



TEACHING

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TEENS

to

Drive

A PARTNERSHIP FOR SURVIVAL

Parent/Teen Handbook

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Licensed to Learn

Learning the Skills, Earning the Privilege

Every year a significant percentage of young drivers are involved in traffic crashes. In fact, crash rates for teens are four times greater than adults, and 16- year-olds are three times more likely to be involved in a crash than 18- or 19-year-olds. The risk of a collision declines significantly after obtaining two to three years of driving experience.

In 1997, AAA developed *Licensed to Learn: A Safety Program for New Drivers*. One goal is to improve the learning process.

Activities include:

- Mandating more supervised behind-the-wheel driving experience.
- Providing guidelines for selecting quality driver education courses.
- Increasing parent involvement.
- Implementing uniform instructor qualifications and driver education course content.

AAA encourages parents and other adult licensed drivers to help teens learn and use safe driving skills. Most adults favor improved and increased driver education and phased-in driving privileges for teens.

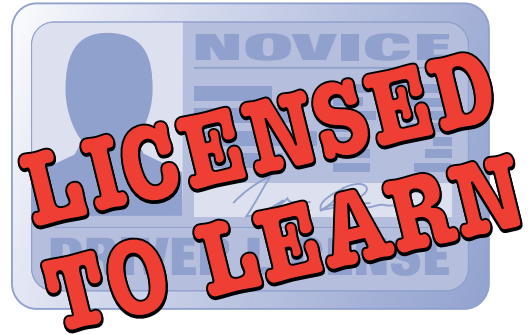
Another *Licensed to Learn* goal was to implement a graduated driver license system in every state by the year 2000. A graduated driver license (GDL) system is a step-by-step process that gradually increases driving privileges as young drivers gain experience behind the wheel. To date, 48 states have enacted a graduated driver license program.

AAA Graduated Driver License Guidelines

AAA advocates a three-stage GDL system: the learner's permit stage, the intermediate (provisional) stage and the full licensure stage.

Stage 1: Learner's Permit

This distinctive license allows a young driver to operate a motor vehicle only when accompanied by either a licensed parent,



licensed legal guardian or licensed driver at least 21 years old. To obtain a learner's permit, the driver must:

- Be at least 16 years old.
- Have written approval of parent or legal guardian.
- Pass vision and knowledge tests.
- Complete basic vehicle skills training (i.e. driver education course).
- Remain alcohol- and drug-free while driving.
- Require all occupants to wear seat belts.
- Limit the number of teen passengers.
- Complete 50 hours (including night time driving) of supervised practice certified by parent, legal guardian or licensed instructor.
- Remain crash- and conviction-free for at least six months to move to the next stage.

Stage 2: Intermediate (Provisional)

This distinctive license allows teens to drive without supervision except from midnight to 5:00 a.m. Driving is permitted during this time if accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years old. To obtain a Stage 2 license, the new driver must:

- Be at least age 16 and a half.
- Complete six months of supervised driving in Stage 1.
- Successfully complete Stage 1.
- Pass a road test given by an approved licensing agency.
- Complete an advanced driver education course (e.g. safe driving decision-making, risk management, etc.).
- Remain alcohol- and drug-free while driving.
- Require all occupants to wear seat belts.
- Limit the number of teen passengers.
- Complete an additional 50 hours (including night time driving) of supervised practice certified by parent, legal guardian or licensed instructor.
- Remain crash- and conviction-free for at least 12 months or until 18 years old before moving to the next stage.

Stage 3: Full Licensure

This license allows full driving privileges. To obtain a Stage 3 License, the new driver must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Remain alcohol- and drug-free while driving.
- Complete 12 months of crash- and conviction-free driving.
- Successfully complete Stage 2.
- Pass a final road test.



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