

Regarding Graduated Driver License Requirements for Teen Drivers

To correctly determine how to answer questions regarding the new Graduated Driver's License law, the first question that you must always ask is this –

- Did the teen driver obtain an instruction permit, farm permit or restricted license prior to January 1 2010?
 - If the answer to that question is Yes – then all of the requirements and restrictions that were in effect prior to January 1 2010 are what apply to that teen (shown in the comparison chart on the next 3 pages)
 - If the answer to that question is No – then all of the new requirements and restrictions that take effect on January 1 2010 are what apply to that teen (shown in the comparison chart on the next 3 pages)

Graduated Driver Licensing - Comparison Chart

	Current Law - Prior to 1/1/2010	New Law - Effective 1/1/2010
	Instruction Permit	Instruction Permit
Age	Minimum 14 years old	Minimum 14 years old
Testing Required	Vision Written - or certificate of completion from driver education	Vision Written - or certificate of completion from driver education
Parental Approval Required	Yes for 14 and 15 year olds	Yes for 14 and 15 year olds
Driver Education Required	No	No
Driving Restrictions	Licensed adult in front seat at all times	Licensed adult in front seat at all times - minimum age 21
Wireless Restriction	No	No use of wireless communication devices except to report illegal activity or to summons medical or emergency help
Passenger Restriction	No	No
Time Required to be held	6 months to advance to restricted license	1 year to advance to restricted license

	Current Law - Prior to 1/1/2010	New Law - Effective 1/1/2010
	Restricted License - 15 year old	Restricted License - 15 year old
Age	Minimum 15 years old but less than 16	Minimum 15 years old but less than 16
Testing Required	Vision	Vision
Parental Approval Required	Yes	Yes
Driver Education Required	Yes	Yes
Instruction Permit Required	Yes - must have held at least 6 months	Yes - must have held at least 1 year
50 Hour Affidavit Required	No - must provide prior to 16 to move to unrestricted	No - must provide prior to 16 to move to lesser restrictions
Driving Restrictions	To or from work To or from school Anytime/anywhere with licensed adult	To or from work To or from school Anytime/anywhere with licensed adult
Wireless Restriction	No	No use of wireless communication devices except to report illegal activity or to summons medical or emergency help
Passenger Restriction	May not transport any non-sibling minor passengers	May not transport any non-sibling minor passengers
Time Required to be held	At 16 will become unrestricted if 50 hour affidavit has been turned in	At 16 will move to lesser restrictions if 50 hour affidavit has been turned in

Graduated Driver Licensing - Comparison Chart

	Current Law - Prior to 1/1/2010	New Law - Effective 1/1/2010
	Lesser Restricted License - 16 year old	Lesser Restricted License - 16 year old
Age	n/a	Minimum 16 years old but less than 17
Testing Required	n/a	Vision Written & Drive - or certificate of completion from driver education
Parental Approval Required	n/a	No
Driver Education Required	n/a	No
Instruction Permit Required	n/a	Yes - must have held at least 1 year
50 Hour Affidavit Required	n/a	Yes
Driving Restrictions	n/a	Anywhere from 5am to 9pm Anytime going to or from work Anytime going to or from authorized school activities Anytime/anywhere with licensed adult
Wireless Restriction	n/a	No use of wireless communication devices except to report illegal activity or to summons medical or emergency help
Passenger Restriction	n/a	No more than one passenger who is less than 18 and who is not a member of the licensee's immediate family
Time Required to be held	n/a	6 months - after licensee has held the restricted DL for 6 months, if they have complied with all laws the restrictions will no longer apply

	Current Law - Prior to 1/1/2010	New Law - Effective 1/1/2010
	Farm Permit - 14 & 15 year olds	Farm Permit - 14 & 15 year olds
Age	Minimum 14 years old but less than 16	Minimum 14 years old but less than 16
Testing Required	Vision Written & Drive - or certificate of completion from driver education	Vision Written & Drive - or certificate of completion from driver education
Parental Approval Required	Yes	Yes
Farm Affidavit Required	Yes	Yes
Driver Education Required	No	No
Instruction Permit Required	No	No
50 Hour Affidavit Required	No - must provide prior to 16 to move to unrestricted	No - must provide prior to 16 to move to lesser restrictions
Driving Restrictions	To or from farm job, employment or other farm related work To or from school Anytime/anywhere with licensed adult	To or from farm job, employment or other farm related work To or from school Anytime/anywhere with licensed adult
Wireless Restriction	No	No use of wireless communication devices except to report illegal activity or to summons medical or emergency help
Passenger Restriction	May not transport any non-sibling minor passengers	May not transport any non-sibling minor passengers
Time Required to be held	At 16 will become unrestricted if 50 hour affidavit has been turned in	At 16 will move to lesser restrictions if 50 hour affidavit has been turned in

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	Current Law - Prior to 1/1/2010	New Law - Effective 1/1/2010
	Lesser Restricted Farm Permit - 16 year old	Lesser Restricted Farm Permit - 16 year old
Age	n/a	Minimum 16 years old but less than 17
Testing Required	n/a	Vision Written & Drive - or certificate of completion from driver education
Parental Approval Required	n/a	No
Driver Education Required	n/a	No
Instruction Permit Required	n/a	No
50 Hour Affidavit Required	n/a	Yes
Driving Restrictions	n/a	Anywhere from 5am to 9pm Anytime to or from farm job, employment or other farm related work Anytime going to or from authorized school activities Anytime/anywhere with licensed adult
Wireless Restriction	n/a	No use of wireless communication devices except to report illegal activity or to summons medical or emergency help
Passenger Restriction	n/a	No more than one passenger who is less than 18 and who is not a member of the licensee's immediate family
Time Required to be held	n/a	6 months - after licensee has held the restricted FarmPermit for 6 months, if they have complied with all laws the restrictions will no longer apply

	Current Law - Prior to 1/1/2010	New Law - Effective 1/1/2010
	UnRestricted License	UnRestricted License
Age	Minimum 16 years old	Minimum 17 years old
Testing Required	Vision Written & Drive - or certificate of completion from driver education	Vision Written & Drive - or certificate of completion from driver education
Parental Approval Required	No	No
Driver Education Required	No	No
Instruction Permit Required	No	No
50 Hour Affidavit Required	Yes	Yes
Driving Restrictions	None	None
Wireless Restriction	No	No
Passenger Restriction	No	No
Time Required to be held	None	None