



Resource Guide for New Florida Drivers



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Requirements for Teens Obtaining a Florida Learner's License

- Must be at least 15 years old
 - If under 18 years old, must have a signed/notarized [Parental Consent Form](#) (step-parents may not sign unless they have legally adopted the minor child);
 - Proof of [Proof of Driver Education Traffic Safety \(DETS\) course](#) completion;
 - Pass a vision and hearing test – testing is conducted in a [service center](#);
 - Pass Class E Knowledge Exam;
 - Prepare for the exam by studying the [Official Florida Driver License Handbook](#)
 - [Testing options](#)
 - The exam consists of 50 multiple-choice questions about traffic laws and traffic signs. The passing score is 80 percent or 40 out of 50 questions; and
 - Must provide documents needed to establish proof of identity, proof of social security number and proof of residential address.
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Requirements for Teens Obtaining a Florida Driver License

- Must be at least 16 years old;
- Must hold learner's license for at least one year (12 months) OR reach age 18, whichever comes first;

- A parent, legal guardian or responsible adult over 21 years old must complete the Certification of Minor Driving Experience Form, certifying the driver has 50 hours of driving experience, of which 10 hours must be at night. Use this Practice Log Sheet to track driving experience time;
- NO moving violation convictions for one year from learner's license date of issuance (OR may have one moving violation as long as adjudication was withheld);
- Must pass Class E Driving Skills Test
- The vehicle used for the driving test must have a valid registration, proof of insurance and pass a basic vehicle inspection that is conducted by the driver license examiner to determine that it is safe for a driving test; and
- Must provide documents needed to establish proof of identity, proof of Social Security number and proof of residential address if you have not previously provided these documents.

What to take with you to the Driver License Office

- Proof of Identification bring your birth certificate or United States Passport. If you do not have your original birth certificate (a copy is not acceptable) then you may bring a certified copy of your birth certificate issued by the state you were born in.
- Proof of Social Security Number bring your original social security card or your W-2 showing your social security number.
- Two proofs of Residential Address such as your home utility bill, cable bill, home telephone bill, etc.
- Proof of Name Change if you have ever changed your name through marriage, divorce or court order.
- [Parent/Guardian On-line Test Proctoring Form](#) which must be signed in the presence of a driver license examiner or notarized if parent or guardian will not be present.
- [Parental Consent Form](#) – Minor Driver Applicant Form. If you are under 18 and are not married one parent or legal guardian must sign your license application. Step-parents may not sign unless they have legally adopted you.

- No additional certificates needed! Once you complete the 6-hour DETS course through a registered provider your completion information is automatically submitted to FL DHSMV and this information is available at all Driver License Offices. Paper certificates are no longer required.

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Laws

GDL laws allow teen drivers to safely gain driving experience under lower-risk conditions before obtaining full driving privileges. These laws outline limits and restrictions for new drivers ages 15 through 17. Florida's GDL laws are designed to help teens gradually and safely build their skills and experience behind the wheel. It is important for teens and their parents to understand these laws and obey them.

License Type	Hours	Note:
Learner's License	Daylight hours for first three months after license issued - until 10 p.m. after three months	• ALWAYS accompanied by a licensed driver 21+ • Must hold for a minimum of 12 months or until 18th birthday, whichever comes first. • Required 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 of which must be at night.
Driver License 16 years old	Driving is only allowed between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.	Unless driving to or from work OR accompanied by a licensed driver 21+
Driver License 17 years old	Driving is only allowed between 5 a.m. and 1 a.m.	Unless driving to or from work OR accompanied by a licensed driver 21+