



Website has driver license information for teens

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BARTOW — The Polk County Tax Collectors Office has established a website, www.OMWPolk.com, to provide information to teens and their parents about obtaining a learner's license and a driver license.

The site provides beginning drivers with a step-by-step process to obtain a learners' and full Florida driver's license, according to the office.

The site includes requirements to obtain a learner's license, an intermediate license and a full license.

Under state law, a teen must be at least 15 years old to apply for a learner's license. A teen who is 16 years old and has had a learner's license for at least one year without traffic convictions is eligible for an intermediate license. A full license is granted when a teen turns 18.

The age restrictions are:

- 16 years old — Driving is allowed between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. without a licensed adult. At all other times, a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old must occupy the closest seat to the right of the driver unless the teen is traveling to or from work.

- 17 years old — Driving allowed between 5 a.m. and 1 a.m. without a licensed adult. At all other times, a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old must occupy the closest seat to the right of the driver unless the teen is traveling to or from work.

The new website, www.OMWPolk.com, can be remembered for its text messaging abbreviation: On My Way.