

TEEN DRIVER LICENSING

License Ahead

Getting a learner's permit in Virginia:

LEARNER'S PERMIT



15^{1/2}
years

Age minimum:

15 years and 6 months

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Visit the DMV website* for details and required documentation



Must pass a two-part **knowledge** test and a **vision** test

DRIVER'S LICENSE



Getting a driver's license in Virginia, if under 18:

16^{3/4}
years

Age minimum:

16 years and 3 months

9
months

Hold permit for at least 9 months



Pass an approved driver's education course



Complete behind-the-wheel training

45
hours

Complete 45 hours driving with parent supervision including 15 hours at night



Some counties require a joint parent/teen traffic safety class **



Most localities require a licensing ceremony. Check with your city/county for details ***



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Driver restrictions until age 18:



Curfew – may not operate motor vehicle between midnight and 4 AM



Passenger – only one passenger under the age of 21

Limit does not apply to relatives



Things to remember when behind the wheel:



All passengers must use a **seat belt** or be in an appropriate child seat.



Texting or using a cell phone is prohibited while the vehicle is in operation.



Zero-tolerance for underage **substance use or open containers**. This applies to anyone in the vehicle.

***Required documentation:** <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#applying.asp>

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