

SAFE DRIVING IS A good habit FOR A LIFETIME.

Learn to follow the rules of the road now and you'll be rewarded by advancing through the

GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE PROGRAM.

Remember, you stand to lose your license or be "dropped back" to a previous level if you:

- get six points on your driving record
- contribute to the occurrence of an accident
- get two seatbelt or moving violations

CELL PHONE LAW (TCA 55-50-311 (n)(1)): It's illegal to use a cell phone while driving on a permit or intermediate license, except in case of emergency.

For specific information and/or

exceptions, please see the TDOS Driver Handbook and laws on teen driving @ www.tntrafficsafety.org.

To keep your license and your freedom, **DRIVE SMART.**



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EVERYTHING you need **TENNESSEE** to know **GRADUATED** about the **DRIVER LICENSE** PROGRAM



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The Tennessee Department of Safety implemented the Graduated Driver License (GDL) program in 2001 to teach young drivers how to drive safely. The GDL program requires incremental levels of driving experience which promotes a safe driving record before allowing you to achieve a full and unrestricted driver license.

The good news is, it's easy to move up if you follow all the rules. The bad news is, car crashes are the major cause of death for young people between the ages of 15 and 20. Hopefully, with this required supervised driving practice, we can save lives and prevent tragic injuries.



LEVEL 1 Learner Permit (PD) *

• You must be 15 years old and pass the Knowledge Test and Visual Exam • You must hold a Learner Permit for 180 days • You must provide an SF-1010 School Form • A parent or Legal guardian must sign the Teenage Affidavit of Financial Responsibility • You must provide a Birth Certificate and Social Security Number

RESTRICTIONS:

- You must have a licensed driver age 21 or older in the front seat
- You may not drive between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Seatbelts mandatory (child restraint devices for children 9 and under)

ISSUED FOR: 12 months

LEVEL 2 Intermediate Restricted License (IR) *

• You must be 16 years old and pass the Driving Test • You must have held a Learner Permit for 180 days
• SF-1256 form certifying 50 hours driving experience (must include 10 hours at night) • You cannot have six or more points on your record during the 180 days preceding your application

RESTRICTIONS:

- You may only have one passenger in the car with you
- You may not drive between the hours of 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Seatbelts mandatory (child restraint devices for children 9 and under)

ISSUED FOR: Until age 21

LEVEL 3 Intermediate Unrestricted License (IU) *

• You must be 17 years old • You must have held an Intermediate Restricted License for one year • You cannot have accumulated six or more points on your driving record • You cannot have two seatbelt violations (these would add a 90 day waiting period to the 1 year IR duration)

RESTRICTIONS:

- Seatbelts mandatory (child restraint devices for children 9 and under)

ISSUED FOR: Until age 21

LEVEL 4 Regular Class D Driver License *

Congratulations! You're 18 and you may now obtain a Regular Class D Driver License. You can even have the word "Intermediate" removed from your license, although the "Under 21" indicators will remain.

RESTRICTIONS:

- Seatbelts required for front seat occupants and are recommended for rear seat (child restraint devices for children 9 and under)
- No other driving restrictions

ISSUED FOR: Until age 21

* For specific info and/or exceptions, please see the TDOS Driver Handbook, GD Law TCA 55-50-311, or Safety Belt Law TCA 55-9-603 at www.tntrafficsafety.org