



## *FACT SHEET*

# Idaho's Graduated Driver's Licensing (GDL) Program

1. All teens **under the age of 17** must pass an Idaho state approved driver education class.
  - Thirty (30) hours of classroom instruction,
  - Six (6) hours of behind the wheel instruction, and;
  - Six (6) hours of in-car observation.
2. Complete the Supervised Driving Period which must include:
  - **Students successfully completing Driver Education**
    - Six (6) months of supervised driving with a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age, not under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and sitting beside the driver.
    - 50 hours of supervised driving, 10 hours minimum of night time driving.
3. Pass the **written knowledge and road skills** test:
  - Applicants must be 15 years old to receive an Idaho driver's license.
  - Applicants must schedule an appointment with a skills tester.
  - Applicants who fail the skills test must wait three (3) days before retesting and fees must be re-paid.
  - Applicants who fail the written test must wait three (3) days before retesting and fees must be re-paid.

**Drivers under age 16 are restricted to daylight only driving unless** accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age, not under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and sitting beside the driver.

Licensees under age 17 are required during the **first six (6) months** from the date the license was issued **to limit the number of passengers** in the vehicle who are under age 18 to not more than one passenger, unless the passengers are related to the driver by blood, adoption or marriage.

Any **violation of the license restriction** requirements during the supervised instruction period will result in cancellation of the permit and requires the permit holder to reapply for a new permit. Upon reapplication, the permit holders must start and complete the supervised instruction period. The supervised instruction period is six (6) months.

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