



TZD CONFERENCE TEEN LICENSING OVERVIEW

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GRADUATED DRIVER'S LICENSE

- The graduated driver's license law (GDL) compliments the existing driver's license program by introducing a provisional license stage for young drivers. It is a multi-tiered program, designed to ease young novice drivers into the driving environment.
- New laws went into effect August 1, 2008
- Strengthens original GDL passed in 1999



Phase I - Instruction Permit

Applicant Qualifications

- Must be at least 15 years of age.
- Must have completed 30 hours of classroom instruction and be enrolled in behind-the-wheel instruction.
- Must pass vision and written tests, complete application, and pay the required fee.
- Parent or legal guardian's signature and certification required on application.

Phase I - Instruction Permit


Conditions

- Permit holder may drive under the supervision of a certified driving instructor, parent or guardian, or other licensed driver 21 years of age or older.
- Every occupant under 18 years of age must wear a seat belt or use a child restraint system.
- You may not use or talk on a cell phone while driving, with or without a hands-free cell phone device.
- The permit is valid for two years and may be renewed.



Phase II - Provisional License

Applicant Qualifications

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
 - Must have completed driver education.
 - Must have held an instruction permit for six months with no convictions for moving violations or convictions for alcohol/controlled substance violations.
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- Must pass the road test, complete application, and pay required fee.
 - The parent/guardian who approves the application also certifies that the applicant had driven under the supervision of a licensed driver at least 21 years of age for not less than 30 hours, at least ten of which were at night.
 - May not compose, read, or send text messages or access the internet on a wireless device while on the road (all ages).

Phase II - Provisional License

Conditions

- Every occupant under the age of 18 must have a seat belt or child passenger restraint system properly fastened.
- A provisional license is valid for two years.



New Limitations

Nighttime Driving Limitation.

- For the first six months of licensure: Driving is prohibited midnight- 5 a.m. The nighttime limitation is lifted after the first six months of licensure.
- Exemption:
 - Driving when accompanied by a licensed driver age 25 or older;
 - Driving between home and place of employment;
 - Driving to/from home and a school event for which the school has not provided transportation;
 - Driving for employment purposes.

New Limitations

Passenger Limitation.

- For the first six months of licensure: Only one passenger under the age of 20 is permitted, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- For the second six months of licensure: No more than three passengers under the age of 20 are permitted, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Exemption: Passengers under age 20 who are members of the driver's immediate family are permitted.

Phase III - Full License

Applicant Qualifications

- Must: be at least 18 years of age **or** must have held a provisional license for at least 12 consecutive months with no convictions for alcohol/controlled substance violations or crash-related moving violations, and with not more than one conviction for a moving violation that is not crash-related.
- Must complete application and pay required fee.
- If under 18, the parent/guardian who approves the application also certifies that the applicant has driven under the supervision of a licensed driver at least 21 years of age for not less than ten hours on the provisional license.
- Expires on 21st birthday.



WITHDRAWAL OF PARENTAL CONSENT

- May be requested by a parent or guardian for their teen driver who is under the age of 18
- Parent must be the parent or guardian who signed the original license application
- Parent must complete form and send it to DVS – form can be found at <http://www.dps.state.mn.us/dvs/>
- When completed form is received, the teen's driving privileges are cancelled
- Notice of cancellation is mailed to teen
- Expires on teen's 18th birthday