



LEARNER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS BY AGE

Driver Age	Required Learner Permit Holding Period	Required Test to Apply for License	Co-Signing Adult on Application	Driver Education Course Required	Driving Hours Required
15	6 months and until age 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written knowledge • Driving skills • Eye exam • Medical questionnaire 	Yes	Yes	40 (10 after dark)
16	6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written knowledge • Driving skills • Eye exam • Medical questionnaire 	Yes	Yes	40 (10 after dark)
17	6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written knowledge • Driving skills • Eye exam • Medical questionnaire 	Yes	Yes	40 (10 after dark)
18	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written knowledge • Driving skills • Eye exam • Medical questionnaire 	No	Yes	40 (10 after dark)
19 or older	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written knowledge • Driving skills • Eye exam • Medical questionnaire 	No	Yes**	40 (10 after dark)

***If you are 19 years old or older, you can skip the driver education course as long as you can prove you drove 40 hours (10 after dark) and have had a learner permit for at least 3 months.*

PROVISIONAL/FULL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS BY AGE

Driver Age	Nighttime Driving Restrictions	Exceptions to Nighttime Driving Restrictions	Front Seat Passenger Restrictions with a Learner Permit	Other Passenger Restrictions	Exceptions to Other Passenger Restrictions
15	12 a.m. to 5 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years of age who is in the front passenger seat On agricultural assignment Driving to and from work Driving to and from a school-sponsored activity Emergency situations 	Front seat passenger must be a parent/guardian, driving instructor or adult who co-signed the permit application	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front seat passenger is a licensed driver at least 21 years of age On agricultural assignment Emergency situations
16	12 a.m. to 5 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years of age who is in the front passenger seat On agricultural assignment Driving to and from work Driving to and from a school-sponsored activity Emergency situations 	Front seat passenger must be a parent/guardian, driving instructor or adult who co-signed the permit application	<p>If you have a learner permit: None</p> <p>If you have a license: No passengers except immediate family until 6 months after receiving a full license</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front seat passenger is a licensed driver at least 21 years of age On agricultural assignment Emergency situations
17	None	Not Applicable	Front seat passenger must be a parent/guardian, driving instructor or adult who co-signed the permit application	<p>If you have a learner permit: None</p> <p>If you have a license: Only immediate family members, until 6 months after receiving a full license</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front seat passenger is a licensed driver at least 21 years of age On agricultural assignment Emergency situations
18	None	Not Applicable	Front seat passenger must be a licensed driver at least 21 years of age	None	Not Applicable
19 or older	None	Not Applicable	Front seat passenger must be a licensed driver at least 21 years of age	None	Not Applicable

REMEMBER

- Teens may get a learner permit at age 15.
- Teens under age 18 must have a learner permit for six months before applying for a driver license. However, if the teen turns 18 during this six-month time period, they can apply for a driver license upon turning 18.
- Teens must have a learner permit before taking a driver education course.
- Teens must be at least 16 before applying for a driver license.
- Parents/guardians must sign for financial responsibility until their teen is age 18.
- Parents/guardians can, at any time and for any reason, withdraw their signature and cancel their teen's driver license.

OTHER IMPORTANT LAWS

- Everyone in the car must be properly restrained (with a seat belt or child safety seat).
- Absolutely no alcohol or drugs in your system or in the car while driving.
- Operating a handheld device while driving is illegal for all drivers in Utah, regardless of age.
- Any use of a cell phone while driving is illegal for all drivers under age 18.

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ALARMING FACTS: THE TRUTH ABOUT TEEN DRIVING

- Over 90% of teen crashes happen in the first few months of receiving a driver license (AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety).
- Fatal crashes increase by nearly 45% when a 16- or 17-year-old driver has one teenage passenger; it doubles with two teen passengers and quadruples with three or more (AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety).
- A teen driver crash occurs in Utah every 48 minutes (Utah Highway Safety Office).
- Utah teen drivers are nearly twice as likely to be in a crash than drivers 20 and older (Utah Highway Safety Office).
- Per mile driven, drivers ages 16 to 19 are nearly three times more likely to be in a fatal crash than drivers ages 20 and older (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).
- Utah teen drivers, 8% of all licensed drivers, are involved in 21% of all crashes (Utah Highway Safety Office).
- Teen crashes are preventable, and proven strategies can improve the safety of young drivers on the road (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

Research has shown that involved parents who set rules and monitor their teen's driving behavior in a supportive way can cut their teen's crash risk in half. According to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, **teens whose parents are involved in their driving and training are:**



HALF

as likely to speed



70%

less likely to
drink and drive



2X

more likely to
wear seat belts



30%

less likely to
talk on a cell phone
while driving