



To: Maryland Driving School Owners and Instructors
From: Peter Moe
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Re: Driver Education Curriculum Update

The Motor Vehicle Administration is beginning the process of updating the current MVA-approved driver education curriculum, which was last updated in its entirety in 2009. The new curriculum will include updated classroom content, new delivery methods and teaching tools, including videos, additional classroom exercises, and updated behind the wheel content. We want this update to be an improvement for students and instructors and your input into this process is very important.

The first step will be to determine how the curriculum can most effectively address specific goals and objectives of the driver education program and the state's goals for highway safety. Driver Instructional Services Division (DISD) is convening an **Overview Committee** comprised of members of the Maryland driver education community and representatives from transportation, education and safety organizations and agencies. This group will provide help set the overall goals and objectives for the curriculum and provide direction on how best to integrate the classroom, behind- the-wheel, and graduated licensing experience to create the best learning experience for all new drivers.

The next step will be for small work groups to develop updated content and supporting curriculum materials based on specific learning objectives for each Unit. We are soliciting for volunteers who have a genuine commitment to improving the driver education curriculum to participate in these work groups. These groups will meet for approximately four to six weeks and would involve both face-to-face and teleconference/webinar meetings. These small groups (4-6 members) will include representatives from the MVA, from the Maryland driver education industry and from other subject matter experts, where appropriate. **To participate in a unit committee, you should be able to use Microsoft Office products and Adobe Acrobat. The time commitment is significant (up to an estimated 40 to 60 hours is possible, including meetings and review on your own, depending on the Unit) over a 5-6 week period. A commitment to attend each meeting and to actively participate in the work group is essential.**

A final Technical Review Committee will review the curriculum for continuity, to ensure learning objectives are addressed and performance measures are met. Reviewers would not necessarily have to attend formal meetings but would need to make their suggestions and edits in a timely fashion. **If you choose to volunteer for this group, you should have a strong background in Microsoft office products. The review group will work on individual units and will also need to be able to make a 5-6 week commitment.**

Participation in these groups is purely voluntary and there is no compensation associated with participation. If you are interested in being a member of any of these groups, please complete and submit the attached personal inquiry form. Work groups will be selected based on experience, expertise and areas of interest. At least five



years of teaching/driver education experience is recommended for all participants. Your personal inquiry form should be completed and returned to DISD no later than January 30, 2014. **The forms may be emailed to nburroughs@mva.maryland.gov , faxed to 410-424-3676, or mailed to the MVA/DISD, 6601 Ritchie Highway, N.E., Room 207, Glen Burnie, MD 21062, Attention: Natasha Burroughs.**