

Section 11—Getting Around



Owning a car is a big step and isn't always easy. There are a lot of hidden costs and a lot to be responsible for. In addition to the cost of the car, you have to purchase gas, get oil changes, buy tires, and do other ongoing maintenance to keep the car in good shape. Even when you do everything right, unexpected issues can still come up. You also have to pay for inspection stickers, license plates, and auto insurance. And of course, you have to pay to attend driving school and to get a driver's license.

Everyone will not be able to afford a car or will not be able to get a driver's license. Therefore, you'll need to be able to access affordable transportation. Some will need this transportation to be accessible too.

Where you live will be a factor in what type of transit you can use. People that live in big cities or suburbs usually have the most options for getting around. People that live in the country or in more rural areas have fewer options. They usually need to depend on family and friends to go places.

Some people will choose to walk, ride a bicycle, ride a motorized scooter, or use public transit. Walking or riding a bicycle is great exercise, but what happens if it's raining or extremely hot? You'll need a backup plan. The bus or subway is a great backup plan, but if you need an accessible bus, you'll need to learn what is available and how you qualify to ride one. Some public transportation may require you to complete a form and schedule rides in advance.

As you can see, there are a lot of things to consider when you need to go grocery shopping, a doctor's appointment, to work, to school, or on any outing. What way do you think you'll use to get around?

Resources

Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicals	https://www.expresslane.org/drivers/personal-driver-s-licenses/new-licenses/
Louisiana Dirver's Education & Guides	https://www.expresslane.org/drivers/driver-s-educatio-n-guides/
Adapting Motor Vehicles for People With Disabilities	https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/document/s/adapting_motor_vehicles_brochure_810733.pdf
How to Use Uber: The Ultimate Guide to Your First Ride	https://gigworker.com/how-to-use-uber/

Checklist

Independent Living Skills	I Can Do This	I Need to Practice	I'm Going To Start	I Will Always Need Support	This doesn't apply to me	Notes
TRANSPORTATION SKILLS - PEOPLE POWERED						
<input type="checkbox"/> I am able to ride a bicycle safely						
<input type="checkbox"/> I can wear a helmet						
<input type="checkbox"/> I can and do use seat belts						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know what public transportation is available						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know where the nearest bus stop is located						
TRANSPORTATION SKILLS - PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know where the closest bus stop is to my home						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know how much it costs to use public transportation						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know how to make transfers on public transportation						
<input type="checkbox"/> I can navigate around my frequently used bus routes						
TRANSPORTATION SKILLS - RIDESHARE						
<input type="checkbox"/> I can call or use a phone app for a taxi, Uber or other rideshare transportation as needed						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know an approximate cost of a taxi or Uber						
<input type="checkbox"/> I can verify the rideshare driver is the right person						
<input type="checkbox"/> I can arrange routine transportation						

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TRANSPORTATION SKILLS - DRIVING						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know I must have a driver's license to drive						
<input type="checkbox"/> I have successfully completed a Driver's Education class						
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand not to use a cell phone or other devices while driving a vehicle						
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand the requirement of auto insurance						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know how to obtain auto insurance						
<input type="checkbox"/> I have successfully passed the Learner's Permit test						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know how to apply for a Learner's Permit						
<input type="checkbox"/> I have successfully completed the supervised driving requirements						
<input type="checkbox"/> I have successfully obtained an Intermediate License (if between 16 and 18)						
<input type="checkbox"/> I have updated my Intermediate License to a Permanent Louisiana Driver's License after 18 th birthday						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know the consequences of driving without a driver's license or insurance						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know what documentation must be in my car (proof of insurance, registration)						

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<input type="checkbox"/> I know why my car must have an up-to-date license plate						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know how to obtain a license plate for my car						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know why my car must have an up-to-date inspection sticker						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know how to obtain an inspection sticker						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know how to apply for a handicap placard for my car, if needed						
<input type="checkbox"/> I can read a map						
<input type="checkbox"/> I can give directions						
<input type="checkbox"/> I can follow GPS directions						
<input type="checkbox"/> I know not to pick up strangers in my car						
TRANSPORTATION SKILLS - MAINTENANCE						
<input type="checkbox"/> I am able to change a flat or fix a chain on my bike						
<input type="checkbox"/> I am able to change a flat tire on my car						
<input type="checkbox"/> I can schedule basic maintenance for my car						
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand driving strategies for bad road conditions						
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand the costs of owning and operating my own vehicle (gas, washing, oil changes, new tires, maintenance, insurance, and monthly payment, if financed).						