



# Connecticut Driver's License Teen Checklist

## 1. LEARNERS PERMIT

To receive a photo ID permit, a student must:

- Be 16 or 17 years of age
- Obtain a Learner's Permit application by calling 800.842.8222, or online at [www.dmvct.state.ct.us/b307.htm](http://www.dmvct.state.ct.us/b307.htm), or at any DMV branch location
- Bring all of the following to the DMV office (full service branches only):
  - Completed Learner's Permit application
  - The required testing and permit fees; see [www.ct.gov/dmv](http://www.ct.gov/dmv) for fee amounts
  - Parent or court-appointed legal guardian, if parent cannot be present you must bring a notarized parental consent form
  - An official birth certificate (not a hospital certificate) or valid US passport (no copies)
  - A signed social security card or certified school record/transcript (see [www.ct.gov/dmv](http://www.ct.gov/dmv) for complete list of acceptable identification)
  - A postmarked piece of mail addressed to the student's full legal name and permanent residence
  - Recent passport-sized photo of the applicant without head covering or dark glasses
- Student will take a 25-question knowledge test as well as a vision test at a full service DMV branch. An appointment is not required, however, see [www.ct.gov/dmv](http://www.ct.gov/dmv) for branch hours.
- Upon passing both portions of the exam and paying the fee, the student will receive a photo ID Learner's Permit. The permit will be valid until the student obtains their license or turns 18.



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## PERMIT RESTRICTIONS

- A Connecticut Learner's Permit allows a student to drive in the state of Connecticut. Check with other states regarding their laws before leaving the state.
- A student must not have any passengers except:
  - A person providing the instruction who is at least 20 years of age and has held a driver's license for the four or more consecutive years prior to training without suspension, OR
  - A licensed driving instructor, OR
  - Either one or both parents or legal guardians, at least one of whom holds a valid driver's license, is of at least 20 years and has held a driver's license for the 4 or more consecutive years prior to training without a suspension.

## 2. DRIVER EDUCATION

At 16 years of age, a student can enroll in a driver education program at an approved school such as Top Driver. A Learner's Permit is not required for the classroom portion of the program but must be obtained before any in-vehicle lessons may occur.

- A complete driver education course includes:
  - 30 hours of classroom instruction, which contains 8 hours of safe driving practices and includes a two-hour parent training session.
  - A minimum of 8 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.
- A student is permitted to take no more than 2 hours of classroom training in any one day; they may take up to 4 hours of driver training in a day if that training consists of 2 hours each of classroom and behind-the-wheel training.
- Upon successful completion of driver education, the student will receive a CS-1 Certificate of Completion from the driving school. This certificate will be needed to test for their Driver's License and qualify for possible insurance discounts.

## OTHER FACTS

- If the student elects not to participate in a complete driver education course, he or she must complete a state-certified 8-hour safe driving practices course which includes a 2-hour parent training session.
- If the student chooses to participate in anything less than a full driver education program, they must hold their learner's permit for a minimum of 180 days before they can test for their driver's license. They also may not qualify for an insurance discount.



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## 3. DRIVER'S LICENSE

To test for and receive his or her Driver's License, a student must:

- Be at least 16 or 17 years of age.
- Have either:
  - Held his or her Learner's Permit for a minimum of 120 days,
  - Completed an entire driver education course with a commercial driver education school such as Top Driver,
  - And had at least 40 hours behind-the-wheel experience, including at least 32 hours with a parent or guardian and 8 hours with commercial driving school,
- OR-
- Held his or her Learner's Permit for a minimum of 180 days
- Completed a state-certified 8-hour safe driving practices course, including a 2-hour parent training session
- And had at least 40 hours behind-the-wheel instruction with a parent or guardian
- Road tests are done by appointment with the DMV or at select Top Driver locations
- On the day of the test at the DMV, the student must provide:
  - Learner's Permit
  - CS-1 Certificate of Driver's Education Completion
  - A passenger vehicle to use for your road test
  - A valid registration and insurance card for the vehicle in which the student will be testing
  - Application form signed by a parent or legal guardian stating that the student has met all training requirements
- A student must pass all parts of the exam to receive their license:
  - A road test with a DMV inspector
  - A 25-question DMV Final Exam, after successful completion of the road test

## OTHER FACTS

Top Driver often provides license testing at select Top Driver locations. We handle all the paperwork, submit it to the DMV and provide the testing venue/vehicle. A DMV inspector will administer the road portion of the test. Upon successfully completing this portion of the exam, the student must wait two DMV business days to report to the appropriate DMV branch. Here they will take the DMV Final Exam. Upon successfully completing the exam, the student will receive his or her license.



# Department of Motor Vehicles Connecticut Locations

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CONNECTICUT PHONE NUMBERS: 800.842.8222 or 860.263.5700

Bridgeport Office  
95 Sylvan Avenue  
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06606

New Britain Office  
85 North Mountain Road  
New Britain, Connecticut 06053

Waterbury Office  
2210 Thomaston Avenue  
Waterbury, Connecticut 06704

Danbury Office  
2 Lee Mac Avenue  
Danbury, Connecticut 06810

Norwalk Office  
540 Main Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06851

Wethersfield Office  
60 State Street  
Wethersfield, Connecticut 06161

Enfield Office  
4 Pearson Way  
Enfield, Connecticut 06082

Norwich Office  
173 Salem Turnpike  
Norwich, Connecticut 06360

Willimantic Satellite Office  
1557 West Main Street  
Willimantic, Connecticut 06226

Hamden Office  
1985 State Street  
Hamden, Connecticut 06517

Old Saybrook Office  
7 Custom Drive  
Old Saybrook, Connecticut 06475

Winsted Satellite Office  
151 Torrington Road  
Winsted, Connecticut 06098

## WHY TOP DRIVER?

### TOP DRIVER IS THE PREFERRED TRAINING PROGRAM OF PARENTS AND TEENS

Over 33% of teen drivers are in a car crash their first year of driving and most crashes are due to driver error. Unfortunately, most high school and commercial driving schools do little to improve this statistic. But you have a better alternative: Top Driver. Top Driver is the nation's largest driving school and our *Driver Intelligence*® approach engages students so they become intelligent drivers for life. It features:

- A proprietary, interactive and dynamic curriculum
- Engaging instructors who've passed extensive background checks and training
- Numerous resources for parents to help them become better driving coaches for their teens

*Driver Intelligence*® is an enlightened approach to driving that is much more than merely getting a license. It is about developing safe, aware and socially responsible drivers who are prepared to make a lifetime of correct choices in any situation. It's superior driver training for a vital life skill.