

# Getting a driver license, huh?

Scary stuff out on the road on your own. Safe drivers are not just born – to say nothing of the laws, costs, and dangers you may be facing. Seriously, let's look at the statistics!



**Drivers between the ages of 15 and 19 are much more likely to experience a collision.**

That's why Ohio adopted Graduated Driver Licensing regulations.



It may sound complicated, but don't worry this guide will help you through it.



This handy guide has been created to help you make sense of the ins and outs of graduated driver licensing. For up-to-date information about GDL for Ohio, check out the following website:

[www.ImpactTeenDrivers.org](http://www.ImpactTeenDrivers.org)



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Welcome to

## Graduated Driver Licensing

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**Ohio**



Meet Brian, your instructor.



**Impact Teen Drivers**

GDL laws protect teen drivers while they gain experience behind-the-wheel

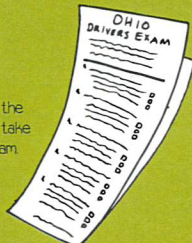
## In Ohio...

Phase 1 of the GDL begins when you turn 15½. You can now apply for your learner's permit.



Before going to the BMV, study this year's Ohio's Digest of Motor Vehicle Laws.

Once you've mastered the knowledge, it's time to take the written driver's exam.



When you pass, you become the proud holder of a learner's permit!

## NOW THE DRIVING PRACTICE BEGINS

During the permit phase, you'll need to enroll in and complete a driver education program. Then, complete 50 hours of behind-the-wheel driving time.



Ten of these hours must be at night.

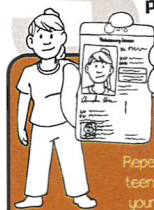
You must hold your learner's permit for six months of supervised driving practice with a parent, guardian, or licensed driving instructor.



Once you turn sixteen and have completed the supervised driving period, you'll be ready to begin phase 3 of the GDL, driving solo! Head on over to the BMV to take your behind the wheel driving test.



Now that you have a probationary license allowing you to drive solo...



Just remember in Ohio, driving is not a right, it's a privilege with obligations, responsibilities and consequences. Repeated crashes or traffic violations by teen drivers carry fines and can result in your license being suspended or revoked.

For teens, the following GDL safety restrictions are in place unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or licensed driver age 21 or older:

- Until you have held your Probationary License for 1 year or turn 18, you may not drive between 12 am and 6 am except for school, work, religious event, or medical emergency.
- After you have held your Probationary License for 1 year, and before you turn 18, you may not drive between 1 am and 5 am, with the same exceptions as above.
- Until you have held your Probationary License for 1 year or turn 18, you may not transport more than one non-family passenger without parental supervision.
- After you have held your Probationary License for 1 year, and before you turn 18, you may not transport more passengers than the number of originally installed safety belts in your vehicle. Everyone must wear safety belts.

Avoid these other dangers for teen drivers:

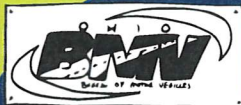
- Driving at night.
- Speeding and street racing.
- Not wearing a seat belt.
- Driving under the influence.

When you turn 18, your GDL restrictions are officially lifted!

**Congrats!**

GDL Roadmap inside





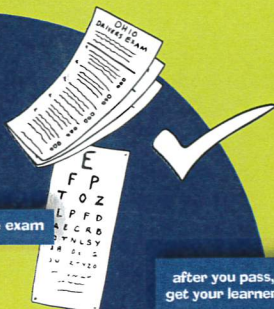
go to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to take written exam



study, study, study

## PHASE 1

getting your learner's permit



and eye exam

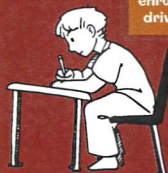
after you pass, you can get your learner's permit



## PHASE 2

gaining experience

enroll and complete driver's education.



take the wheel with a parent or guardian



head over to BMV to take your road test.

## PHASE 3

probationary license



once you turn 16, move on to the next phase



x6

for at least six months



50 hours total, 10 of which are at night



once you pass, go get your Probationary Driver License!



driving solo, there are still safety restrictions in place



## GRADUATED Driver Licensing

Happy Driving

Congrats!

You've just completed the Ohio GD/L

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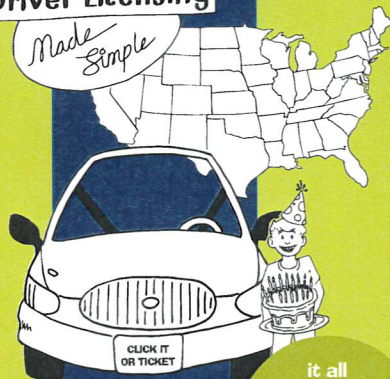
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no use of ANY electronic devices

## GRADUATED Driver Licensing

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it all begins when you turn 15 1/2