

UTAH GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING LAWS

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A minor driver is an individual under the age of 21. Minor drivers are issued a "Provisional Class D" driver license. Learner permits are a piece of paper issued the same day as the Provisional Class D license. All new drivers must go through the learner permit stage before applying for a full license, regardless of age. In Utah, driving restrictions for teens are based on age, not type of license.

REQUIREMENTS OF LEARNER PERMIT STAGE 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 knowlege · Driving skills · Eye exam · Medical questionnaire 	Yes	Yes	40 (10 after dark)
16	6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Written knowlege · Driving skills · Eye exam · Medical questionnaire 	Yes	Yes	40 (10 after dark)
17	6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Written knowlege · Driving skills · Eye exam · Medical questionnaire 	Yes	Yes	40 (10 after dark)
18	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Written knowlege · Driving skills · Eye exam · Medical questionnaire 	No	Yes	40 (10 after dark)
19 or older	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Written knowlege · 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 your learner permit for at least 3 months.*

REQUIREMENTS OF PROVISIONAL/FULL LICENSE STAGE 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 	If you have a learner permit: Front seat passenger must be a parent/guardian, driving instructor or adult who co-signed the permit application	If you have a learner permit: None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Front seat passenger is a licensed driver at least 21 years of age · On agricultural assignment · Emergency permit application
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 	If you have a learner permit: 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
17	None	Not Applicable	If you have a learner permit: 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

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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.
- You 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 RESTRICTIONS

- Everyone in the car must be properly restrained (with a seat belt or child safety seat).
- Absolutely no alcohol or drugs in your system while driving.
- Texting while driving is illegal for all drivers in Utah, regardless of age.

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