

# TEEN DRIVER LICENSING

License Ahead

## Getting a learner's permit in Virginia:

LEARNER'S PERMIT



15<sup>1/2</sup>  
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<sup>3/4</sup>  
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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