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U.S. LICENSING SYSTEMS FOR YOUNG DRIVERS

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New drivers have elevated crash rates. This is particularly true for drivers younger than 18. Young novice drivers are at significant risk on the road because they lack both the judgment that comes with maturity and the skill that comes with experience. Graduated licensing is a system designed to delay full licensure while allowing beginners to obtain their initial experience under lower risk conditions. There are three stages: a minimum supervised learner's period, an intermediate license (once the driving test is passed) that limits unsupervised driving in high-risk situations, and a full-privilege driver's license available after completion of the first two stages. Beginners must remain in each of the first two stages for set minimum time periods. Thirty-eight jurisdictions (37 states and the District of Columbia) currently have all three stages, but the systems vary in strength.

In an optimal system, the minimum age for a learner's permit is 16; the learner stage lasts at least 6 months, during which parents must certify at least 30-50 hours of supervised driving; and the intermediate stage lasts until at least age 18 and includes both a night driving restriction starting at 9 or 10 p.m. and a strict teenage passenger restriction allowing no teenage passengers, or no more than one teenage passenger (see "Graduated Licensing: A Blueprint for North America" by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and Traffic Injury Research Foundation).

The following table lists licensing requirements for the 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. During the 1990s, many states moved toward graduated licensing. Some have enacted virtually all the elements of graduated licensing, while others have enacted only parts. Another area in which the laws differ is enforcement. Some states prohibit police from stopping young drivers solely for night driving violations or passenger restrictions (secondary enforcement). The Institute has evaluated the states' licensing systems using criteria designed to estimate the strength and likely effectiveness of the systems in reducing injuries. In particular, strong or optimal restrictions on the initial license phase and how long the restrictions last beyond the 16th birthday are credited. No state has an optimal graduated licensing system.

Good systems have mandatory learner's permit holding periods of at least 6 months and an optimal restriction on the initial license (either an optimal night driving restriction or an optimal passenger restriction lasting until age 17). Acceptable systems have either optimal restrictions lasting until age 17 without regard to the learner's holding period, or any mandatory learner's holding period and any night driving or passenger restriction lasting at least until age 16, 6 months. Marginal systems contain at least one significant element of graduated licensing. States with marginal systems have: (i) both a mandatory learner's holding period that may be less than 6 months and either a night driving or passenger restriction; or (ii) only an optimal mandatory learner's holding period (at least 6 months); or (iii) any night driving or passenger restriction on the initial license. Poor licensing systems have no mandatory learner's holding period and no night driving or passenger restrictions, or they have a mandatory learner's holding period less than 6 months and no other significant elements of graduated licensing.

Jurisdiction/ Evaluation	Learner Stages			Minimum Amount of Supervised Driving	Minimum Age	Intermediate Stage		Minimum Age at Which Restrictions May Be Lifted	
	Minimum Entry Age	Mandatory Holding Period	Minimum Age			Unsupervised Driving Prohibited	Passenger Restriction	Nighttime Restriction	Passenger Restriction
Optimal provisions	16	6 mo.	30-50 hr.		16, 6 mo.	8/10 p.m.-5 a.m.	No more than 1 teenage passenger ¹	Until age 18	
Alabama / A	15 ¹	6 mo.	30 hr. ¹		16	Midnight-5 a.m.	None	17, 6 mo.	
Alaska / M	14	6 mo.	None				There is no intermediate stage. The minimum license age is 16.		
Arizona / P	15, 7 mo. ²	5 mo.	25 hr., 5 of which must be at night ²				There is no intermediate stage. The minimum license age is 16.		
Arkansas / M	14	6 mo. ³	None				Intermediate stage has no passenger or night driving restriction. ³		
California / G	15 ⁴	6 mo.	50 hr., 10 of which must be at night		16	Midnight-5 a.m. §	First 6 mo.: No passengers younger than 20 unless supervised by 25-year-old driver	17	16, 6 mo.
Colorado / A	15 ⁶	6 mo.	50 hr., 10 of which must be at night		16	Midnight-5 a.m.	None	17	
Connecticut / M	16	6 mo. (4 mo. with driver education)	None				There is no intermediate stage. The minimum license age is 16, 4 mo. ⁵		
Delaware / A	15, 10 mo.	6 mo. ⁷	None		16, 4 mo. ⁷	9 p.m.-6 a.m. ⁷	No more than 2 passengers ⁷	18, 10 mo.	16, 10 mo.
District of Columbia / G	16	6 mo. ⁸	40 hr. in learner's stage; 10 hr. at night in intermediate stage		16, 6 mo.	Sept.-June: 11 p.m.-8 a.m. Su-Th, Midnight-6 a.m. F-Sa; July-Aug.: Midnight-6 a.m. ⁸	First 6 mo.: No passengers unless supervised by 21-year-old driver (family members excepted); Thereafter, no more than 2 passengers younger than 21 (family members excepted)	18 ⁸	18
Florida / A	16	12 mo.	50 hr., 10 of which must be at night		16	11 p.m.-6 a.m. (age 16), 1 a.m.-5 a.m. (age 17)	None	18	
Georgia / G	15	12 mo.	40 hr., 6 of which must be at night (20 hr., 6 of which must be at night, with driver education)		16	Midnight-6 a.m. §	First 6 mo.: No passengers (family members excepted); Thereafter, no more than 3 passengers younger than 21 (family members excepted) §	18	18
Hawaii / P	16, 6 mo.	3 mo.	None				There is no intermediate stage. The minimum license age is 16. ⁹		

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Jurisdiction/ Evaluation	Learner Stage			Intermediate Stage			Minimum Age at Which Restrictions May Be Lifted	
	Minimum Entry Age	Mandatory Holding Period	Minimum Amount of Supervised Driving	Unsupervised Driving Prohibited	Passenger Restriction	Nighttime Restriction	Passenger Restriction	Unit age 18
Optimal provisions	16	6 mo.	30-50 hr.	9/10 p.m.-5 a.m.	No more than 1 teenage passenger ^r			
Idaho / M	14, 6 mo.	4 mo.	50 hr., 10 of which must be at night	Sunset to sunrise	None	16 ¹⁰		
Illinois / A	15 ¹¹	3 mo.	25 hr.	11 p.m.-6 a.m. Su-Th, Midnight-6 a.m. F-Sa	None	17 ¹¹		
Indiana / A	15 ¹²	2 mo.	None	11 p.m.-5 a.m. Su-F, 1 a.m.-5 a.m. Sa-Su,	First 90 days: No passengers unless supervised by 21-year-old driver	18	15, 4 mo.	
Iowa / A	14	6 mo.	20 hr., 2 of which must be at night	12:30 a.m.-5 a.m.	None	17 ¹³		
Kansas / P	14	None	50 hr., 10 of which must be at night	There is no intermediate stage. The minimum license age is 16.				
Kentucky / M	16	6 mo.	None	There is no intermediate stage. The minimum license age is 16, 6 mo. ¹⁴				
Louisiana / A	15 ¹⁵	3 mo.	None	11 p.m.-5 a.m. ¹⁵	No passenger restriction from 5 am - 11 pm ¹⁵	17 ¹⁵		
Maine / M	15 ¹⁶	3 mo. ¹⁶	35 hr., 5 of which ¹⁶ must be at night	No night driving restriction.	First 90 days: No passengers unless supervised by 20-year-old driver (family members excepted)		16, 3 mo. ¹⁶	
Maryland / A	15, 9 mo.	4 mo.	40 hr.	Midnight-5 a.m. ¹⁷	None	17, 7 mo.		
Massachusetts / G	16	6 mo.	12 hr.	Midnight-5 a.m. ¹⁸ S	First 6 mo.: No passengers younger than 18 unless supervised by 21-year-old driver (family members excepted)	18		
Michigan / A	14, 9 mo. ¹⁹	6 mo.	50 hr., 10 of which must be at night	Midnight-5 a.m.	None	17 ¹⁹		
Minnesota / M	15 ²⁰	6 mo. ²⁰	30 hr., 10 of which must be at night	A provisional license may be granted at 16. There are no passenger or nighttime restrictions; however, a provisional driver may not operate a vehicle if a passenger under the age of 18 is unbelted. The minimum full license age is 17. ²⁰				
Mississippi / M	15	6 mo. ²¹	None	10 p.m.-6 a.m. ²¹	None	16		
Missouri / A	15	6 mo.	20 hr.	1 a.m.-5 a.m.	None	18		
Montana / P	14, 6 mo.	None	None	There is no intermediate stage. The minimum license age is 15. ²²				
Nebraska / M	15 ²³	None	50 hr. (none with driver education)	Midnight-5 a.m.	None	17		

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Jurisdiction/ Evaluation	Learner Stage			Intermediate Stage			Minimum Age at Which Restrictions May Be Lifted	
	Minimum Entry Age	Mandatory Holding Period	Minimum Amount of Supervised Driving	Minimum Age	Unsupervised Driving Prohibited	Passenger Restriction	Nighttime Restriction	Passenger Restriction
Optimal provisions	16	6 mo.	30-50 hr.	16, 6 mo.	9/10 p.m.-5 a.m.	No more than 1 teenage passenger*	Until age 18	
Nevada / N	16, 6 mo.	90 days ²⁴	50 hr.	15, 9 mo. ²⁴	None	If younger than 16: first 90 days: no passengers younger than 18 (family members excepted) if between 16 and 17: first 60 days: no passengers younger than 18 (family members excepted) if between 17 and 18: first 30 days: no passengers younger than 18 (family members excepted)		16
New Hampshire / A	15, 6 mo. ²⁵	3 mo.	20 hr.	16	1 a.m.-5 a.m.	First 6 mo.: No more than 1 passenger younger than 25 unless supervised by a 25-year-old driver (family members excepted) (eff. 1/1/03)	18	16, 6 mo.
New Jersey / G	16 ²⁶	6 mo. ²⁶	None	17 ²⁶	Midnight-5 a.m.	No more than 1 passenger unless supervised by 21-year-old driver (household members excepted)	18	18
New Mexico / A	16	6 mo.	50 hr., 10 of which must be at night	15, 6 mo.	Midnight-5 a.m.	No more than 1 passenger younger than 21 (family members excepted)	16, 6 mo. ²⁷	16, 6 mo. ²⁷
New York / A	16 ²⁸	up to 6 mo. ²⁸	20 hr.	16, 6 mo. ²⁸	9 p.m.-5 a.m.	No more than 2 passengers younger than 21 unless supervised by 21-year-old driver (family members excepted) ²⁸	17 (18 without driver education) ²⁸	17 (18 without driver education) ²⁸
North Carolina / A	15	12 mo.	None	16	9 p.m.-5 a.m. ²⁹	No more than 1 passenger younger than 21 (family members excepted); if a family member younger than 21 is already a passenger then no other passengers younger than 21 who are not family members (eff. 12/1/02)	16, 6 mo.	
North Dakota / M	14	6 mo.	None			The minimum license age is 16.		
Ohio / A	15, 6 mo.	6 mo.	50 hr., 10 of which must be at night	16 ³⁰	1 a.m.-5 a.m. S	None	17 ³⁰	
Oklahoma / P	15, 6 mo. ³¹	None	None	16		There is no intermediate stage. The minimum license age is 16. ³¹		
Oregon / G	16	6 mo.	50 hr. ³⁰ (100 hr. without driver education)	16	First yr. midnight-5 a.m.	First 6 mo.: No passengers younger than 20 (family members excepted); Second 6 mo.: No more than 3 passengers younger than 20 (family members excepted)	17	17

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	Minimum Entry Age	Mandatory Holding Period	Minimum Amount of Supervised Driving		Unsupervised Driving Prohibited	Passenger Restriction	Nighttime Restriction	Passenger Restriction
Optimal provisions	16	6 mo.	30-50 hr.	18, 8 mo.	9:10 p.m.-5 a.m.	No more than 1 teenage passenger ^a	Until age 18	
Pennsylvania / A	16	6 mo.	50 hr.	16, 6 mo.	11 p.m.-5 a.m.	None	17 (18 without driver education)	
Rhode Island / A	16 ²	6 mo.	None	16, 6 mo.	1 a.m.-5 a.m.	None	17, 6 mo. ²¹	
South Carolina / A	15	6 mo.	40 hr., 10 of which must be at night	15, 6 mo.	6 p.m.-8 a.m. EST. ³³ 8 p.m.-6 a.m. EDT	No more than 2 passengers younger than 21 unless supervised by 21-year-old driver (family members excepted and driving students to and from school excepted)	16, 6 mo.	16, 6 mo.
South Dakota / M	14	6 mo. (3 mo. with driver education)	None	14, 6 mo. (14, 3 mo. with driver education)	8 p.m.-8 a.m.	None	16	
Tennessee / G	15	6 mo. ³⁴	50 hr., 10 of which must be at night	16	11 p.m.-6 a.m. ³⁴	No more than 1 passenger unless supervised by 21-year-old driver (family members excepted)	17	
Texas / A	15 ³⁵	6 mo.	None	16	Midnight-6 a.m. ³	No more than 1 passenger younger than 21 (family members excepted)	16, 6 mo.	15, 6 mo.
Utah / A	15, 9 mo. ³⁶	None	30 hr., 10 of which must be at night ³⁶	16 ³⁶	Midnight-6 a.m.	First 6 mo.: No passengers younger than 21 unless supervised by 21-year-old driver (family members excepted) ³	17	16, 6 mo. ³⁶
Vermont / A	16	1 yr.	40 hr., 10 of which must be at night	16	No night driving restriction.	First 3 mo.: No passengers unless supervised by a licensed parent/guardian, driving instructor, or licensed 25 year-old driver; Second 3 mo.: Same as first 3 mo. (family members excepted) ³		16, 6 mo. ³⁷
Virginia / G	15, 6 mo.	9 mo.	40 hr., 10 of which must be at night	16, 3 mo.	Midnight-4 a.m. ³⁸ ³	Until age 17: No more than 1 passenger younger than 18; Age 17 until 18: No more than 3 passengers younger than 18 (family members excepted) ³⁸ ³	19	18

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Jurisdiction/ Evaluation	Learner Stage		Minimum Amount of Supervised Driving	Minimum Age	Intermediate Stage		Minimum Age at Which Restrictions May Be Lifted	
	Minimum Entry Age	Mandatory Holding Period			Unsupervised Driving Prohibited	Passenger Restriction	Nighttime Restriction	Passenger Restriction
Optimal provisions	16	6 mo.	30-60 hr.	16, 8 mo.	9/10 p.m.-5 a.m.	No more than 1 teenage passenger ¹	Until age 18	
Washington / G	15 ³⁹	6 mo.	50 hr., 10 of which must be at night	16	1 a.m.-5 a.m. §	First 6 mo.: No passengers younger than 20 (family members excepted); Second 6 mo.: No more than 3 passengers younger than 20 §	17 ³⁹	17 ³⁹
West Virginia / A	15	6 mo.	30 hr.; none if driver education course completed	16	11 p.m.-5 a.m. ⁴⁰	No more than 3 passengers younger than 19 (family members excepted) ⁴⁰	17	17
Wisconsin / A	16, 6 mo. ⁴¹	6 mo.	30 hr., 10 of which must be at night	16	Midnight-5 a.m.	No more than 1 passenger (family members excepted)	16, 9 mo. ⁴¹	16, 9 mo. ⁴¹
Wyoming / P	15	10 days	None	There is no intermediate stage. The minimum license age is 16.				

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³⁹ Passenger restrictions vary with regard to their durations, the ages of passengers to whom they apply, and the availability of exceptions. Most states have exceptions for passengers who are related to the driver or are members of the driver's household, and there are exceptions when a supervising driver is in the vehicle.

¹ The supervising driver in Alabama must be a parent, guardian, or driving instructor. At age 16, permit holders may drive while supervised by any licensed driver. Certification waived for applicants who have completed driver education.

² A driver education instructor in Arizona can authorize a student enrolled in driver education who is age 15 to drive only while supervised by the authorizing instructor. Certification waived for applicants who have completed driver education.

³ In Arkansas, people age 14 can drive with an instruction permit after passing a written test; after 30 days and after passing a road test, they are eligible for a restricted license that must be held for 6 months. Unsupervised driving is not permitted by holders of either the instruction permit or restricted license. The combined holding period for the permit and restricted license is 6 months. An intermediate phase for licensees younger than 18 prohibits drivers from transporting passengers who are unrestrained. Applicants for an intermediate license must be 16 and must be crash violation free for 6 months.

⁴ Students enrolled in driver education in California may drive while supervised by an instructor. License applicants who do not take driver education must wait until age 18 for a license. They are not required to go through an intermediate license stage.

⁵ In Colorado, the supervising driver must be a parent, guardian, or driving instructor, and the permit holder must be enrolled in driver education. At age 15, 6 months, permit holders may drive supervised by a licensed driver 21 or older and are not required to have taken driver education.

⁶ Either driver education or home training is required for license applicants younger than 18 in Connecticut. Applicants who have not completed driver education have a 6-month learner's holding period.

⁷ In Delaware, a driver education student does not need a permit to drive with a driver education instructor. After completing the on-road requirements of driver education, a driver education student who is at least age 15 years, 10 months may apply for a Driver Education Learner's Permit, which allows the student to drive while supervised by an experienced driver. Upon completion of driver education, and if the student passes both the road and written tests, the student receives a Level 1 permit that for the first 6 months allows driving only while supervised. There also is a passenger restriction during the first 6 months of the Level 1 permit. No more than 2 passengers (family members excepted) are permitted in addition to the supervising driver. The Level 1 permit for the second 6 months is the equivalent of an intermediate license. During that period, holders may drive unsupervised between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. and may only carry 2 passengers. Applicants for a driver's license who are younger than 18 must have held a Driver Education Learner's Permit and/or a Level 1 permit for at least 12 months. Driver education is required for all license applicants younger than 18.

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- 8 The learner's stage in the District of Columbia is mandatory for all license applicants, regardless of age. A nighttime restriction (9 p.m.-6 a.m.) applies in the learner stage. License applicants younger than 21 must go through the intermediate stage until they have completed it or until age 21.
- 9 License applicants younger than 18 must have completed driver education in Hawaii.
- 10 In Idaho, license applicants younger than 17 must have completed driver education. There are three classes of learner's permits: a training instructor permit for persons 14, 6 months taking driver education; a supervised instruction permit for practice driving with a nonprofessional supervisor; and an instruction permit for persons younger than 17 who have completed driver education and supervised driving or for persons 17 and older without either driver education or supervised driving.
- 11 Enrollment in driver education is required for permit applicants age 15 in Illinois; without driver education, a permit applicant must be age 17, 9 months. License applicants 18 and older are not required to have driver education or to go through an intermediate license stage.
- 12 Driver education determines the minimum age for permits and the intermediate license in Indiana. People enrolled in or who have completed driver education must be age 15 to have a permit; otherwise, they must be age 16. The minimum age for an intermediate license is 16, 1 month with driver education; age 16, 6 months, without.
- 13 In addition to the certification in the learner stage, Iowa requires a certification of 10 hours of supervised driving, 2 of which must be at night during the intermediate stage. Driver education is required for an intermediate license and for an unrestricted license if applicant is younger than 18.
- 14 The Kentucky law prohibits learner's permit holders from driving between midnight and 6 a.m. There is no nighttime driving restriction for other license holders. License holders younger than 18 must complete a 4-hour course on safe driving within 1 year of receiving a license.
- 15 Driver education is required in Louisiana for a permit and an intermediate license if the applicant is younger than 17. People 17 and older must have completed an educational program that does not require a behind-the-wheel component. In Louisiana, intermediate license holders may only drive from 11 pm to 5 am if accompanied by a supervising driver and during that time may only carry passengers who are members of their immediate family.
- 16 In Maine, driver education is required for a permit and a license if the applicant is younger than 18. The learner's permit holding period and the certification of practice driving applies to license applicants younger than 21.
- 17 In Maryland, 15 year-olds may drive without a permit if supervised by a driver education instructor. Driver education and the certification of practice driving applies to all initial license applicants. The nighttime driving restriction, however, only applies to intermediate license holders younger than 18.
- 18 The night driving restriction in Massachusetts also applies to permit holders younger than 18, unless accompanied by a licensed parent or guardian. Driver education is required of license applicants younger than 18.
- 19 Permit applicants younger than 18 in Michigan must have completed the first segment of driver education; license applicants younger than 18 must have completed the second segment of driver education. Neither driver education nor an intermediate license is required for license applicants 18 and older. The nighttime restriction is for 6 months or until age 17.
- 20 In Minnesota, permit applicants younger than 18 must be enrolled in driver education; license applicants younger than 18 must have completed driver education. The permit holding period applies to license applicants 18 and older unless they have completed driver education. License applicants younger than 18 must certify 10 hours of driving during a 12-month provisional stage. Provisional license holders must be crash free to qualify for a full license.
- 21 In Mississippi, license applicants 17 and older are exempt from the 6-month learner's permit holding period and the requirement to get an intermediate license.
- 22 Enrollment in or completion of driver education is required for permit applicants younger than 15 in Montana; license applicants younger than 16 must have completed driver education.
- 23 In Nebraska, 14 year-olds who live 1.5 miles or more from school and who either live outside or attend school outside a metropolitan area may be issued a learner's permit (called an "LPE permit") and a limited license (called a "school permit"). The LPE permit authorizes supervised driving for the purpose of preparing for the school permit, which allows driving to and from school or anyplace while supervised by a parent or guardian.
- 24 If license applicant is 16 then mandatory holding period in learner stage is 60 days. If license applicant is 17 then mandatory holding period in learner stage is 30 days. License applicants younger than 18 must have completed driver education if it is available in the public school in Nevada or, if it is unavailable, must complete 50 hours of supervised driving in addition to that required in the learner stage.
- 25 New Hampshire does not issue learner's permits. At age 15, 6 months, a person can drive while supervised by a licensed driver 25 or older.
- 26 In New Jersey, the permit becomes an intermediate license after 6 months. The graduated licensing law applies to adults, except that the night driving and passenger restrictions are waived for new drivers 21 and older. If the applicant has not completed driver education, the minimum permit age is 17 and the minimum intermediate license age is 17, 6 months.
- 27 Permit applicants younger than 18 must be enrolled in driver education in New Mexico; license applicants younger than 18 must have completed driver education.

- 28 Currently, New York law does not have a minimum holding period for the learner's permit. The minimum age for an unrestricted driver's license is 18 (17 if the applicant has completed driver education). The exception in New York City where driving is prohibited unless the driver is 18 or older. Effective, September 1, 2003, New York has enacted a passenger restriction that applies to permit holders and license holders younger than 18 (17 if the applicant has completed driver education). The law also created a new class of license, the limited DJ license. Permit holders who pass a road test and certify 20 or more hours of practices driving may be given a limited DJ license which allows unsupervised driving to and from school, school activities, work, medical appointments, and day care for family members. The night driving and passenger restrictions apply to this license. Permit holders may apply for the limited DJ license at any time. There is, however, a six month holding period for the regular DJ license which allows unsupervised driving anywhere but retains the night driving and passenger restrictions. For the purpose of determining if the six month holding period has passed, both the time spent in the learner's permit phase and the time a person spends in the limited DJ phase is counted.
- 29 In North Carolina, learner's permit holders may not drive between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. for the first 6 months. Driver education is required for permit and license applicants younger than 18.
- 30 Driver education is required of license applicants younger than 18 in Ohio and Oregon. However, it is waived in Oregon for applicants who certify an additional 50 hours of supervised driving.
- 31 Fifteen year-olds may drive in Oklahoma, but only while supervised by an instructor. Driver education is required for a license at age 16 if it is offered in the applicant's school district. A restricted license is available to 16 year-olds who have not completed driver education, which allows daytime driving only, and imposes a passenger restriction of no more than one passenger unless supervised by a parent/ guardian (household members excepted).
- 32 Driver education is required of permit and license applicants younger than 18 in Rhode Island.
- 33 In South Carolina, the nighttime restriction applies in the learner stage as well as in the intermediate stage. Fifteen year-olds who are enrolled in driver education do not need a permit to drive with an instructor. License applicants younger than 17 who have not completed driver education may not get a license to drive unsupervised after daylight.
- 34 Learner's permit holders in Tennessee may not drive from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- 35 In Texas, the minimum permit age is 15 for applicants who are enrolled in driver education. The minimum license age is 18 for applicants who have not completed driver education.
- 36 Regardless of age, permit applicants in Utah must be enrolled in driver education, and license applicants must have completed driver education. Supervised driving in the learner stage may include up to 5 hours in a driving simulator. Passenger restrictions in Utah end when a driver has been licensed for 6 months or when the driver turns 18, whichever occurs first.
- 37 Driver education is required for license applicants younger than 18 in Vermont.
- 38 In Virginia, driver education is required for license applicants younger than 19 (18 if holds valid license from another state). Initial license applicants 19 and older must either complete driver education or hold a learner's permit at least 30 days. The night driving restriction and passenger restriction (no more than 1 passenger younger than 18) apply to learner's permit holders.
- 39 Permit applicants in Washington must be enrolled in driver education; otherwise the minimum permit age is 15, 6 months. Driver education is required for license applicants younger than 18. Intermediate license holders with a crash or violation history are ineligible for an unrestricted license until age 18.
- 40 In West Virginia, learner's permit holders younger than 18 may not drive 11 p.m.-5 a.m. and may not carry more than 2 passengers in addition to the supervising driver.
- 41 Enrollment in driver education is required in Wisconsin for permit applicants younger than 18. Driver education is required for license applicants younger than 18.

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