

Nevada Teen Driving

Driver Education

Nearly all Nevada beginning drivers under 18 must complete a driver education course from a public school or a private professional driving school. Exceptions are not made for home-schooled students. You can enroll at age 15. The course is not required to obtain an instruction permit. It is required for a driver license if a course is offered within 30 miles of the new driver's residence or can be completed online.

Instruction Permit Requirements

You must be 15½ years old and present proof of your name, date of birth and Social Security number. This is typically a state-issued birth certificate and a Social Security card. You must be a Nevada resident and provide a Nevada street address.

Your parent or guardian must be present to sign a financial responsibility statement.

You must pass the vision and knowledge tests and pay the licensing and testing fees.



Are You Ready?

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year-olds.

Make sure you're ready before you take the keys.

Driver License Requirements

While driving with an instruction permit, you must have a licensed driver 21 years or older, who has been licensed for at least one year, seated next to you at all times.

You must complete a minimum of 50 hours of behind the wheel experience, 10 hours of which must be in darkness, and complete the official DMV log of the dates and times. If a 30-hour driver education course cannot be completed, you must complete 100 hours of experience.

To qualify for a full driver license, you must also:

- Be 16 years of age
- Hold the Instruction Permit for a minimum of six months
- Have no at-fault accidents, moving violation convictions or any type of drug or alcohol conviction within six months of applying.

Skills Test & Getting Your License

You must be at least 16 years old to apply for a driver license. Go on the DMV's website or call to schedule a skills test when you have met all of the requirements. Be sure to bring:

- Instruction Permit
- Parent or Guardian
- Driver Education Certificate (if required)
- Beginning Driver Experience Log (DLD-130)
- Vehicle with Valid Registration and Insurance

The examiner will inspect the vehicle for safety and give you instructions on where to drive. Serious traffic violations result in automatic failure. Examiners use a point system for other aspects of performance.

If you fail, the examiner will explain why and instruct you on how to take the test again. If you pass, you will have a new photo taken for your full license.

No Texting & Hands-Free Calls

Eyes on the Road - Toward Zero Fatalities

Texting, accessing the internet and hand-held cell phone use while driving are now against the law in Nevada. Eating or even changing the radio are also dangerous for inexperienced drivers.



Driving Restrictions

Passengers

Young drivers cannot transport any passenger under the age of 18, except for immediate family members, for the first six months after licensing.

Curfew

Drivers under 18 may not drive between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless they are traveling to or from a scheduled event such as work or a school event. This curfew remains in effect until age 18.

License Cancellation/Suspension

Driving is a privilege, not a right. The parent or guardian who signed the financial responsibility statement for a driver under 18 years of age may cancel the license or permit by completing the DMV Minor Affidavit, Form DLD 38.

Courts can suspend your current or future driving privileges for any of the same reasons as adult licenses and also for alcohol/drug convictions, firearms violations or habitual truancy.

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