

DELAWARE LEVEL ONE LEARNER'S PERMIT

First 6 Months of Valid Driving Authority

Eligibility

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Must complete approved Driver Education Training Course.
- Must pass all written and road tests by a driver education teacher (DMV examines all minors with disabilities).
- Sponsor must sign application.

Components

- Permit must be in the possession of the permit holder.
- Supervised driving at all times by a licensed parent, guardian, or licensed driver who is at least 25 years old, has held a Class D license for at least 5 years, and is approved by the sponsor.
- Supervising driver must be seated beside the permit holder in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion; only the supervisor can be in the front seat.
- Only 1 additional passenger besides the supervisor is permitted in the vehicle.
- Sponsor shall certify that the permit holder has driven for 50 hours; 10 of which is to be nighttime driving. The certification is to be turned into the Department of Education after the first six months of valid driving authority
- Permit holder and all passengers, under the age of 18, must wear a safety belt or be secured in a child safety seat or booster seat while the vehicle is in motion and the permit holder is driving.

Second 6 Months of Valid Driving Authority

Eligibility

- Starts after 6 months of valid Delaware Level One Learner's Permit driving authority.

Components

- Permit must be in the possession of the permit holder.
- Unsupervised driving allowed between 6 AM and 10 PM; only 1 passenger is allowed.
- Supervised driving from 10 PM to 6 AM; exemption allows the permit holder to travel to and from church activities, work activities, and school activities on the permit holder's school grounds.
- The Supervisor must be a licensed parent, guardian, or licensed driver who is at least 25 years old, has held a Class D license for at least 5 years, and is approved by the sponsor.
- Supervisor must be in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion; only the supervisor can be in the front seat.
- Permit holder and all passengers, under the age of 18, must wear a safety belt or be secured in a child safety seat or booster seat while the vehicle is in motion and the permit holder is driving.

CLASS D LICENSE

Unrestricted

Eligibility

- Must be at least 17 years of age.
- Credited with 12 months Delaware Level One Learner's Permit experience.
- The Class D license becomes valid on the effective date printed on the license unless the permit holder's driving privilege has been suspended, revoked, cancelled, denied, or surrendered, in which case the date will be adjusted accordingly.

Components

- Class D License must be in the possession of the license holder when driving.
- May drive unsupervised at any time.

NOTE: The level one learner's permit will automatically convert to a Class D license once the permit holder has completed a full 12 months of valid driving authority. The time used to compute the 12 months of required driving experience shall not include any period of time when the permit holder's driving privilege has been suspended, revoked, canceled, denied, or surrendered. A period of additional driving experience equivalent to that of the suspension, revocation, cancellation, denial, or surrender will be added to the end of the original 12 month period. This will ensure that the permit holder has fully complied with the required full 12 months of valid driving authority.

GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING CHECKLIST

Teach your kids to drive for life

DRIVER'S PREPARATION

- Adjust seats/mirrors/seatbelts

LANE CHANGES

- Check blind spots
- Check mirrors
- Use signals
- Stay out of other driver's blind spots

BACKING

- Use proper speed
- Keep eyes toward back

STEERING

- Use proper lane
- Use proper hand position on steering wheel
- Use turn signals

OPEN ROAD

- Stay in lane
- Obey speed limit
- Make complete stops
- Minimum following distance (2 second count)
- Use horn if needed
- Yield right-of-way
- Use caution when
 - Approaching intersections
 - Driving in Heavy Traffic
 - Driving in Rain (Use Headlights)
 - Driving in Winter Weather
 - Driving at Night (High/Low Beam Lights)
 - Passing Precautions

ATTENTION & ATTITUDE

- Anticipate danger
- Be patient (Non-Aggressive)
- Always be scanning
- Avoid rear-end collisions
- Drive defensively

THE ZERO TOLERANCE LAW

JUST ONE DRINK IS .02 MANY!

The Zero Tolerance Law states, "...anyone under the age of 21 years, who drives, operates or has actual physical control of a vehicle, an off-highway vehicle, or a moped while consuming or after having consumed alcoholic liquor, shall have his/her driver license and/or privileges revoked for a period of two months for the first offense and not less than six months nor more than 12 months for each subsequent offense. If the underage person does not have a driver license and/or privileges, the person shall be fined \$200 for the first offense and not less than \$400 nor more than \$1000 for each subsequent offense."

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE DRUNK TO LOSE YOUR LICENSE IN DELAWARE!

IF YOU ARE UNDER 21 AS LITTLE AS ONE DRINK CAN MAKE IT ILLEGAL FOR YOU TO DRIVE.

FIRST OFFENSE

- Two month revocation of license if driver is licensed
- \$200 fine if driver is unlicensed

SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES

- Second Offense – Six month revocation of license if driver is licensed
- Third or Subsequent Offenses – 12 month revocation of license if driver is licensed
- Minimum \$400 fine and maximum \$1,000 fine if driver is unlicensed

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT

- Fee - \$143.75

THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK!

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 NO CELL PHONE USAGE IS PERMITTED WHILE DRIVING!

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INFORMATION ON DELAWARE'S GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING LAW

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