

**IC 9-24**

**ARTICLE 24. DRIVERS LICENSES**

**IC 9-24-1**

Chapter 1. Individuals Required to Obtain a License or Permit

**IC 9-24-1-1 Version a**

**License required**

*Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2012. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2012.*

Sec. 1. Except as provided in section 6 or 7 of this chapter, an individual must have a valid Indiana:

- (1) operator's license;
- (2) chauffeur's license;
- (3) public passenger chauffeur's license;
- (4) commercial driver's license;
- (5) driver's license listed in subdivision (1), (2), (3) or (4) with a motorcycle operator's license or endorsement; or
- (6) learner's permit;

issued to the individual by the bureau under this article to drive upon an Indiana highway the type of motor vehicle for which the license or permit was issued.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.156-2006, SEC.3.*

**IC 9-24-1-1 Version b**

**License required**

*Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2012. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2012.*

Sec. 1. Except as provided in section 6 or 7 of this chapter, an individual must have a valid Indiana:

- (1) operator's license;
- (2) chauffeur's license;
- (3) public passenger chauffeur's license;
- (4) commercial driver's license;
- (5) driver's license listed in subdivision (1), (2), (3) or (4) with a motorcycle endorsement; or
- (6) learner's permit;

issued to the individual by the bureau under this article to drive upon an Indiana highway the type of motor vehicle for which the license or permit was issued.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.156-2006, SEC.3; P.L.109-2011, SEC.5.*

**IC 9-24-1-1.5**

**Applicability; standards for determining residency; exception**

Sec. 1.5. (a) This section applies after December 31, 2005.

(b) The standards set forth in IC 3-5-5 to determine the residence of an individual applying to become a voter apply to the determination of the residence of an individual applying for a license under this article.

(c) This section does not prevent the commission from issuing a license under this article to an individual who is:

- (1) not required by this article to reside in Indiana to receive the license; and
- (2) otherwise qualified to receive the license.

*As added by P.L.14-2004, SEC.186.*

#### **IC 9-24-1-2**

##### **Chauffeur's license; necessity**

Sec. 2. Except as provided in section 7 of this chapter, an individual must have a valid Indiana chauffeur's license to operate a motor vehicle as a chauffeur upon an Indiana highway.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.*

#### **IC 9-24-1-3**

##### **Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.156-2006, SEC.25.)*

#### **IC 9-24-1-4**

##### **Medical service vehicle operation; requirements**

Sec. 4. Except as provided in section 7 of this chapter, an individual must:

- (1) have a valid Indiana operator's, chauffeur's, or public passenger chauffeur's license; and
- (2) be at least eighteen (18) years of age;

to drive a medical services vehicle upon an Indiana highway.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.*

#### **IC 9-24-1-5 Version a**

##### **Motorcycle operation; required licenses**

*Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2012. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2012.*

Sec. 5. An individual must have a valid driver's license that may be any of the following to operate a motorcycle upon a public highway:

- (1) An operator's, a chauffeur's, or a public passenger chauffeur's license with a motorcycle endorsement.
- (2) A temporary motorcycle learner's permit subject to the limitations imposed under IC 9-24-8.
- (3) A motorcycle learner's permit subject to the limitations imposed under IC 9-24-8.
- (4) A driver's license from any other jurisdiction that is valid for the operation of a motorcycle in that jurisdiction.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.*

#### **IC 9-24-1-5 Version b**

##### **Motorcycle operation; required licenses**

*Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2012. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2012.*

Sec. 5. (a) An individual must have a valid driver's license that

may be any of the following to operate a motorcycle upon a public highway:

- (1) An operator's, a chauffeur's, a public passenger chauffeur's, or a commercial driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement.
- (2) A motorcycle learner's permit subject to the limitations imposed under IC 9-24-8.
- (3) A driver's license from any other jurisdiction that is valid for the operation of a motorcycle in that jurisdiction.

(b) An individual who held a motorcycle operator's license on June 30, 2011, must hold an operator's, a chauffeur's, a public passenger chauffeur's, or a commercial driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement in order to operate the motorcycle after June 30, 2011.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.109-2011, SEC.6.*

### **IC 9-24-1-6**

#### **Commercial driver's license; necessity; exception**

Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), an individual must hold a valid Indiana commercial driver's license issued by the bureau under this article to drive a commercial motor vehicle after March 31, 1992, upon an Indiana highway.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to an individual if the individual:

- (1) holds a valid driver's license of any type;
- (2) is enrolled in a commercial motor vehicle training course approved by the bureau; and
- (3) is operating a commercial motor vehicle under the direct supervision of a licensed commercial motor vehicle driver.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.*

### **IC 9-24-1-7**

#### **Exempt operators**

Sec. 7. (a) Sections 1 through 5 of this chapter do not apply to the following individuals:

- (1) An individual in the service of the armed forces of the United States while operating an official motor vehicle in that service.
- (2) An individual while operating:
  - (A) a road roller;
  - (B) road construction or maintenance machinery, except where the road roller or machinery is required to be registered under Indiana law;
  - (C) a ditch digging apparatus;
  - (D) a well drilling apparatus;
  - (E) a concrete mixer; or
  - (F) a farm tractor, a farm wagon (as defined in IC 9-13-2-60(a)(2)), or an implement of agriculture designed to be operated primarily in a farm field or on farm premises; that is being temporarily drawn, moved, or propelled on a public highway. However, to operate a farm wagon (as defined

in IC 9-13-2-60(a)(2)) on a highway, an individual must be at least fifteen (15) years of age.

(3) A nonresident who:

- (A) is at least sixteen (16) years and one (1) month of age;
- (B) has in the nonresident's immediate possession a valid operator's license that was issued to the nonresident in the nonresident's home state or country; and
- (C) is lawfully admitted into the United States;

while operating a motor vehicle in Indiana only as an operator.

(4) A nonresident who:

- (A) is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (B) has in the nonresident's immediate possession a valid chauffeur's license that was issued to the nonresident in the nonresident's home state or country; and
- (C) is lawfully admitted into the United States;

while operating a motor vehicle upon a public highway, either as an operator or a chauffeur.

(5) A nonresident who:

- (A) is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
- (B) has in the nonresident's immediate possession a valid license issued by the nonresident's home state for the operation of any motor vehicle upon a public highway when in use as a public passenger carrying vehicle;

while operating a motor vehicle upon a public highway.

(6) An individual who is legally licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the state of the individual's residence and who is employed in Indiana, subject to the restrictions imposed by the state of the individual's residence.

(7) A new resident of Indiana who possesses an unexpired driver's license issued by the resident's former state of residence, for a period of sixty (60) days after becoming a resident of Indiana.

(8) An individual who is an engineer, a conductor, a brakeman, or another member of the crew of a locomotive or a train that is being operated upon rails, including the operation of the locomotive or the train on a crossing over a street or a highway. An individual described in this subdivision is not required to display a license to a law enforcement officer in connection with the operation of a locomotive or a train in Indiana.

(b) An ordinance adopted under IC 9-21-1-3((a)(14) or IC 9-21-1-3.3(a) must require that an individual who operates a golf cart in the city or town hold a driver's license.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.128-1993, SEC.1; P.L.210-2005, SEC.38; P.L.150-2009, SEC.18; P.L.87-2010, SEC.29.*

### **IC 9-24-1-8**

#### **Violations**

Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

(b) A person who violates section 6 of this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor.  
*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.*