

GDL QUICK REFERENCE

Level 1 Learner's Permit

Eligibility Criteria:

1. For Level 1 Learner's Permit eligibility the applicant must:
 - a. Be 16 years to 18 years of age, and
 - b. Complete an approved Driver Education Training Course, and
 - c. Pass a written and road test given by a driver education teacher, and
 - d. Be certified by a driver education teacher as qualified for licensing, and
 - e. Have a sponsor sign his/her application.

Driving Restrictions:

1. **For the first six months** of valid Level 1 Learner's Permit driving authority the permit holder must:
 - a. Be supervised at all times while driving, and
 - b. Be in the possession of the permit at all times while driving, and
 - c. Have a parent or guardian certify that the permit holder has completed at least 50 hours of actual driving time, 10 of which include nighttime driving.

NOTE: Certification shall be signed by the parent or guardian and submitted to the Delaware Department of Education at the end of the first six month period. Until this form is submitted to DOE, the permit holder cannot operate a motor vehicle unsupervised.

2. **After the first six months** of valid Level 1 Learner's Permit driving authority (provided the sponsor has certified 50 hours of driving experience) the permit holder:
 - a. Can drive unsupervised from 6:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M.
 - b. Must be supervised at all times while driving from 10:00 P.M. until 6:00 A.M., except when traveling to and from work, church activities, and the permit holder's school activities (on school property only).
 - c. Must be in the possession of the permit at all times while driving.
3. When under mandatory supervision, the supervisor must be a licensed parent, guardian or licensed driver at least 25 years old who has held a Class D License for at least 5 years. The adult supervisor must be seated beside the permit holder in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion. Only the supervisor can be in the front seat. The sponsor designates the supervisor.
4. No passengers other than the adult supervisor and 1 other passenger can be in the vehicle during the first 12 months of valid driving authority. However, this passenger restriction does not apply to the permit holder's immediate family members provided the adult supervisor is in the car.
5. The permit will be suspended for violating the above restrictions.

Class D License

Eligibility Criteria:

1. For Class D License eligibility, the applicant must be
 - a. At least 17 years of age, and
 - b. Credited with 12 months of Level 1 Learner's Permit valid driving authority, and
 - c. Approved by their sponsor.

Driver Education Learner's Permit

Purpose:

This Permit is designed for those students who need additional driving experience before the driver education teacher conducts the road skills test. The student must be enrolled in a driver education course and have completed the minimum hours of actual driving experience and the in-the-car observation as approved by the Department of Education. This 4-month driver education learner's permit may only be issued once.

Document:

Paper permit titled, "Driver Education Learner's Permit."

Eligibility Criteria:

1. For Driver Education Learner's Permit eligibility the applicant must have:
 - a. A driver education teacher's recommendation (white certificate), and
 - b. Reached 16 years of age, and
 - c. A sponsor sign his/her application.

NOTE: Driving experience gained under this permit is credited toward the Level 1 Learner's Permit 12 month period.

Restriction Criteria:

1. Throughout the entire 4 months of holding a Driver Education Learner's Permit, the permit holder:
 - a. Must be supervised by a licensed parent or guardian. If neither are licensed, a licensed driver over the age of 25 with 5 years driving experience, and
 - b. Must have the adult supervisor seated beside him/her in the front seat. No person other than the supervisor can be in the front seat, and
 - c. Must have no passengers other than the adult supervisor and 1 other passenger the vehicle (excluding members of the permit holder's immediate family).

NOTE: The permit must be in the possession of the permit holder at all times.

Out-of-State Transfers

Eligibility Criteria:

1. An out-of-state transfer is eligible for a Level 1 Learner's Permit when he/she has:
 - a. Reached at least 16 years of age, and
 - b. A sponsor sign his/her application, and
 - c. Completed a Delaware Department of Education approved driver education course, and
 - d. Passed a written and road test conducted by the Division (unless otherwise instructed by DOE).

2. An out-of-state transfer is eligible for a Class D License when he/she has:
 - a. Held an out-of state license for at least 18 months, and
 - b. Reached 17 years of age, and
 - c. Completed a written and road test conducted by the Division (unless otherwise instructed by DOE), and
 - d. Completed a Delaware Department of Education approved driver education course, and
 - e. Had a sponsor sign his/her application.

NOTE: If the minor applicant has held a license in another state, they are given credit for the time licensed. Adjust the Level 1 Learner's Permit's Class D effectiveness date accordingly.

Important Sanctions

1. If a minor applicant and his/her sponsor sign an application that misstates the applicant's age or relationship to the minor, then both the sponsor and applicant's licenses are suspended for 2 months.
2. Failure to adhere to the Level 1 Learner's Permit restrictions or temporary instruction permit restriction results in a 2 months license suspension for the first offense and 4 months for subsequent offenses.
3. The level one learner's permit will automatically convert to a Class D license once the permit holder has completed a full 12 months of valid driving authority. The time used to compute the 12 months of required driving experience shall not include any period of time when the permit holder's driving privilege has been suspended, revoked, canceled, denied, or surrendered. A period of additional driving experience equivalent to that of the suspension, revocation, cancellation, denial, or surrender will be added to the end of the original 12 month period. This will ensure that the permit holder has fully complied with the required full 12 months of valid driving authority.