

Washington Intermediate Driver License

RCW 46.20.075

Before getting a driver license, a teen must:

1. Be at least 16 years of age
2. Pass a Traffic education course
3. Have an Instruction permit for at least 6 months
4. Have at least 50 hours of supervised driving practice (including 10 hours at Night) with someone who has been licensed for at 5 years or more> For help in supervising driving practice, use the
 - Intermediate License logbook to record behind-the-wheel driving practice.
 - Washington Parent Guide to Teen Driving for tips on how to supervise driving practice
 - Download at <http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/teens.html>.
5. Not have any traffic violations within 6 months of applying for the license.
6. Have no convictions of any alcohol or drug offense while holding an instruction permit.

How to get a License: Once you have completed these steps, visit a driver licensing office after you have permit for 4 months and ready to pass:

1. Present a signed Traffic Safety Certificate showing you have passed an approved traffic safety education course. Be aware that the Certificate should have a sticker on it to show where you took the class. If you don't have a copy of your certificate, ask your driver Training school for a copy before you apply for your license. If the school has closed, contact the Department of Licensing at tse@dol.wa.gov or (360)902-0110
2. Have a parent or guardian grant permission and confirm your driving practice by signing the Parental Authorization Affidavit at the licensing office.
3. Pass a knowledge test (if you have not previously taken a knowledge test.)
4. Pass a driving test
5. Pass a vision screening
6. Provide proof you are a Washington state resident. You may use your parent or guardian's residence address, as long as they live in Washington State and can present a Washington State driver license, ID card, or other documentation to prove residence.
7. Present proof of identity
8. Provide your social security number, or sign a declaration if you don't have one.

Special rules for teen drivers: When teens get a driver license, they must follow some special rules and restrictions. These rules are in place to help protect teen drivers from accidents and help them develop and improve skills in the safest way.

If you are under 18, you will be issued an **INTERMEDIATE DRIVERS LICENSE** and must follow these special rules:

1. For the first 6 months, you cannot drive with passengers under the age of 20 unless they are immediate members of you family (such as spouse, child, stepchild, or siblings, both by birth and marriage.).
2. For the next 6 months you may not carry more than 3 passengers who are under 20 unless they are members of your immediate family.
3. For the first 12 months, you cannot drive between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless you are with a licensed driver age 25 or older the only exception to this rule is if you drive for agricultural purposes, meaning you transport farm products or supplies under the direction of a farmer (See RCW 46.20.070)
4. Cell phones: you aren't permitted to use wireless devices while driving, even with a hands-free device. This includes talking on cell phones and sending or receiving text messages. You may only use a wireless device to report an emergency.

After 1 year of following these rules and driving without a collision or traffic citation, you can drive without limitations to the time of day or the age and number of your passengers.

When you turn 18, these special rules no longer apply and your Intermediate Driver License **automatically becomes a regular license.**

QUALITY DRIVING RECOMMENDED PARENT PRACTICE GUIDE SHEET

To qualify for your driver's license you must provide proof that you have completed 50 hours of driving with parents, 40 daytime and 10 nighttime. You can download the Washington Parent Guide to Teen Driving and Logbook at <http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/teens.html>.

When starting out with your teen we would like you to find a large parking lot and practice smooth starts and stops. Graduate from that to figure 8's in parking area. When you are comfortable with those maneuvers then start driving on a side street, with little traffic. Be aware that you will need to communicate what is expected well in advance of student doing maneuver. The student's need to have at least 4 hours of practice on side streets before coming in to do first drive. On the Students first drive we take them out on the street in traffic. They have to do 3 drives before final. Six drives to complete the course.

As we progress through this process parents will be practicing the things that are taught on the drives with their students. Practice, practice and more practice.

Drive One.

Orient Students to pre-start
Move forward smoothly
On Target--Off Target
Reference Point
Discovery
Right and Left Turns
Lateral Maneuvers
Use of Signals
Use of Mirrors/Blind Spot

Drive Two

Tracking and Targeting
Path
Backing Introduction
Searching and Targeting
Backing Straight
Identify LOS_POT
Identify Zone Control
On Target –Off Target
Use of mirrors
Reference Discovery

Drive Three

Parallel Parking, parking
on a hill,
Following distance
Scanning skills
Multi-Lane Intersections
Identify LOS-POT
Identify Zone Control
Use of Mirror and Blind
spots.

Drive Four

Speed control
Lane Control
Scanning skills
Freeway Driving
Merging
Exiting
Parallel Parking
Backing around a corner

Drive 5

All types of parking.
Angle, parallel,
perpendicular
Parking on a hill, up and
down
Backing around a corner
Right and left alley
turnarounds
Y turnabout
Requested Practice Skills

Drive 6

Final Drive is a test and
must be passed with 80%
or higher. Students practice
and prepare to pass before
scheduling this drive.
All Parking- Angle, Parking
on a hill , Parallel, and
Perpendicular
Backing around a corner
Multi-lane Intersections
Speed and Lane Control
Scanning Skills
Traffic rules obeyed, Hand
Signals