

Licensing Requirements for Teens - Graduated Driver Licensing



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Learner License - To earn a learner license, you must be at least 15 years old

You must provide :

- Proof that you completed a [Traffic Law and Substance Abuse Education course](#) (check your local yellow pages under 'Driving Instruction' for a location near you) or a license from any state, country, or jurisdiction, and
- Parental Consent Form, which must be signed in the presence of a driver license examiner or notarized if parent or guardian will not be present (form is located at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/html/forms.html>). If you are under 18 and are not married one parent or legal guardian must sign your license application. Step-parents may not sign unless they have legally adopted you.
- Documents needed to establish your proof of identity, proof of social security number (if issued), and proof of residential address. Please visit [GatherGoGet.com](#) for information regarding these required documents.

You are required to take:

- A Written Test covering the following areas:
 - Road Rules - 20 multiple choice questions about traffic laws - must have 15 correct answers to pass.
 - Road Signs - 20 multiple choice questions about road signs - must have 15 correct answers to pass.
- [Florida Driver Handbook](#)
- Vision Test using an eye machine. To pass, you must have 20/40 (or better) vision in each and both eyes, with or without corrective lenses.
- Hearing Test

With your Learner's License, you may:

Only drive during **daylight** hours during the first three months and until 10 p.m. thereafter, **always** with a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old and occupies the front passenger seat.

Intermediate License (16 and 17 year old) - To earn an operator's license, you must be at least 16 years old **AND** have held a learner's license for at least one year without any traffic convictions.

You must provide:

- A Florida Learner's License or a license from another jurisdiction.
- Parent or guardian certification that you have at least 50 hours of behind the wheel driving experience, of which 10 hours must be at night.

You are required to take:

- Driving test and perform certain driving maneuvers. Please refer to the [Florida Driver Handbook](#) for specifics or present a waiver from an accepted driver education course.

With your Intermediate License, you may:

- 16 years old - only drive between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m., unless accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old and occupies the front passenger seat, or you are traveling to or from work.
- 17 years old - only drive between 5 a.m. and 1 a.m., unless accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years old and occupies the front passenger seat, or you are traveling to or from work.

Driving is a Privilege - Don't Lose It

There are a number of infractions that can cause you to lose or restrict your driving privileges. The following are of particular interest to teen drivers.

- If you receive a moving traffic conviction while you have a Learner's License, the one year period you are required to hold your Learner's License will be extended for one year from the date of the conviction or until you are 18 years old, whichever happens first.
- If you receive 6 points on your driving record within a 12 month period, your driving privileges are automatically restricted to business purposes only for 12 months or until you

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are 18, whichever happens first. If you receive additional points during this restricted period, the restriction is extended 90 **days** for each additional point.

- If you have a blood alcohol level of .02% or more (applies to those under age 21), an administrative suspension of six months will result.
- If you are [truant](#) in your school attendance, your driving privilege is suspended until you provide proof you have attended school for 30 consecutive **days**.
- If you are convicted for possession of tobacco products (applies to those under age 18).

Driving Violations and Points

Speeding	
Less than 15 mph over the speed limit	3 points
More than 15 mph over the speed limit	4 points
Speeding resulting in an crash	6 points
Moving Violation	
Moving violation (includes driving during restricted hours and parking on a highway outside the limits of a municipality)	3 points
Moving violation resulting in a crash	4 points
Failing to stop at a traffic signal (effective October 1, 2005)	4 points
Passing a stopped school bus	4 points
Reckless driving	4 points
Leaving the scene of a crash resulting in property damage of more than \$50	6 points
Improper lane change	3 points
Violation of a traffic control sign/device	4 points
Open container as an operator	3 points
Child restraint violation	3 points
Littering	3 points

Zero Tolerance for DUI

Drivers under the age of 21 with a blood alcohol level of .02% or more will have their license immediately suspended for six months. This administrative action is for a first offense; a second offense will result in a one year suspension. Refusal to submit to testing (first offense) results in a suspension of twelve months; eighteen months on a second offense.


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