

What are the 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 Graduated 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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STAGE 2

GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE

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

A Graduated Driver License allows the teen driver to drive alone, however, they must follow these driving restrictions while in the Graduated Driver License stage:

- No more than one passenger under the age of 18 in the vehicle, unless they are immediate family members.
- No driving between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.*
- Must not use a cellphone or any other handheld device while driving.
- Remind everyone to buckle up properly every ride.

*With exceptions noted in the state law.



STAGE 3

FULL DRIVER LICENSE

To receive a full driver license, a teen must be at least 17 years old. After at least six months of safe driving, the passenger, nighttime, and electronic device GDL restrictions are lifted. Remember, hands-free is not distraction-free. All occupants need to wear a seat belt.

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!



STAGE 1

INSTRUCTION PERMIT

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

The teen must be at least 15 1/2 years old. Teens will first need to study the Arizona Driver's Manual and driver education materials. Next, teens can visit a Arizona MVD to take an eye exam and complete the written permit test. Upon passing both tests, they become the proud holder of an Instruction Permit.

Teens need a minimum of 30 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. If the teen decided to complete an approved driver education program, they must complete 20 hours of supervised driving practice with at least six hours at night.

Teens will hold their Instruction Permit for a minimum of six months. Once the minimum time period has passed, they can make an appointment with their local Arizona MVD office to take the road test.