

UNITED STATES GRADUATED DRIVERS LICENSING LAWS (January 2014)

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INTRODUCTION

Graduated driver licensing is a system used to slowly expose teens to the driving experience and phase them into full driving privileges.¹ GDL is proven effective at reducing teen drivers' high crash rates by 20 percent to 40 percent.² If all states implemented comprehensive graduated driver licensing laws, an estimated 2,000 lives and \$13.6 billion could be saved each year.³

This document contains a summary of GDL laws by state presented in an easy-to-read format. It does not represent GDL Laws in their entirety so state websites, referenced in each case, should be referred to for the most current and accurate information.

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- 1 "Graduated Driver License Introduction." *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety*. n.d. Web. 12 Dec. 2013.
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<http://www.allstatefoundation.org/license-to-save>

Graduated Drivers Licensing Definitions.

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ALABAMA

Learner's period	<p>Alabama has a 6 month minimum learner's holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Until age 16, the supervising driver must be a parent, guardian, or driving instructor. At age 16, any licensed driver may supervise a permit holder. Permit holders who have held a permit the requisite time may apply for a driver's license after they reach age 16.</p> <p>Driver education is not required but those who have not completed it must have a minimum of 30 hours of supervised driving before they can be licensed.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers may not drive unsupervised between midnight and 6 am until they are 17 and have been licensed for 6 months.</p>
	<p>Passenger: Newly licensed drivers may not drive with more than one passenger until they are 17 and have been licensed for 6 months.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: 16-year-old drivers and 17-year-old drivers who have held their initial license for less than 6 months may not use any cellphone.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://dps.alabama.gov/Home/wfContent.aspx?ID=30&PLH1=plhDriverLicense-GraduatedDL</p>

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ALASKA

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Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between 1 am and 5 am for 6 months or until their 18th birthday, whichever occurs first.</p>
	<p>Passenger: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive with any passengers younger than 21 for 6 months or until their 18th birthday, whichever occurs first.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No cellphone restrictions.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/akol/teenlaw.htm</p>

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ARIZONA

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Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between midnight and 5 am for 6 months or until their 18th birthday, whichever occurs first.</p>
	<p>Passenger: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive with more than one passenger younger than 18 for 6 months or until their 18th birthday, whichever occurs first.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>No cellphone or texting restrictions.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.azdot.gov/mvd/driver-services/teen-drivers</p> <p>http://www.azdot.gov/docs/default-source/mvd-services/driver-license-manual---spanish.pdf?sfvrsn=8</p>

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ARKANSAS

Learner's period	Arkansas has a 6 month minimum learner's holding period. The minimum age for permit is 14. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license. There is no minimum supervised driving requirement. Driver education is not required.
Initial license restrictions	Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between 11 pm and 4 am until their 18 th birthday.
	Passenger: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive with more than one passenger younger than 21 until their 18 th birthday.
Cellphones & texting	Cellphone: Drivers younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may not drive using a cellphone. Drivers age 18 through 20 may not drive using a hand-held cellphone. No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may drive using a hand-held cellphone in a school zone or work zone.
	Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.
Links	http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/driverServices/Pages/FAQ's.aspx#k

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CALIFORNIA

Learner's period	<p>California has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years, 6 months. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first 12 months after receiving their initial license, provisional license holders may not drive unsupervised between the hours of 11 pm and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 12 months after receiving their license, provisional license holders may not carry passengers younger than 20.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving. No driver 18 or older, irrespective of license status, may drive while using a hand-held cellphone.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.dmv.ca.gov/coi/teen/teen_dlid.htm?lang=en</p>

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COLORADO

Learner's period	<p>Colorado has a 12 month minimum learner's holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 15 for persons enrolled in driver education; 15, 6 months for persons who do not take driver education. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. At age 16, permit holders who have held a permit the requisite time may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Young drivers in Colorado do not have to take driver education, but if they do not, they are required to take a driver awareness course and may have behind the wheel training requirements in addition to the 50 hours of practice driving.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between midnight and 5 am for 12 months or until their 18th birthday, whichever comes first.</p>
	<p>Passenger: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not carry any passengers younger than 21 for the first 6 months. For the second 6 months or until their 18th birthday, they may not carry more than 1 passenger younger than 21.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/colorado-teen-drivers/Teens</p> <p><u>Spanish:</u> http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheader=application%2Fpdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1191399207471&ssbinary=true</p>

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CONNECTICUT

Learner's period	<p>Connecticut has a 6 month holding period (4 months for applicants with driver education). The minimum age for a permit is 16. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must have a minimum of 40 hours of supervised driving before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Either driver education or a home training course is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between 11 pm and 5 am until their 18th birthday.</p> <p>Passenger: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not carry passengers other than their parents or a driving instructor for the first 6 months; for the second 6 months, they may carry their parents, a driving instructor, or members of their immediate family. Passenger restrictions end after 12 months or until their 18th birthday, whichever comes first.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving. No driver 18 or older, irrespective of license status, may drive while using a hand-held cellphone.</p> <p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.ct.gov/dmv/cwp/view.asp?a=805&q=424252&dmvPNavCtr= 49087 #54884</p> <p>http://www.ct.gov/dmv/taxonomy/v4_taxonomy.asp?DLN=41638&dmvNav= 41638 &dmvPNavCtr= 41640 41679 41687 #41687</p> <p>http://www.ct.gov/dmv/cwp/view.asp?a=805&q=424252&dmvPNavCtr= 49087 #54884</p>

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DELAWARE

NOTE: Delaware uses the term “permit” for the 6 month period in which no unsupervised driving is allowed (Level 1) and for the following 6 month period during which night driving and passenger restrictions apply (Level 2). A 16-year-old who has held the Level 1 permit the requisite time, may apply for a Level 2 permit.

Learner's period	Delaware has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 16. For the first 6 months, Level 1 permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders must have a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can advance to Level 2. Driver education is required.
Initial license restrictions	Night: Level 2. After the first 6 months, permit holders are allowed to drive unsupervised from 6 am to 10 pm. They may only drive under supervision between 10 pm and 6 am. Passenger: Level 1. For the first 6 months after receiving their permit, drivers younger than 18 may only carry one passenger in addition to the adult supervisor. Level 2. For the second 6 months, they may not carry more than 1 passenger when driving without a supervisor.
Cellphones & texting	Cellphone: No intermediate license holder or permit holder may use a cellphone while driving. No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may use a hand-held cellphone while driving. Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.
Links	http://www.dmv.de.gov/services/driver_services/drivers_license/dr_lic_grad_dl.shtml http://www.dmv.de.gov/forms/driver_serv_forms/pdfs/dr_frm_manual.pdf?071613 Spanish: http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=en&tl=es&u=http%3A%2F%2Fdmv.de.gov%2F

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Learner's period	<p>There is a 6 month holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 16. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a license.</p> <p>Permit holders must have a minimum of 40 hours of supervised driving before they can be licensed. A minimum of 10 hours of night driving under supervision is required during the provisional stage.</p> <p>Driver education is not required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: The District of Columbia's night driving restrictions depend on the month and on the day of the week. From September through June, license holders younger than 18 may not drive from 11 pm to 6 am on Sundays through Thursdays; and midnight to 6 am on weekend nights. During July and August, license holders younger than 18 may not drive from midnight to 6 am any night.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 6 months, license holders younger than 18 may not carry any passengers except one licensed driver 21 or older; thereafter no more than 2 passengers younger than 21.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No permit holder may use a cellphone while driving. No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may use a hand-held cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://dmv.dc.gov/service/teen-driver-information</p>

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FLORIDA

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Initial license restrictions	Night: Newly licensed 16 year olds may not drive unsupervised between the hours of 11 pm and 6 am. Seventeen year olds may not drive unsupervised between the hours of 1 am and 5 am.
	Passenger: Florida has none.
Cellphones & texting	Cellphone: No cellphone restrictions.
	Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.
Links	http://www.flhsmv.gov/ddl/teendriv.html

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GEORGIA

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Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between the hours of midnight and 6 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 6 months after receiving a license, drivers younger than 18 may not carry any passengers. For the second 6 months, they may not carry more than 2 passengers. Thereafter until they reach age 18, they may not carry more than 3 passengers younger than 21 (family members excepted).</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
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Links	<p>http://www.gateendrivereducation.dds.ga.gov/tadra.html</p>

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HAWAII

Learner's period	<p>Hawaii has a 6 month learner's holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years, 6 months. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. At age 16, permit holders may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between the hours of 11 pm and 5 am.
	Passenger: For the first 6 months after receiving a license, drivers younger than 18 may not carry more than one passenger.
Cellphones & texting	Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving. No driver 18 or older, irrespective of license status, may drive while using a hand-held cellphone.
	Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.
Links	<p>http://hdihawaii.com/PDF/licensing.pdf</p> <p>http://www.dmv-department-of-motor-vehicles.com/HI_Hawaii_dmv_department_of_motor_vehicles.htm</p>

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Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Permit holders and newly licensed drivers younger than 16 may not drive unsupervised between sunset and sunrise.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 6 months after receiving a license, drivers younger than 17 may not carry more than one passenger.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No cellphone restrictions.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://itd.idaho.gov/dmv/driverservices/young_drivers.htm</p> <p><u>Spanish:</u> https://itd.idaho.gov/dmv/driverservices/documents/Spanish_manual.pdf</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

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ILLINOIS

Learner's period	<p>Illinois has a 9 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between 10 pm and 6 am Sunday through Thursday; 11 pm and 6 am Friday and Saturday.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 12 months after receiving their license, newly licensed drivers may not carry more than one passenger younger than 20.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 19, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving. No permit holder, regardless of age, may use a cellphone while driving. No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may use a hand-held cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/teen_driver_safety/gdl.html</p> <p>http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_a132.pdf</p> <p>Spanish: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_a113.pdf</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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INDIANA

Learner's period	<p>Indiana has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 years, 6 month and older who have held their permit the requisite time and who have completed driver education, may apply for a driver's license. Those who have not completed driver education can apply at age 16, 9 mo.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first 6 months, newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between 10 pm and 5 am. Thereafter, until age 18 they may not drive unsupervised between 11 pm and 5 am Sunday through Thursday; 1 am and 5 am weekend nights.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 6 months after receiving their license, newly licensed drivers may not carry passengers of any age unless they are supervised by a licensed driver at least 21 years old.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.in.gov/bmv/files/Drivers_Manual_Chapter_1.pdf</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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IOWA

Learner's period	<p>Iowa has a 12 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 14. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 20 hours of supervised driving, 2 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between 12:30 am and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: Newly licensed drivers may not carry more than one passenger younger than 18 unless they are supervised by an adult licensed driver. Parents may request that this restriction not be imposed.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No learner's permit holder or intermediate license holder may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/ods/gdl.htm</p> <p>http://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/ods/passengerrestriction.html</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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KANSAS

Learner's period	<p>Kansas has a 12 month minimum holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 14. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders age 15 and older who have held their permit the requisite may apply for a restricted driver's license that allows unsupervised driving only between home and work or school. At age 16, permit holders who have had a learner's permit the requisite time may apply for a less restricted license that allows unsupervised driving anywhere.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 25 hours of supervised driving in the learner's phase and 25 hours of supervised driving before moving to lesser restrictions. Of the 50 hours, 10 must be at night.</p>
Initial license restrictions	Night: Newly licensed drivers may not drive between 9 pm and 5 am.
	Passenger: Newly licensed drivers may not carry more than one unrelated passenger who is younger than 18.
Cellphones & texting	Cellphone: No learner's permit holder or intermediate license holder may use a cellphone while driving.
	Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.
Links	http://www.ksrevenue.org/dmvgdl.html

Graduated Drivers Licensing Definitions.

Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

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KENTUCKY

Learner's period	<p>Kentucky has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 16. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 60 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	Night: Newly licensed drivers may not drive between midnight and 6 am.
	Passenger: Newly licensed drivers may not carry more than one unrelated passenger younger than 20.
Cellphones & texting	Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving.
	Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.
Links	http://transportation.ky.gov/Driver-Licensing/Pages/GDL-Steps-to-Obtaining-a-License.aspx

Graduated Drivers Licensing Definitions.

Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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LOUISIANA

Learner's period	<p>Louisiana has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 15 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 17 may not drive unsupervised between 11 pm and 5 am.</p> <p>Passenger: During restricted driving hours, newly licensed drivers younger than 17 may not carry more than one unrelated passenger younger than 21.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: Permit and intermediate license holders may not use a hand-held cellphone while driving. All drivers younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may not use a cellphone while driving. All drivers, irrespective of age or license status, may not use a cellphone for the first year after receiving their initial license.</p> <p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://dpsweb.dps.louisiana.gov/omvfaqs.nsf?OpenDatabase&Start=1&Count=1200&Expand=2</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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MAINE

Learner's period	<p>Maine has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit for applicants younger than 21. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 70 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first 9 months, newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between midnight and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 9 months, newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not carry passengers unless they are supervised by a licensed driver who is 20 years old or older.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No learner's permit holder or intermediate license holder may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/licenses/graduateddriverlicense.htm</p> <p>http://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/licenses/parentteen.html</p> <p>http://www.themtsc.org/documents/Safeguardbrochure-FINAL.pdf</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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MARYLAND

Learner's period	<p>Maryland has a 9 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years, 9 months. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 60 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18, may not drive unsupervised between midnight and 5 am.
	Passenger: For the first 5 months, newly licensed drivers younger than 18, may not carry passengers younger than 18 unless supervised.
Cellphones & texting	Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving. No driver 18 or older, irrespective of license status, may drive while using a hand-held cellphone.
	Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.
Links	<p>http://www.mva.maryland.gov/Resources/MD-Graduated-Driver-Licensing-System-Information-Booklet.pdf</p> <p>http://www.mva.maryland.gov/drivers/rookie-driver/</p> <p>http://www.mva.maryland.gov/safety/young-driver-safety.htm</p> <p>Spanish: http://www.mva.maryland.gov/resources/docs/DL-002S.pdf</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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MASSACHUSETTS

Learner's period	<p>Massachusetts has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 16 years. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. They may not drive between midnight and 5 am unless their supervising driver is a parent or guardian. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 40 hours of supervised driving before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between 12:30 am and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 6 months, newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not carry passengers younger than 18, unless supervised by a driver age 21 or older.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.ecs.umass.edu/umasssafe/PDFS%20for%20Site/gdl_handout.pdf</p> <p>http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/jol/21336.pdf</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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MICHIGAN

Learner's period	<p>Michigan has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 14 years, 9 months. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Until they are 17 and have held their intermediate license for 6 months, newly licensed drivers may not drive unsupervised between 10 pm and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: Until they are 17 and have held their intermediate license for 6 months, newly licensed drivers may not drive unsupervised while carrying more than one passenger younger than 21.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No learner's permit holder or intermediate license holder may use a cellphone while driving. There is an exception for integrated voice operated systems.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1627_60169_60175---,00.html</p> <p>http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1627_60169_60175-269642--.00.html</p> <p>http://www.michigan.gov/documents/SOS-215_20350_7.PDF</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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MINNESOTA

Learner's period	<p>Minnesota has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 30 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first 6 months, a provisional license holder may not drive unsupervised between midnight and 5 am.</p> <p>Passenger: For the first 6 months, a provisional license holder may not carry more than one passenger younger than 20 unless supervised.</p> <p>For the second 6 months, a provisional license holder may not carry more than 3 passengers younger than 20 unless supervised.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: For the first 12 months after licensing, no learner's permit holder or intermediate license holder may use a cellphone while driving.</p> <p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/issinfo/GDL.pdf</p> <p>https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/Pages/dvs-content-detail.aspx?pageID=555&pageTitle=Driver's License - Class D - New Driver - Under age 18</p>

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Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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MISSISSIPPI

Learner's period	<p>Mississippi has a 12 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Fifteen and sixteen year old permit holders who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>There is no minimum supervised driving requirement.</p> <p>Driver education is not required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For 6 months after they receive their license or until they are 17, newly licensed drivers may not drive unsupervised between 10 pm and 6 am Sunday through Thursday or 11:30 pm and 6 am Friday and Saturday.</p>
	<p>Passenger: Mississippi has none.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No cellphone restrictions.</p>
	<p>Texting: No learner's permit or intermediate license holders may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.dps.state.ms.us/driver-services/new-drivers-license/types-of-licenses/</p> <p>http://www.dps.state.ms.us/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Driver-License-Manual-Jan-2012.pdf</p>

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MISSOURI

Learner's period	<p>Missouri has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Sixteen year old permit holders who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 40 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is not required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between 1 am and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 6 months, an intermediate license holder may not carry more than one passenger younger than 19 unless supervised.</p> <p>After the first 6 months, an intermediate license holder may not carry more than 3 passengers younger than 19 unless supervised.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No cellphone restrictions.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver younger than 21, irrespective of license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://dor.mo.gov/drivers/teens/gradlaw.php</p> <p>http://dor.mo.gov/forms/Spanish_Driver_Guide.pdf</p> <p>Spanish: http://dor.mo.gov/forms/Driver_Guide.pdf</p>

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MONTANA

Learner's period	<p>Montana has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 14 years, 6 months. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. At age 15, permit holders may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required for permit applicants younger than 15 and for license applicants younger than 16.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first 6 months, a First-Year Restricted License holder may not drive between 11 pm and 5 am unless supervised.</p> <p>Passenger: For the first 6 months, a First-Year Restricted License holder may not carry more than one unrelated passenger younger than 18 unless supervised.</p> <p>For the second 6 months, a First-Year Restricted License holder may not carry more than 3 unrelated passengers younger than 18 unless supervised.</p>
Cellphones & texting	No cellphone or texting restrictions.
Links	<p>https://doj.mt.gov/driving/driver-licensing/#graduateddriverlicensing</p> <p>https://doj.mt.gov/driving/driver-licensing/#newdrivers</p>

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NEBRASKA

Learner's period	<p>Nebraska has 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Sixteen year old permit holders may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Driver education is not required but those who have not completed it must have a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving before they can be licensed.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Provisional operator's permit holders may not drive unsupervised between midnight and 6 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 6 months, provisional operator's permit holders may not carry more than one unrelated passenger younger than 19 unless supervised.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No learner's permit holder or intermediate license holder younger than 18 may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.dmv.ne.gov/examining/overview.html</p> <p>https://doj.mt.gov/driving/driver-licensing/#newdrivers</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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NEVADA

Learner's period	<p>Nevada has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years, 6 months. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. At age 16, permit holders may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must have a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required except for license applicants who live more than 30 miles from a driver education provider. If approved online course is not accessible, an applicant without driver education may substitute an additional 50 hours of supervised driving.</p>
Initial license restrictions	Night: Until age 18, newly licensed drivers may not drive between 10 pm and 5 am unless supervised.
	Passenger: For the first 6 months, newly licensed drivers may not carry any unrelated passengers younger than 18 unless supervised.
Cellphones & texting	Cellphone: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may use a hand-held cellphone while driving.
	Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.
Links	<p>http://www.dmvnv.com/pdfforms/qtteen.pdf</p> <p>http://www.dmvnv.com/pdfforms/dlbooksp.pdf</p> <p>Spanish: http://www.dmvnv.com/pdfforms/logbook.pdf</p> <p>http://www.dmvnv.com/pdfforms/logbooksp.pdf</p>

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Learner's period	<p>New Hampshire has no minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years, 6 months. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders who are 16 and who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must have a minimum of 40 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive between 1 am and 4 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 6 months, newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not carry more than one passenger younger than 25 unless supervised.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No cellphone restrictions.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/driver-licensing/apply/youth-operator.htm</p> <p>http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/driver-licensing/apply/under-18.htm</p>

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NEW JERSEY

Learner's period	<p>New Jersey has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 16 for those who have completed driver education, 17 for those who have not. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 17 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>There is no minimum supervised driving requirement.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first year, newly licensed drivers younger than 21 may not drive between the hours of 11 pm and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first year, newly licensed drivers younger than 21 may not carry more than one passenger unless they are supervised.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No learner's permit or intermediate license holder may use a cellphone while driving. No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may use a hand-held cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/gdl_definitions.htm</p>

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NEW MEXICO

Learner's period	<p>New Mexico has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 15 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must have a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first 12 months after receiving their provisional license, drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between the hours of midnight and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 12 months after receiving their initial license, drivers younger than 18 may not carry more than one passenger younger than 21 unless they are supervised.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No learner's permit or intermediate license holder may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: Until July 1, 2014, no learner's permit or intermediate license holder may text while driving. Effective July 1, 2014, no driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/Drivers/New-Drivers/pages/Graduated-Driver-License.asp</p> <p>http://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/apply-for-a-learner-s-permit.aspx</p>

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NEW YORK

Learner's period	<p>New York has a 6 month minimum learner's permit holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 16 years. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must have a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 15 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>New York restricts permit holders from driving in New York City and several other areas. Please check New York Department of Motor Vehicles for specifics.</p> <p>Driver education is not required but night and passenger restrictions apply until age 18 for those who have not completed driver education.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Junior Driver license holders may not drive at any time in New York City (five boroughs). For limited purposes (e.g., school, work) and only between 5 am and 9 pm they can drive in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. All other places, they may drive unsupervised between 5 am and 9 pm.</p> <p>Passenger: Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 (17 with driver education) may not carry more than one passenger younger than 21 unless supervised.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may use a hand-held cellphone while driving.</p> <p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.dmv.ny.gov/youngerdriver/gradLicense.htm</p> <p>http://www.dmv.ny.gov/youngerdriver/grad-nyc.htm</p> <p>http://www.dmv.ny.gov/youngerdriver/grad-upstate.htm</p>

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NORTH CAROLINA

Learner's period	<p>North Carolina has a 12 month minimum holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 60 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night during the permit phase. Intermediate license holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 12 hours, 6 of which must have been at night during the intermediate phase.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first 6 months, license holders younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between 9 pm and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 6 months, license holders younger than 18 may not carry more than one passenger younger than 21.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Link	<p>http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/driver/license/first/</p>

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NORTH DAKOTA

Learner's period	<p>North Dakota has a minimum learner's permit holding period that varies according to the learner's age. For people younger than 16, it is 12 months or until age 16; for people 16 it is 6 months or until age 18, whichever comes first. The minimum age for a permit is 14. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. At age 16, permit holders who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license. However, parents may request a restricted license for teens who are at least 15 and who have completed driver education.</p> <p>License applicants younger than 16 must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving. License applicants 16 and older have no supervised driving requirement.</p> <p>Driver education is not required for license applicants 16 and older.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Holders of a parent restricted license may only drive vehicles belonging to a parent or guardian and may not drive unsupervised between sunset or 9 pm and 5 am.</p> <p>Passenger: North Dakota has none.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving.</p> <p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.ndhealth.gov/injury/publications/nd_teen_licensing.pdf</p> <p>http://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/driverslicense/docs/noncommercial-dl-manual-class-d.pdf</p>

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OHIO

Learner's period	<p>Ohio has a 6 month minimum holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years, 6 months. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Until the permit holder is age 16, the supervising driver must be a driving instructor or the permit holder's parent or guardian. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must have a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: License holders younger than 17 may not drive unsupervised between midnight and 6 am. At age 17, they may not drive between 1 am and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: License holders younger than 17 may not carry more than one passenger.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/graduated_dl_teen_laws.stm http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/graduated_dl_teen_laws.stm#tog</p>

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OKLAHOMA

Learner's period	<p>Oklahoma has a 6 month minimum learner's permit holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years, 6 months. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. At age 16, permit holders may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must have a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is not required, but the initial license restrictions last 6 months for those with driver education and 12 months for those who have not completed driver education.</p>
Initial license restrictions	Night: Intermediate license holders may not drive unsupervised between 10 pm and 5 am.
	Passenger: Intermediate license holders may not carry more than one passenger unless supervised.
Cellphones & texting	Cellphone: No learner's permit or intermediate license holder may use a hand-held cellphone while driving.
	Texting: No learner's permit or intermediate license holder may text while driving.
Links	http://www.dps.state.ok.us/dls/gdl.htm

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OREGON

Learner's period	<p>Oregon has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must have a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving before they can be licensed. Driver education is not required, but permit holders who have not completed driver education must have a minimum of 100 hours of supervised driving to be licensed.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first 12 months after receiving their initial license, drivers younger than 18 years may not drive unsupervised between the hours of midnight and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 6 months, newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not carry any passengers younger than 20 unless they are supervised. For the second 6 months, they may not carry more than 3 passengers younger than 20.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving. No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may use a hand-held cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/TEEN/Pages/license.aspx</p> <p>http://www.odot.state.or.us/forms/dmv/37s.pdf</p> <p>Spanish: http://www.odot.state.or.us/forms/dmv/7190.pdf#parent_teen</p>

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PENNSYLVANIA

Learner's period	<p>Pennsylvania has a 6 month minimum holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 16. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must have a minimum of 65 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night and 5 of which have to be in bad weather, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is not required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: License holders younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between 11 pm and 5 am. The restriction can be lifted for drivers age 17 after 12 months if they have completed driver education.</p> <p>Passenger: For the first 6 months, newly licensed drivers may not carry more than one passenger younger than 18 unless they are supervised. After 6 months, they may not carry more than 3 passengers younger than 18.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No cellphone restriction.</p> <p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/teenDriversCenter/newTeenDriversLaw.shtml</p>

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RHODE ISLAND

Learner's period	<p>Rhode Island has a 6 month minimum holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 16. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first 12 months, license holders younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between 1 am and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 12 months, license holders younger than 18 may not carry more than one passenger younger than 21 unless supervised.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.dmv.ri.gov/licenses/new/</p> <p>Spanish: http://www.dmv.ri.gov/documents/manuals/Driver_Manual_SP.pdf</p>

Graduated Drivers Licensing Definitions.

Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Learner's period	<p>South Carolina has a 6 month minimum permit holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 15 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a conditional driver's license. At age 16, permit holders who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a special restricted license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 40 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required for license applicants younger than 17.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Conditional and special restricted license holders may not drive unsupervised after dark (6 pm – 6 am EST; 8 pm – 6 am EDT) for one year or until they are 17 and have been licensed 6 months, whichever occurs first.</p>
	<p>Passenger: Conditional and special restricted license holders may not carry more than 2 passengers younger than 21 unless supervised for one year or until they are 17 and have been licensed 6 months, whichever occurs first.</p>
Cellphones & texting	No cellphone or texting restrictions.
Links	http://www.scdmvonline.com/dmvnew/default.aspx?n=initial_driver_license

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SOUTH DAKOTA

Learner's period	South Dakota has a 6 month minimum holding period for those who have not completed driver education. The minimum holding period is 3 months for those who have completed driver education. The minimum age for a permit is 14. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license. There is no minimum supervised driving requirement. Driver education is not required.
Initial license restrictions	Night: Restricted Minor's Permit holders younger than 16 must be supervised by a parent or guardian between 10 pm and 6 am.
	Passenger: There is no passenger restriction.
Cellphones & texting	Cellphone: No learner's permit or intermediate license holder may use a cellphone while driving.
	Texting: No learner's permit or intermediate license holder may text while driving.
Links	http://dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver_licensing/teens.aspx http://dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver_licensing/documents/GRADUATEDLICENSINGSYSTEMsummarysheet.pdf

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

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TENNESSEE

Learner's period	<p>Tennessee has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is not required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first 12 months after receiving their initial license or until age 18, license applicants younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between the hours of 11 pm and 6 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 12 months after receiving their initial license or until age 18, license applicants younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised with more than one passenger.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No learner's permit or intermediate license holder may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.tn.gov/safety/driverlicense/gdlfaq.shtml</p>

Graduated Drivers Licensing Definitions.

Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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TEXAS

Learner's period	<p>Texas has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 30 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first 12 months after receiving their initial license persons younger than 18, may not drive unsupervised between the hours of midnight and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 12 months after receiving their initial license, persons younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised with more than one passenger younger than 21.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphones: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving. No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may use a hand-held cellphone while driving in school zones or school property when reduced speed limits apply.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving in school zones or school property when reduced speed limits apply.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/gdl.htm</p>

Graduated Drivers Licensing Definitions.

Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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UTAH

Learner's period	<p>Utah has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 40 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed. No more than 5 hours of practice driving may be obtained using a driving simulator.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	Night: Until age 17, newly licensed drivers may not drive unsupervised between the hours of midnight and 5 am.
	Passenger: For the first 6 months after receiving their initial license, persons younger than 18 may not carry any passengers younger than 21 unless supervised.
Cellphones & texting	Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving.
	Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.
Links	<p>http://publicsafety.utah.gov/dld/teenrestrictions.html</p> <p>http://publicsafety.utah.gov/dld/teenlicense.html</p> <p>Spanish: http://publicsafety.utah.gov/dld/documents/2013SpanishManualFinal.pdf</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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VERMONT

Learner's period	<p>Vermont has a 12 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 40 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	Night: Vermont has none.
	<p>Passenger: For the first 3 months after receiving their initial license, persons younger than 18 may not carry any passengers unless supervised by a licensed parent or guardian, driving instructor, or any licensed driver 25 or older; for the second 3 months, they may not carry any passengers except family members unless supervised.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphones: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving. No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may use a hand-held cellphone while driving in a work zone.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	http://dmv.vermont.gov/YD_GDL_Parents

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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VIRGINIA

Learner's period	<p>Virginia has a 9 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years, 6 months. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 years, 3 months and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 45 hours of supervised driving, 15 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Until age 18, newly licensed drivers may not drive unsupervised between the hours of midnight and 4 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: Until age 18, newly licensed drivers are subject to passenger restrictions. For the first 12 months, they may not carry more than one passenger younger than 21 unless supervised. After 12 months and until age 18, they may not carry more than 3 passengers younger than 21 unless supervised.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.dmv.state.va.us/drivers/#manual_s.html</p> <p>http://www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/pdf/dmv141s.pdf</p> <p>Spanish: http://www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/pdf/dmv16.pdf</p>

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Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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WASHINGTON

Learner's period	<p>Washington has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15 if enrolled in driver education; 15, 6 months if not enrolled in driver education. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed drivers may not drive unsupervised between the hours of 1 am and 5 am until age 18 or for 12 months, whichever occurs first.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 6 months, newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not carry any passengers younger than 20. For the second 6 months, they may not carry more than 3 passengers younger than 20. The passenger restriction no longer applies when a driver turns age 18.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No learner's permit or intermediate license holder may use a cellphone while driving. No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may use a hand-held cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/teens.html</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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WEST VIRGINIA

Learner's period	<p>West Virginia has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders who have not completed driver education must have a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is not required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: Newly licensed Level 1 drivers younger than 17 may not drive unsupervised between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first 6 months, newly licensed Level 1 drivers may not carry any passengers. For the second 6 months, they may not carry more than one passenger younger than 20.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No learner's permit or intermediate license holder younger than 18 may use a cellphone while driving. No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may use a hand-held cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.transportation.wv.gov/dmv/Manuals/Documents/Brochures/GDL-Brochure-wf.pdf</p> <p>http://www.transportation.wv.gov/dmv/drivers-licenses/Pages/default.aspx</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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WISCONSIN

Learner's period	<p>Wisconsin has a 6 month minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for a permit is 15 years, 6 months. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Permit holders 16 and older who have held their permit the requisite time, may apply for a driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 30 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be licensed.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restrictions	<p>Night: For the first nine months or until they are 18, whichever occurs first, newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not drive unsupervised between the hours of midnight and 5 am.</p>
	<p>Passenger: For the first nine months or until they are 18, whichever occurs first. Newly licensed drivers younger than 18 may not carry more than one passenger unless supervised.</p>
Cellphones & texting	<p>Cellphone: No learner's permit or intermediate license holder may use a cellphone while driving.</p>
	<p>Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.</p>
Links	<p>http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/teens/gdlfaq.htm</p> <p>http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/docs/s-handbook.pdf</p> <p>http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/docs/e-handbook.pdf</p>

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Learner's permit: Allows a person to drive only when supervised. The supervisor can be an adult licensed driver and does not have to be a professional driving instructor. Some states have learner's permits that only allow driving when supervised by a professional instructor.

Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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WYOMING

Learner's period	<p>Wyoming has a 6 month minimum learner's permit holding period. The minimum age for a permit is 15. Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. At age 16, permit holders who have held their permit the requisite time may apply for an intermediate driver's license.</p> <p>Permit holders must be able to certify that they have had a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night, before they can be issued an intermediate license.</p> <p>Driver education is required.</p>
Initial license restriction	Night: Intermediate license holders may not drive unsupervised between 11 pm and 5 am.
	Passenger: Intermediate license holders may not carry more than one passenger younger than 18.
Cellphones & texting	Cellphone: No driver younger than 18, irrespective of license status, may use a cellphone while driving.
	Texting: No driver, irrespective of age or license status, may text while driving.
Links	<p>http://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/driver_license_records/new_licenses/learner_permits.html</p> <p>http://www.ugpti.org/rtssc/briefs/downloads/2012_GraduatedDriver.pdf</p> <p>https://www.dot.state.wy.us/files/live/sites/wydot/files/shared/Driver_Services/Class%20C%20manual%202011.pdf</p>

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Initial license (often called "probationary" or "intermediate"): The license that follows the learner stage and allows some unsupervised driving, without place restrictions. The initial license has night driving or passenger restrictions, which vary by state. For example, almost all states waive the restrictions when a supervising driver is present. Most have exceptions to the night restriction for work, school or church activities, and exceptions to the passenger restriction for the driver's immediate family members. States also have licenses for special needs (farming, school, hardship) that have different rules.

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