

## **LEARNERS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

Learner's permit holders may drive when accompanied by an driver who is licensed, who is at least 21 years of age, who has at least one year of driving experience, and who is occupying a seat beside the driver.

- A permit holder who is under the age of 18 may not drive between the 12:00 am (midnight) and 5:00 am unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, who is licensed with at least one year of driving experience and whose license or right to operate is not revoked or suspended.
- The permit holder may not operate in another state if it is in violation of that state's law.
- The holder of a motorcycle learner's permit (Class M) may not carry passengers and may not operate after sunset or before sunrise.
- The permit holder must be have the learner's permit when driving.

## **DRIVERS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

Below are the requirements for applicants between the ages of 16½ and 18 to obtain a driver's license:

- Have a valid learner's permit for at least 6 consecutive months before taking the road test. (Any suspension will invalidate the permit and the 6 months will start again when the suspension has ended.)
- Maintain a clean driving record for at least 6 consecutive months before taking the road test.
- Successfully complete a driver education program, which includes 30 hours of classroom instruction; 12 hours of in-car, behind-the-wheel training; and 6 hours of in-car observation of other student drivers.
- Complete at least an additional 40 hours of supervised, behind-the-wheel driving as shown by a certified statement by a parent or guardian. *The RMV will accept 30 hours of driving supervised by a parent or guardian if the applicant completes a driver skills development program.*
- A parent or guardian must participate in 2 hours of instruction on the driver's education course (unless they have completed one within the past 5 years).
- Pass a final exam. *(80% minimum on classroom exam)*

## **JOL RESTRICTIONS - *see violations chart for additional information***

- Teens holding a junior operator's license may not drive with any passengers under age 18 (other than an immediate family member) for the first 6 months unless accompanied by a licensed driver at least 21 years old. This 21+ individual must be seat in the front passenger seat.
- They may not drive between 12:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The minimum age at which restrictions may be lifted is age 17 for passenger restrictions and age 18 for nighttime restrictions.