

# What are GDL Programs?

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) programs are designed to minimize the highest risk situations for a new driver while they safely gain crucial experience behind the wheel. GDL programs introduce young drivers to the road slowly with a gradual, staged approach to earning a driver's license.

## GDL LAWS SAVE LIVES

Car crashes are the number one killer of teens, taking almost 3,000 young lives annually. These crashes are not just accidents—they are preventable crashes.

Since the inception of GDL laws, teen fatalities and serious injuries have been reduced by up to 40%!

**50%** of teens killed in car crashes were passengers driven by another teen

## THREE STAGES OF THE GDL PROGRAM:

- 1 Instruction Permit
- 2 Minor Driver License
- 3 Full Driver License

It's simple. Read on to understand the different GDL Program stages and guidelines.

## WHAT CAN TEENS, PARENTS, AND GUARDIANS DO?

By understanding, following, and enforcing GDL laws, teens, parents, and guardians can minimize the risk of a car crash and keep the roads safer for everyone.



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# Understanding GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING LAWS

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## STAGE 1

### INSTRUCTION PERMIT

The Instruction Permit stage is the time to gain driving experience.

A teen may enroll in a driver education course as early as age 15 and can apply to receive an Instruction Permit at age 15 1/2. Teens will first need to study the Nevada Driver Handbook and driver education materials. Next, they will take the online written test and schedule an appointment at a DMV office to provide the required documents and complete a vision test. Once they have completed this stage successfully, they become the proud holder of an Instruction Permit.

Teens need a minimum of 50 hours of behind-the-wheel supervised driving time with a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age. Ten of those hours must be at night. Teens must also complete an approved driver education course during this stage. Teens in rural areas where a driver education course is not offered within 30 miles of their residence, and who cannot access a course online, may substitute an additional 50 hours of behind-the-wheel experience for the course.

Teens will hold their Instruction Permit for a minimum of six months. Then, as long as they have a safe driving record\*, they can make an appointment with their local DMV office to take the Driving Skills test.

\*Consult the NV DMV for specifics.

## STAGE 2

### MINOR DRIVER LICENSE

Once a teen takes and passes the road test, they will receive their Minor Driver License.

A Minor Driver License allows the teen to drive alone. However, they must follow these driving restrictions while in the Minor Driver License stage:

- For the first 6 months, no passengers under the age of 18 in the vehicle, unless they are immediate family members.
- Until you turn 18 years old, no driving between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5 a.m.\*

\*With exceptions noted in the state law.

For the rest of your driving career, you must remind everyone to buckle up properly every ride. Nevada drivers are not permitted to use a cellphone or any other handheld device while driving, unless it is hands-free.



## STAGE 3

### FULL DRIVER LICENSE

To receive a full driver license, a teen must be at least 18 years old. With a full driver license, the passenger and nighttime driving restrictions are lifted. Remember, all occupants need to wear a seat belt each and every ride. Hands-free is not distraction-free.

With a full driver license, teens can participate in all of the privileges, responsibilities, and enjoyments that come with driving. But remember, driving is a privilege, not a right, and it is important to drive safely at all times no matter age or experience.

Congrats!

