation of any statute or ordinance that regulates the operation of vehicles, streetcars, or trackless trolleys on highways or streets or that regulates size or load limitations or fitness requirements of vehicles. “Moving violation” does not include the violation of any statute or ordinance that regulates pedestrians or the parking of vehicles.

- B) Every rating plan or schedule of rates for automobile insurance policies that is filed with the superintendent of insurance shall provide for an appropriate reduction in premium charges for any insured or applicant for insurance under the following conditions:
- 1) The applicant or insured is sixty years of age or older.
  - 2) The applicant or insured successfully completes a motor vehicle accident prevention course, which includes classroom instruction and the passing of an examination in accordance with both of the following:
    - a) The Ohio Department of Public Safety shall approve the course and the examination. However, the Ohio Department of Public Safety shall not approve any correspondence course or any other course that does not provide classroom instruction.
    - b) The examination shall include an actual demonstration of the applicant's or insured's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle.
  - 3) The applicant or insured submits to the insurer a certificate that is issued by the sponsor of the motor vehicle accident prevention course and attests to the successful completion of the course by the applicant or insured;
  - 4) The insurer may consider the driving record of the applicant or insured in accordance with divisions (C) and (D) of this section.
- C) In determining whether to grant a reduction in premium charges in accordance with this section, the insurer may consider the driving record of the insured or applicant for a three-year period after each successful completion of the course by the applicant or insured;
- D) 1) Subject to division (D) (2) of this section, every reduction in premium charges granted in accordance with this section shall be effective for an insured for a three-year period after each successful completion of a motor vehicle accident prevention course.
- 2) As a condition of maintaining a reduction in premium charges granted in accordance with this section, an insurer may require that the insured, during the three-year period for which the reduction has been granted, neither be involved in an accident for which the insured is primarily at fault, nor be convicted of more than one moving violation.
- E) A reduction in premium charges granted in accordance with this section shall not become effective until the first full term of coverage following the successful completion of a motor vehicle accident prevention course in accordance with division (B) of this section.
- F) The Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code that are necessary to carry out the duties of the Department of Public Safety under this section.
- G) This section does not apply to any automobile insurance policy issued under an assigned risk plan pursuant to section 4509.70 of the Revised Code.
- H) This section does not apply to a circumstance in which the motor vehicle accident prevention course is required by a court as a condition of probation or suspension of sentence for a moving violation.