



GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT

RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR A LIMITED LEARNER PERMIT (LEVEL I)

- A person who is at least 15 years old but less than 18 years old may obtain a limited learner's permit.
- The permit holder must be in possession of the permit.
- A supervising driver must be seated beside the permit holder in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion. No person other than the supervising driver is allowed in the front seat.
- For the first six months after issuance, the permit holder may drive only between the hours of 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., with a supervising driver. After the first six months, the permit holder may drive at any time with a supervising driver.
- A Level I must be at least 16 years old and held the limited learner's permit 9 months from the issuance date before being eligible for a Level II provided there have been no convictions of a motor vehicle moving violation or seat belt/mobile telephone infraction in the preceding nine months.

RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR A LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE (LEVEL II)

- A person who is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old may obtain a limited provisional license.
- The license holder must be in possession of the license.
- The license holder may drive without supervision in any of the following circumstances:
 - a. From 5 a.m. until 9 p.m.
 - b. When driving to or from work
 - c. When driving to or from an activity of a volunteer fire department, volunteer rescue squad or volunteer emergency medical service if the driver is a member of the organization. School/Church activities are not included in this exception
- The license holder may drive with supervision at any time. When the license holder is driving with supervision, the supervising driver must be seated beside the license holder in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion. The supervising driver need not be the only other occupant of the front seat, but must be the person seated next to the license holder.
- A Level II must be held 6 months from issuance date before being eligible for a Full Provisional License, provided there have been no convictions of a vehicle moving violation. Seat belt/mobile telephone infraction in the preceding six months.
- When not accompanied by the supervising driver, the number of passengers allowed in the vehicle under the age 21 is restricted to ONE. If all passengers under the age of 21 are members of the driver's immediate family or members of same household as the driver, there is no "under 21 limit". However, if a family member or member of the same household as the license holder who is younger than 21 years of age is a passenger in the vehicle, no other passengers under 21 years of age who are not members of the license holders immediate family or members of the license holders household, may be in the vehicle.
- Beginning August 1, 2023, one other passenger under 21 years of age who is not a member of the license holder's immediate family or member of the license holder's household may be in the vehicle when that passenger is a student being driven directly to or from school.

FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSE (LEVEL III)

- A Level II must be held 6 months from the issuance date before being eligible for a Full Provisional License, provided there have been no convictions of a vehicle moving violation or seat belt/mobile telephone infraction in the preceding six months.
- In order to have the Level II restrictions removed, the license holder must appear at the Driver License Office with a parent/guardian to request the full provisional license.

APPLICATIONS:	An application for a permit or license must be signed by the applicant's parent or guardian or a person approved by the applicant's parent or guardian or a person approved by the Division.
SUPERVISING DRIVER:	A supervising driver must be a parent, grandparent, or guardian of the permit holder or license holder or a responsible person approved by the parent or guardian or the Division. A supervising driver must be a licensed driver who has been licensed to drive for at least five years. A supervising driver must sign the application for a Level I or a Level II.
G.S. 20-137.3 Mobile/Cell Phone Information	It is unlawful for the driver of a motor vehicle under the age of 18 to use a mobile/cellular telephone for any purpose, including the use of any features related to a mobile/cellular telephone, such as a camera, electronic mail, music, games, or the Internet. This applies only when the vehicle is in motion while driving on a street, highway, or public vehicular area. Exception: It shall be permissible for the driver to call any of the following regarding an emergency situation: an emergency response operator, a hospital, physician's office or health clinic, a public or privately owned ambulance company or service; a fire department; or a law enforcement agency. It is also permissible to call a parent, legal guardian or spouse.