THINGS TO REMEMBER:

• To obtain a learner's permit, provisional license or driver's license, visit any of our full-service offices in Maryland. Contact the MVA or go online at www.MVA.Maryland.gov for MVA locations, hours and requirements for identification and fees.

• When you visit MVA to obtain a learner's permit, you will have to pass a vision test and a knowledge test before a learner's permit can be issued. Practice for the knowledge test BEFORE you go at www.mva.maryland.gov/tutorial.

• Your driver's skills test for your provisional Class "C" or Class "M" license must be scheduled in advance. Go to mvascheduling.mva.maryland.gov to schedule an appointment.

• Contact the MVA or go online at www.MVA.Maryland.gov, for a free copy of the Maryland Driver's Manual with all the best information needed for a new driver as well as obtain other useful information.

• The State of Maryland requires all registered owners to carry liability insurance, uninsured motorist, and Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage.

An important part of this effort is the Rookie Driver Program, Maryland's graduated licensing system for new drivers.

Committed to Safety, Service, and You!

Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration is working with drivers to make sharing the road safer for everyone.

Everything You Need To Know About Maryland's Graduated Licensing System

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

410-768-7000 (to speak with an MVA Customer Agent)

TTY for the Hearing Impaired: 1-800-482-4075

Or visit: www.MVA.Maryland.gov

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Maryland's Graduated Licensing System

For More Information:

6601 Ritchie Highway, N.E., Glen Burnie, Maryland 21062
Driving is a complex task that requires minimum age is 18 years. Prohibited from using a wireless communication device (including hands-free devices) while operating a motor vehicle, with the exception of a 911 emergency call. Use of a GPS device while operating a motor vehicle, with the exception of in a child safety seat.

The Rookie Driver Program applies to all applicants, regardless of age, who have never held a license in Maryland or any other state or country.

The program requires new drivers to gain driving experience under the supervision of an experienced driver.

It also encourages good driving behavior by imposing specific restrictions and strict sanctions during each level of the licensing process.

The Rookie Driver Program

Why Do We Need a Graduated Licensing System?

- Driving is a complex task that requires education, training, and practice to master.
- Inexperienced drivers are more likely to be involved in traffic crashes and more likely to be at fault in those crashes.
- GLS allows novice drivers the chance to gain experience while controlling risks that can contribute to crashes.

LEARNER’S PERMIT

A learner’s permit allows a new driver to begin the learning process of operating a motor vehicle under the supervision of an experienced driver. Applicants must hold a valid learner’s permit BEFORE behind-the-wheel driver education or supervised driving on Maryland highways. Learner’s permits are valid for 2 years from the date they are issued.

Requirements:
- Minimum age is 15 years and 9 months.
- If the applicant is under 16, they must provide a completed Learner’s Permit School Attendance Certification form (DL-300).
- If the applicant is under 18, a parent or guardian must co-sign the learner’s permit application.
- Applicants must pass a vision screening and a knowledge test.
- While driving, learner’s permit holders must be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver who is 21 or older and who has held a license for a minimum of three years. The person must be seated beside the new driver at all times with no other front seat occupants. Practice Logs are available to guide practice in several driving situations and conditions.
- A qualified supervising driver (parent, guardian or mentor) must complete a Practice Log for the learner’s permit holder which is issued by the MVA along with every learner’s permit.

PROVISIONAL LICENSE

After gaining experience driving with a learner’s permit, maintaining a conviction-free or Probation before Judgement (PBJ)-free driving record, and completing a standardized driver education course, new drivers are eligible for a provisional license.

Requirements:
- Minimum age is 16 years and 6 months.
- Applicants must successfully complete a standardized driver education course including 30 hours of in-class and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. Driver education providers electronically submit the applicant’s course completion information directly to the MVA.
- Applicants must pass a skills test administered both on a closed course and in traffic. The driver’s skill test for your provisional Class “C” or Class “M” license must be scheduled in advance. Go to mvascheduling.mva.maryland.gov to schedule an appointment.

If younger than 18, provisional licenses will carry 4 restrictions:
- only authorized to drive without supervision between the hours of 5 am to midnight. From midnight to 5 am they must be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver.
- not allowed to have passengers under the age of 18 during the first 5 months (151 days) of the provisional period, unless accompanied by a qualified supervising driver or the passengers are direct family members.

DRIVER’S LICENSE

The State of Maryland’s full driver’s license is the privilege awarded to drivers who progress through The Rookie Driver graduated licensing system.

In The Rookie Driver graduated licensing system, applicants progress through three levels of licensing:

1. A learner’s permit
2. A provisional license
3. A full driver’s license

Learner’s Permit Holders Requirements

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*Direct family members can be a spouse, daughter, son, stepdaughter, stepson, sister, brother, stepfather, or stepmother of the provisional license holder; or a relative of the license holder who lives at the same address.

Requirements:
- Everyone must be properly restrained by a seat belt or in a child safety seat.
- Prohibited from using a wireless communication device (including hands-free devices) while operating a motor vehicle, with the exception of a 911 emergency call. Use of a GPS device is permitted.

Convictions or “Probation Before Judgement” (PBJ) for moving violations while holding a provisional license will require the completion of driver improvement program and/or suspension/revocation of your driver’s license. A conviction or Probation Before Judgement (PBJ) will also restart the 18-month minimum holding period.

In addition to other sanctions applied by the courts, these Administrative sanctions listed below are also imposed:

1st Conviction = Driver improvement program
2nd Conviction = 30-day suspension of license
3rd Conviction = 180-day suspension and completion of a young driver improvement program
4th Conviction = Revocation