

8-296. Farm permit; requirements; procedure. (a) Any person who is less than 17 years of age but is at least 14 years of age and who resides upon a farm in this state or is employed for compensation upon a farm in this state may apply to the division of vehicles for a farm permit authorizing such person, while possessing the permit, to operate any motor vehicle in class C, as designated in K.S.A. 8-234b, and amendments thereto.

(b) (1) A farm permit shall entitle the licensee, who is at least 14 years of age, but less than 16 years of age, to operate the appropriate motor vehicles at any time:

(A) While going to or from or in connection with any farm job, employment or other farm-related work;

(B) on days while school is in session, over the most direct and accessible route between the licensee's residence and school of enrollment for the purpose of school attendance; or

(C) when the licensee is operating a passenger car at any time when accompanied by an adult who is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license and who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver.

(2) For a period of six months, a farm permit shall entitle the licensee who is at least 16 years of age to operate the appropriate motor vehicles at any time:

(A) From 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.;

(B) while going to or from or in connection with any farm job, employment or other farm-related work; or

(C) while going to or from authorized school activities;

(D) while going directly to or from any religious worship service held by a religious organization; or

(E) when the licensee is operating a passenger car at any time when accompanied by an adult who is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license and who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver.

After such six-month period, if the licensee has complied with the provisions of this section, such farm permit shall entitle the licensee to operate the appropriate motor vehicles at any time without the restrictions required by this section.

(c) A farm permit shall be issued only if:

(1) The applicant can prove that such applicant resides or works on a farm;

(2) the applicant has successfully completed the examination requirements in K.S.A. 8-235d, and amendments thereto; and

(3) the applicant submits the signed affidavit of either a parent or guardian, stating that the applicant lives on a farm or, if the applicant does not live on a farm but works on a farm, the applicant submits the signed affidavit of the applicant's employer and parent or guardian, attesting to such employment.

(d) Any licensee issued a farm permit under this section:

(1) Who is less than 16 years of age shall not operate any motor vehicle with nonsibling minor passengers; or

(2) who is at least 16 years of age, for a period of six months after reaching 16 years of age, shall not operate any motor vehicle with more than one passenger who is less than 18 years of age and who is not a member of the licensee's immediate family.

Any conviction for violating this subsection shall be construed as a moving traffic violation for the purpose of K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto.

(e) Any licensee issued a farm permit under this section shall not operate a wireless communication device while driving a motor vehicle, except that a licensee may operate a wireless communication device while driving a motor vehicle to report illegal activity or to summons medical or other emergency help.

(f) As used in this section, "farm" means any parcel of land larger than 20 acres which is used in agricultural operations.

(g) (1) A farm permit issued under this section is subject to suspension or revocation in the same manner as any other driver's license.

(2) A farm permit shall be suspended in accordance with K.S.A. 8-291, and amendments thereto, for any violation of restrictions under this section.

(3) The division shall suspend the farm permit upon receiving satisfactory evidence that the licensee has been involved in two or more accidents chargeable to the licensee and such suspended license shall not be reinstated for one year.

(h) Any licensee issued a farm permit under this section shall provide prior to reaching 16 years of age, a signed affidavit of either a parent or guardian, stating that the applicant has completed at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving with at least 10 of those hours being at night. The adult supervised driving required by this paragraph shall be conducted by an adult who is at least 21 years of age and is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license.

Evidence of failure of any licensee who was required to complete the 50 hours of adult supervised driving under this subsection shall not be admissible in any action for the purpose of determining any aspect of comparative negligence or mitigation of damages.

(i) Any licensee issued a farm permit under this section who: (1) is under the age of 16 years and is convicted of two or more moving traffic violations committed on separate occasions shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b)(1), until the person reaches 17 years of age; (2) is at least 16 years of age, but less than 17 years of age and is convicted of two or more moving traffic violations committed on separate occasions shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b)(2), until the person reaches 18 years of age; or (3) fails to provide the affidavit required under subsection (h), shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b)(1), until the person provides such affidavit to the division or the person reaches 17 years of age, whichever occurs first.

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