



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – EDUCATIONAL PARTICIPANTS – *DEFENSIVE DRIVING*

What is the *Defensive Driving* course?

Defensive Driving is a 6-hour course to provide drivers with essential tools to recognize and respond effectively to immediate and potential hazards on the road. Participants learn to manage challenges like speeding, distracted or impaired driving, aggressive behavior, fatigue, and diverse traffic and road conditions.

Led by an authorized instructor in a classroom setting, this course incorporates scenario-based training where participants assess high-risk driving situations and determine practical responses. By emphasizing collision prevention strategies, defensive driving techniques, and the importance of behavior, judgment, and decision-making, the program fosters safer driving habits.

Can this course be used to satisfy a court-approved diversionary disposition?

Yes, in some cases, a Magisterial District Judge and the Commonwealth may approve participation in the *Defensive Driving* course as part of a diversionary disposition for a traffic citation. Such approval must be obtained through the court process. Simply registering for and completing the course does not automatically qualify a participant for diversionary treatment or affect any citation, fine, or court proceeding.

How do I register for the course?

Participants must register and pay the \$150 fee online in advance.

To register:

1. Use the QR Code or visit www.lancasterbar.org
2. Navigate to the **Community Resources** page
3. Click on **Sign Up for a Driving Course**
4. Complete and submit the online form with payment

Classes are held in person over 2 evenings (with 3 hours each evening) each month at the Lancaster Bar Association, located at 28 East Orange Street, Lancaster, PA.

Will I receive confirmation of my course registration?

Yes. You will receive an email confirmation immediately after registering. Please review it carefully as it contains important class details.

What if I'm late or have to leave early?

Full participation is required and you must attend all 6 hours. Please arrive on time and plan to stay for the entire session.

What is the refund/cancellation policy?

All course registration fees are non-refundable. If you need to reschedule, contact the Lancaster Bar Association in advance to transfer to a future class date.

Will this course reduce my insurance rates?

It depends on your insurance provider. Please contact them directly to see if completion of the course provides any benefits.