

Want to Drive?? → Get Your License!

Driving without a valid license is a class B misdemeanor. The penalty is a fine up to \$500 and/or 6 months in jail.

If you are 18 or older, you can take your permit test. After passing, you are able to schedule a driving test in order to get your regular driver license.

For those under 18 years old in Tennessee, you can work towards:

1. Learner Permit
2. Intermediate Restricted License
3. Intermediate Unrestricted License
4. Regular Driver License.



Getting Your Learner's Permit

Locate your nearest DMV and bring needed documents. No photocopies are accepted.

- ⇒ Be 15 years old.
- ⇒ Find a parent, foster parent, legal guardian, or grandparent (with signed and notarized permission from legal guardian) to sign that he or she will be responsible for you.
 - If the responsible adult cannot go to the DMV with you, you must bring the Minor/Teenage Affidavit Form signed and notarized.
- ⇒ Bring proof that you are attending school.
 - If you go to school in Tennessee, ask the school to complete a Certificate of Compulsory School Attendance (Form SF1010). This must be taken to the DMV within 30 days of it being signed.
 - If you are at a school outside of Tennessee or at a private school, you must provide a statement from the school principal or headmaster on official school letterhead specifically confirming that you are attending school regularly and making satisfactory progress.
 - If you have graduated, bring your original high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate.
- ⇒ Bring your Social Security card
- ⇒ Bring two proofs of identity (i.e. birth certificate)
- ⇒ Bring proof of citizenship or lawful residence
- ⇒ Bring proof of Tennessee residency
- ⇒ Pass the vision test at the DMV
- ⇒ Pass the written test
 - You must answer 24 or 30 multiple choice questions correctly
- ⇒ Pay \$10.50



Once you have your learner's permit, you can

- Drive with a licensed driver who is 21 or older in the passenger seat.
- Drive between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- Expires after 12 months.

Getting Your Intermediate Restricted License

- ⇒ Be 16 years old.
- ⇒ Held your Learner's Permit for at least 180 days.
- ⇒ A driving record with 6 or less points during the immediate 180 days before your application.
- ⇒ Make an appointment at your local driver service center to take the behind the wheel test.
- ⇒ Bring verification stating you have 50 hours (ten hours at night) of driving experience. Certification of driving experience must be made on the official form (SF-1256) provided by the Department of Safety. You can get this form at all Driver License Service Centers or downloaded it from the following web site at: <http://www.tn.gov/safety/forms/index.shtml>. This form must be signed by either a parent, legal guardian or licensed driving instructor.
- ⇒ Pass the driving skills test.
- ⇒ Pay \$24.50.

Once you get your intermediate restricted license, you can:

- Have one passenger in your car with you.
- Drive between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.



Getting Your Intermediate Unrestricted License

- ⇒ Be 17 years old.
- ⇒ You have to have your Intermediate Restricted License for 1 year.
- ⇒ You cannot have more than six points on your driving record.
- ⇒ You cannot have had a traffic accident that was your fault.
- ⇒ You cannot have 2 safety belt violations.
- ⇒ Pay \$2.00.

Getting Your Regular Driver License

- ⇒ Be 18 or have graduated from high school or obtain your G.E.D.
- ⇒ If you want a new card that looks like the regular license, you may have to pay \$8.00 - \$12.00.

Quick Tips

- You don't have to take a driver's education course to get your license, but they provide important skills and discounts on insurance.
- DCS can pay for your driver's education course. Contact your caseworker to sign you up.
- You may still be able to take a driver's education course even if you do not have a supporting adult.
- For those younger than 18 years old or in Extension of Foster Care, DCS can cover the fees for the driver's education course, driver testing fees and can possibly provide a transportation grant.
- All drivers must have insurance. For those in Extension of Foster Care, DCS can assist with insurance premiums.
- Traffic violations or accidents can keep you from moving to the next level or even move you back a level in the graduated driver license program. You also may be fined, and your insurance may become more expensive.
- You can find more information by looking at the Comprehensive Driver license Manual. (https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/safety/documents/DL_Manual.pdf)

Practice Test

1. If you ignore a traffic citation what will happen?

- You will be fined \$1,000.
- You will spend 30 days in jail.
- You will be fined \$450.
- Your license will be revoked, cancelled or suspended.

2. In order to obtain your Intermediate Unrestricted License, you must be at least _____ years of age.

- 16
- 18
- 17
- 15

3. Always know where the _____ is even if you do not think you will use it.

- Horn.
- Gearshift location.
- All of the listed answers.
- Parking brake.

4. What direction should you look when crossing an intersection?

- Look behind you.
- You only need to look forward.
- Look both left and right.
- Look to the left.
- Look to the right.

5. Work zone signs usually have

- Black letters on an orange background.
- White letters on a yellow background.
- Black letters on a yellow background.
- White letters on an orange background.

6. If your vehicle starts to skid, you should turn the steering wheel

- In the direction in which you want your vehicle to go.
- Opposite to the direction in which you want your vehicle to go.

- Towards the left.
- Towards the right.

7. To enter an interstate highway, use _____ to speed up and merge with fast-moving traffic already on the interstate.

- A deceleration lane.
- An acceleration lane.
- The shoulder.
- An exit ramp.

8. When a train is approaching a railroad crossing, you must stop _____ from the nearest rail.

- Between 10 and 35 feet.
- Between 15 and 50 feet.
- Between 5 and 15 feet.
- Between 50 and 100 feet.

9. In Tennessee, your headlights must be turned on

- From 60 minutes after sunset to 60 minutes before sunrise.
- From 120 minutes after sunset to 120 minutes before sunrise.
- From 90 minutes after sunset to 90 minutes before sunrise.
- From 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.

10. On an interstate highway, you can prevent highway hypnosis by

- Shifting your eyes frequently.
- Talking on your cell phone.
- Changing lanes frequently.
- Listening to loud music.

11. Two common types of interchanges are

- Cloverleaf and weave.
- Rotary and weave.
- Diamond and weave.
- Cloverleaf and diamond.

12. You are parked parallel to the curb, facing downhill. Which way should you point your wheels?

- Parallel to the curb.
- Toward the curb.

- Away from the curb.
- In any direction.

13. If you see a pedestrian using a guide dog or carrying a white cane, you must

- Reduce your speed and pass slowly.
- Sound your horn to alert the pedestrian.
- Stop and yield to the pedestrian.
- Switch on your headlights to alert the pedestrian.

14. The stopping distance of a car traveling at 50 mph under ideal driving conditions is approximately

- 150 feet.
- 400 feet.
- 200 feet.
- 100 feet.

15. A broken white line

- Separates two lanes of traffic moving in opposite directions.
- Is used as a stop line at intersections.
- Separates two lanes of traffic moving in the same direction.
- Marks an edge of the roadway.

16. If an emergency vehicle displaying flashing red or blue lights or sounding a siren or air horn is approaching from either direction, you must

- Pull over to the right.
- Stop where you are.
- Pull over the left.
- Slow down.

17. If another driver tries to pass you on your left, you should

- Stop and allow the driver to pass on your left.
- Stop and allow the driver to pass on your right.
- Move to the left, maintain your speed, and allow the driver to pass on your right.
- Move to the right, maintain your speed, and allow the driver to pass on your left.

18. You may not make a U-turn

- When visibility is less than 500 feet in either direction.

- At an intersection controlled by a police officer or traffic lights.
- On an interstate highway.
- In any of the above situations.

19. In Tennessee, you must dim your headlights at night whenever you are within _____ of a vehicle you are meeting or following.

- 100 feet.
- 500 feet.
- 300 feet.
- 200 feet.

20. If being pulled over by an unmarked police car, you are allowed to

- Ignore it.
- Speed away.
- Drive the nearest public area where people are present.
- All of the listed answers.

21. How can you speed up alcohol oxidation in the liver?

- Take a shower.
- Drink some coffee.
- Eat some food.
- Exercise for some time.
- Wait for the liver to do its job.

22. U.S. Route signs consist of _____ surrounded by a black background without a border.

- Green numbers on a pink shield.
- Yellow numbers on a black shield.
- Red numbers on a yellow shield.
- Black numbers on a white shield.

23. Always be scanning ahead of you by _____ city block(s) to look for problems.

- 1
- 3
- 1.5
- 2

24. When applying for a driver's license you must provide _____ forms of proof of identity.

- 1
- 2
- Proof of identity is not required.
- 3

25. What license is required for motorcycles and motor-driven cycles?

- A class M license.
- A class B license.
- A class C license.
- A class H license.

26. What does a yellow left arrow traffic signal indicate?

- Right and left turns are permitted.
- None of the answers are correct.
- The driver must prepare to yield to oncoming traffic.
- The driver must stop immediately.

27. Flaggers use hand signals to mean

- Stop.
- Slow and be alert.
- All of the listed answers.
- Proceed.

28. What is the biggest contribution(s) to a new driver's safety and effectiveness?

- All of the answers listed.
- Courtesy for other drivers.
- A person's attitude.
- Patience and willingness to improve.

30. Any child who weighs less than _____ pounds must be placed in a car seta that faces the rear of the car.

- 100
- 50
- 75
- 20
- 10

31. What is the most common cause of traffic accidents?

- None of the answers are correct.
- Malfunction of vehicle parts.
- Having prior accidents on your driving record.
- Human errors including speeding and lack of concentration.

32. Which of the following is not true of protected arrows?

- When the arrow is red or your lane has the red light, all turns are prohibited.
- None of the answers listed.
- The lights for your lane controls the direction in which you may lawfully proceed.
- In traffic circumstances have left you in an intersection waiting to make a let turn, and the light turns red, you should complete the turn when the traffic clears.

33. Which color light immediately follows the yellow light on a traffic signal?

- Green.
- Red.
- White.
- Orange.

34. You should allow at least _____ seconds of following distance behind a motorcycle.

- 4
- 1
- 3
- 2

35. From 1987 to 2008, air bags have helped to save more than _____ lives.

- 27,840
- 20,000
- 1,600,000
- 100,000
- 4,000