



Information and Resources to keep teens safer on the road!

How to Get Your Learner's Permit

The day you've been dreaming about is finally here — it's time to get your learner's permit!

Before you can get behind the wheel and head down the road, there are a few hoops you need to jump through first. Don't worry, though – getting that much-desired driving permit is easier than you think! If you're ready to get started, here is a simple step-by-step outline to help you know what to expect.

The Steps to Getting Your Learner's Permit

1: Age Requirement

Are you old enough? To take driver's education, most states require teens to be at least 15 years of age when they start their course. If you haven't reached your 15th birthday, you'll need to be patient just a little longer!

On the flip side, if you're over the age of 18, you might not need to take Driver's Ed. Check out your state's requirements before enrolling in a course.



CALIFORNIA LEARNER'S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirement:

15 for Driver's Ed, 15 ½ for Permit

Length of Driver's Ed:

30 hours

Behind-the-Wheel Training:

6 hours with instructor, 50 hours (10 at night) with licensed adult age 25 or older

Other Requirements:

- ▶ Must hold your learner's permit for 6 months before taking driver's license test.

[Learn More](#)



FLORIDA LEARNER'S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirement:

15

Length of Driver's Ed:

4 hours

Behind-the-Wheel Training:

50 hours (10 at night) with licensed adult age 21 or older

Other Requirements:

- ▶ Must hold the permit for 1 year before you can apply for a driver's license.

[Learn More](#)





Information and Resources to keep teens safer on the road!

2: Taking Driver's Ed

It's time to learn! From street signs to speed limits, driver's education will teach you what you need to know before you hit the road. A few things to consider before selecting your online Driver's Ed course include:

- ▶ **State Approval:** Ensure your course is approved to meet your state's requirements for driver's education.
- ▶ **Flexibility:** Choose a course that offers a schedule that fits into your lifestyle.
- ▶ **24/7 Customer Support:** Make sure you can get the help you need any time, day or night.
- ▶ **Proof of Completion:** Find out how long it takes for you to get your certificate of completion. You don't want to wait forever!

The number of hours your online course takes is state-dependent. Some require you to take breaks between lessons to ensure you properly retain all the vital information. You can expect to **cover the following topics** in your [online Driver's Ed class](#):

- ▶ Traffic laws and consequences
- ▶ Vehicle basics



COLORADO LEARNER'S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirement:

Driver's Education Permit: 15 – 15 ½
Driver's Awareness Permit: 15 ½ – 16
Minor Instruction Permit: 16 – 21

Length of Driver's Ed:

4 hours (if you skip this step, you'll need to wait until you're 16 to take the permit test)

Behind-the-Wheel Training:

50 hours (10 at night) with licensed adult age 21 or older

Other Requirements:

- ▶ Permit expires 3 years after the date of issue.
- ▶ Must hold the permit for 1 year before applying for a driver's license.
- ▶ You can only drive with an approved instructor or the person who signed the Affidavit of Liability and Guardianship.

[Learn More](#)





Information and Resources to keep teens safer on the road!

- ▶ Evaluating and responding to road conditions
- ▶ Identifying traffic signs
- ▶ Safe driving tactics
- ▶ Dangers of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- ▶ Emergency situations and responses

Your driver's education course is your best preparation for the written learner's permit exam. You will be quizzed throughout the course to test your knowledge and help you prepare for the real thing. You might also want to consider taking an additional practice test or two so you're really ready on the big day.

3. Passing the Permit Exam

Once you've completed your state-required driver's education course, and you think you're ready for the real thing, it's time to take your learner's permit exam. Some states allow you to take this test online, but most will require you to make an appointment at the Department of Motor Vehicles or other state agency.



GEORGIA LEARNER'S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirement:

15

Length of Driver's Ed:

30 hours

Behind-the-Wheel Training:

40 hours (6 at night) with licensed adult age 21 or older

Other Requirements:

- ▶ An Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP) card.
- ▶ Must hold your learner's permit for 1 year before applying for a driver's license.

[Learn More](#)



OKLAHOMA LEARNER'S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirement:

15 for Driver's Ed, 15 ½ for Learner's Permit

Length of Driver's Ed:

30 hours

Behind-the-Wheel Training:

50 hours (10 hours at night) with a licensed driver at least 21 years old

Other Requirements:

- ▶ Must be currently enrolled in school to apply for a learner's permit.
- ▶ Must hold your permit for 6 months before applying for a driver's license.

[Learn More](#)





Information and Resources to keep teens safer on the road!

The day of your test, you'll need to provide important information such as:

- ▶ **Required permit application forms** (these will require a parent or guardian's signature)
- ▶ **Social Security number**
- ▶ **Proof of identity** (such as a birth certificate, U.S. passport, or other legal form of ID)
- ▶ **Proof of residence**
- ▶ **Proof of completion from your Driver's Ed course**
- ▶ **Permit fee**

Be sure to review your state's requirements before you arrive for your appointment.

Your permit exam will test your knowledge of driving laws, signs, and scenarios. It's important to take this test seriously, because you might have limited retake opportunities. Try not to rush, and think your answers through carefully.

Once you pass your written permit test you'll also be asked to take a vision exam, (some states even test your hearing!). If you pass, you'll



INDIANA LEARNER'S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirement:

15 for Driver's Ed, 15 ½ for Driver's Permit

Length of Driver's Ed:

30 hours

Behind-the-Wheel Training:

- ▶ 50 hours of supervised driving practice with a licensed instructor (10 hours at night)
- ▶ 50 hours of supervised driving practice with a licensed driver who is at least 25 years old, or a spouse who is at least 21 years old (10 hours at night)

Other Requirements:

- ▶ Submit a Certificate of Driver's Education when applying for your permit.

[Learn More](#)



VIRGINIA LEARNER'S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirement:

15 ½

Length of Driver's Ed:

30 hours

Behind-the-Wheel Training:

45 hours with a licensed driver (21 years old and up, or 18 and up if the licensed driver is a sibling, legal guardian, half-sibling, or step-sibling)

Other Requirements:

- ▶ Must hold your learner's permit for 9 months before applying for a driver's license.

[Learn More](#)





Information and Resources to keep teens safer on the road!

have your picture taken, give your thumbprint, and your permit will be on its way!

4. Driving Practice

New drivers need to spend time practicing behind the wheel before they're ready to tackle the road on their own. That's what your learner's permit is for!

Once you've passed your written exam and you have your permit in your hands, now is the time to get familiar with what the world looks like from the driver's seat. According to your state's requirements, you'll need to **practice driving with a licensed adult** (age 21 or over, unless otherwise specified by the state) for a required number of hours.

Remember that your adult driver must sit in the passenger seat at all times, and it's their job to keep you informed and safe behind the wheel. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when you're practicing:

- ▶ Always buckle your seatbelt and check your mirrors before you start driving.
- ▶ Start slow. Practice in an open area like a parking lot with limited distractions.



NEVADA LEARNER'S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirement:

15

Length of Driver's Ed:

30 hours (not required for permit but is required for driver's license)

Behind-the-Wheel Training:

50 hours (10 hours at night) with a licensed driver at least 21 years old

Other Requirements:

- ▶ Students have the option to complete 100 hours of driving experience if no classroom Driver's Ed course is available within a 30-mile radius, and you choose not to take it online.

[Learn More](#)



PENNSYLVANIA LEARNER'S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirement:

15

Length of Driver's Ed:

30 hours

Behind-the-Wheel Training:

50 hours with adult over the age of 21 OR a spouse or guardian that is licensed and is a minimum of 18 years of age

Other Requirements:

- ▶ Submit a Form DL-180 Medical Qualification Certificate when applying for a permit.
- ▶ Permit is valid for 1 year.

[Learn More](#)





Information and Resources to keep teens safer on the road!

- ▶ Keep the radio off so you can hear your parent instructor.
- ▶ If you get frustrated, scared, or overwhelmed, pull over. Let your adult drive, and try again another day.

5. Your Driver's License Checklist

The steps to getting your license aren't complicated, they just take time. All states follow variations of a **graduated driver's license program**, requiring you have your learner's permit for an allotted amount of time before you're eligible to take your driving test and get your license.

In addition, teen drivers under 18 years of age must meet a minimum number of **behind-the-wheel practice** hours before they can take their driver's license test. Before you head to the DMV, make sure you've done the following:

- ✓ Met the minimum age requirement (age 16 in most states)
- ✓ Passed your driver's permit test
- ✓ Practiced driving with a licensed adult
- ✓ Have obtained proper insurance and vehicle registration
- ✓ Passed a vision exam



TEXAS LEARNER'S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirement:

14 for Driver's Ed, 15 for Learner's Permit

Length of Driver's Ed:

32 hours

Behind-the-Wheel Training:

50 hours with a licensed driver (21 years old and up) during daylight hours for the first 3 months, after which curfew is extended to 10 p.m.

Other Requirements:

- ▶ Must submit either A) Verification of Enrollment and Attendance (VOE) (CDD-104) form, or a letter from the school administrator in lieu of the VOE and Attendance form; or B) high school diploma or equivalent.

[Learn More](#)





Information and Resources to keep teens safer on the road!

If you've met all the state's learner's permit requirements and think you're ready to take the keys, make your driving test appointment. This test is done in person at the DMV or local governing agency. In your driving test, you'll be required to prove your driving proficiency.

Good luck and drive safely!

