

TENNESSEE GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE GUIDELINES AT A GLANCE

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LEVEL 1 LEARNER PERMIT (PD)*

REQUIREMENTS: 15 years old • Vision exam • Knowledge test • SF-1010 school form
• Parent signature • Proof of U.S. citizenship/lawful permanent residency

ISSUED FOR: 12 months*

RESTRICTIONS: Accompanied by licensed driver 21 or older in front seat • No driving between 10 PM and 6 AM • Seat belts mandatory for driver, front seat occupants and all passengers (child restraint devices for under 9) • ALL cell phone use prohibited

LEVEL 2 INTERMEDIATE RESTRICTED (IR)*

REQUIREMENTS: 16 years old • Valid PD held for 180 days • SF-1256 form certifying 50 hours' driving experience (must include 10 hours at night) • Pass driving test
• Cannot have 6 or more points in last 180 days

ISSUED FOR: Until age 21

RESTRICTIONS: One passenger in car* • No driving between 11 PM and 6 AM • Seat belts mandatory for driver, front seat occupants and all passengers (child restraint devices for under 9) • ALL cell phone use prohibited

LEVEL 3

INTERMEDIATE UNRESTRICTED (IU)*

REQUIREMENTS: 17 years old • Valid IR for 1 year • Must not have accumulated 6 or more points on driving record, an at-fault accident or a 2nd seat belt conviction.

(Note: Any of these convictions add 90 days waiting to the IR.)

ISSUED FOR: Until age 21*

RESTRICTIONS: Seat belts mandatory for driver, front seat occupants and ALL passengers (child restraint devices for under 9) • ALL cell phone use prohibited

LEVEL 4

REGULAR CLASS D DRIVER LICENSE

REQUIREMENTS: 18 years old

ISSUED FOR: Until age 21 ("Under 21" indicator will remain)

RESTRICTIONS: Seat belts mandatory for driver, front seat occupants, and all passengers 17 and under (child restraint devices for under 9) • Texting and driving prohibited

*For specific info and/or exceptions, see the TDOS Driver Handbook on Cell Phones 55-50-311 (n)(1) and 55-8-199, Seat Belts 55-9-602, 603 and 606 and Underage Drinking 55-10-415.



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