

Staying in the driver's seat

Getting in the Driver's Seat



Breaking driving laws, including GDL restrictions, can put you at risk for losing your license. Even one violation comes with hefty fines and may require community service.

Don't risk your driving freedom. Pay attention to the rules—they are designed with your safety in mind.



Curfew

Driving is not permitted between midnight and 5 a.m. for at least one year.



Who Can Ride

- For the first six months, only passengers 21 and over
- For the second six months, only one passenger under 21 (siblings and passengers with medical emergencies excepted)
- Only one passenger in the front seat at any time



Power Down

Texting or talking on your cell phone while driving is against the law for drivers under age 18 in Colorado.



Get Belted

You and your passengers are required to wear seat belts—you can get pulled over and ticketed if you or your friends are not wearing one.



ZERO Tolerance for Drinking & Driving

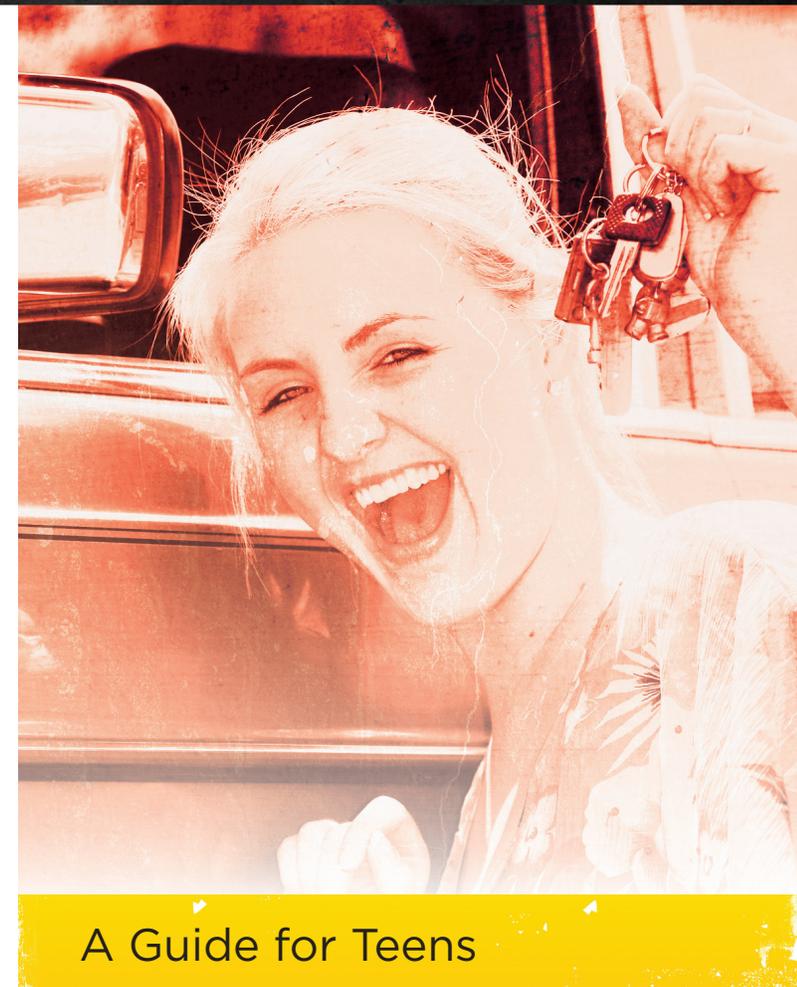
Even a trace of alcohol for minor drivers is punishable by law.

For exceptions on passenger restrictions, curfew and cell phone ban go to www.coteendriver.com

Want more?

Get tips, take a quiz and link to other helpful resources at www.coteendriver.com.

Info about driving schools, permit applications, testing locations and more can be found at the Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division's website: www.colorado.gov/revenue/dmv



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What is GDL?

Steps to getting your license

Introducing GDL

Colorado implemented Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws to help you develop important driving skills gradually. GDL laws include the steps required to get a license and set driving restrictions in your first years of having a license. GDL restrictions include passenger restrictions, curfew and cell phone ban.

Below are definitions and details about the types of training that you may be required to complete before getting your license:

Driver's education: An approved 30-hour classroom, internet or home study course.

Instruction permit: All new drivers under age 18 require parent/legal guardian's signed "Affidavit of Liability and Guardianship" to get an instruction permit. Whoever signs the Affidavit is responsible for the supervision of the minor's driving and for any financial liability.

50 hours of logged driving time: Completed under the supervision of the Colorado-licensed parent or legal guardian who signed the Affidavit of Liability or a Colorado-licensed alternate permit supervisor appointed by the parent/guardian. Ten of the fifty hours must be at night.

Behind-the-wheel training: 6 hours of driving, in traffic situations, with an instructor employed or associated with an approved driver education course.

Driver awareness program: A 4-hour classroom course on safety and driver education.

Driver's license: Teens can apply for a license after having a permit for a full 12 months.

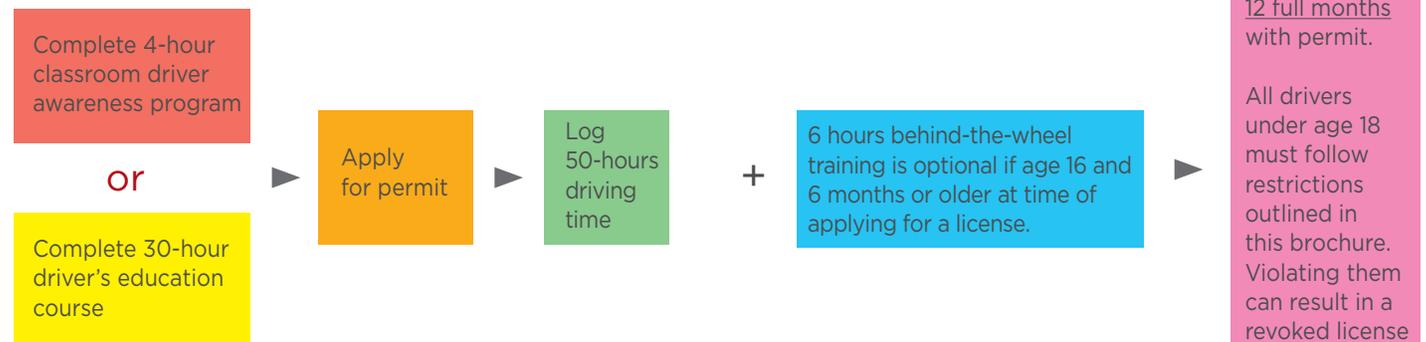
All drivers under age 18 must follow restrictions outlined in this brochure. Restrictions apply for all drivers under age 18.

The training required before you can apply for a license varies depending upon what age you start the GDL process.

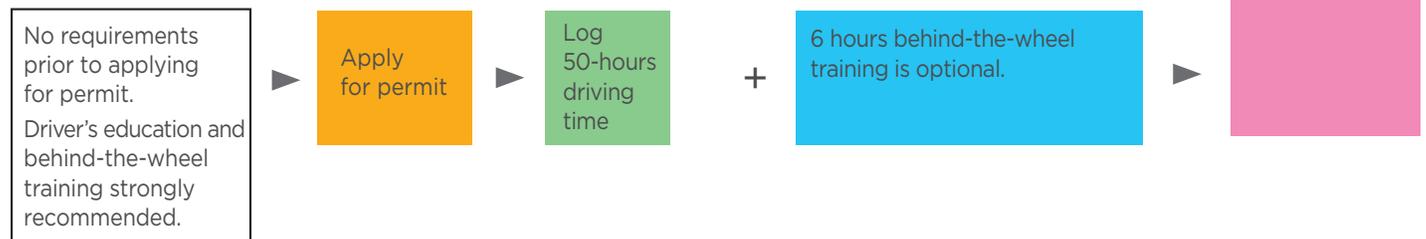
GDL process started at age 15 up to 15 and 6 months:



GDL process started at age 15 and 6 months up to 16:



GDL process started at age 16 - 17:



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DID YOU KNOW?

Since Colorado's GDL restrictions went into effect in 1999, the number of teens killed in car crashes in our state has dropped more than 50 percent!