

The Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) is excited to announce its newest customer service initiative. Georgia teens that are not able to complete the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP) through their high school now have the option of completing the program online, 24/7/365! This is especially great news for Georgia teens that are home-schooled or were absent from school when the traditional ADAP course was offered.

By law, Georgia teens under the age of 18 are required to successfully complete ADAP in order to obtain their Class D Georgia driver's license. In most cases, teens are able to complete ADAP through their high school. In some instances, however, teens may not be able to complete ADAP through their high school. This is especially true of teens that are home-schooled, have moved to Georgia from another state, or were absent from school when the classroom course was offered. In the past, these teens have relied exclusively on "make-up" classes taught by instructors certified by the DDS at various locations around the state. Teens that are unable to complete ADAP through their high school have two options, both of which are free of charge:

- 1. Teens may choose to complete a "make-up" ADAP class taught by a DDS certified instructor at several locations around the state. Locations, dates, and times of "make-up" ADAP classes can be found at the following website: http://www.dds.ga.gov/ADAP/ADAP Schedule.aspx
- 2. Teens may choose to complete the eADAP course online.

HOW DOES THE eADAP PROGRAM WORK?

1. <u>Get Registered!</u>

Beginning January 1, 2013, teens may self-register for eADAP here. After you self-register, your username and password will be emailed to you. Make sure to check both your email and SPAM folder.

Currently, eADAP is only intended for those qualifying teens that are unable to take the traditional classroom ADAP course through their public or private high school.

Qualifying conditions are listed below:

- Teens that are home-schooled.
- New students that missed the classroom ADAP course.
- Students that did not pass the classroom ADAP course.

- Students with scheduling conflicts (i.e. band, ROTC, and athletics).
- Students that turn 16 the semester prior to the classroom ADAP course being offered.
- 2. Because eADAP is an internet-based course, teens must have access to a computer that is connected to the internet. Although not required, the DDS highly recommends using a computer with high-speed internet access, such as DSL. Most public libraries and school computer labs have computers with high-speed internet access. Dial-up users will experience slower downloads and media streams.
- 3. Teens that wish to take the eADAP course must have email. Usernames and passwords will be emailed to teens. If you do not have email, there are several search engines that offer free email service, including Google, Yahoo, and MSN.
- 4. Once a teen receives their eADAP username and password, they will have 30 days to successfully complete the eADAP course. If a teen fails to successfully complete the eADAP course in 30 days, their username and password will expire, at which time they will be required to register for the course again by sending an email to eADAPsupport@dds.ga.gov, with their full name, birth date, userid, password and phone number.
- 6. The eADAP course will take approximately 4 hours to complete. The eADAP course consists of four sections, or modules, each of which will take approximately 1 hour to complete. Although a teen is not required to complete the entire course in one sitting, once they start a module, they must fully complete that module and the end-of-module quiz before logging out or they will be required to start the module over again.
- 7. Teens will have 3 attempts to successfully pass the eADAP course. If they do not successfully complete the eADAP course in 3 attempts, their username and password will be deactivated, at which time they will be required to register for the course again by sending an email to eADAPsupport@dds.ga.gov, with their full name, birth date, userid, password and phone number.
- 8. Teens will be able to print their certificate of completion immediately after successfully completing of the course. They will also have the ability to print replacement certificates later by visiting the DDS website. Their eADAP certificate will contain a certificate # and PIN that Parents and/or Guardians will need if they desire to take the *Parent ADAP Course*.
- 9. <u>Teens must bring a printed copy of their certificate of completion with them</u> to the DDS Customer Service Center when they apply for their Georgia

<u>driver's license.</u> DDS Examiners cannot access your personal email account to print certificates.

If you have any questions, or experience any problems, please feel free to email us at eADAPsupport@dds.ga.gov . Be sure to include your full name, phone number, birth date and e-mail address.