

TADRA



Earning Your License

The Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act established graduated driver licensing for Georgians between the ages of 15 to 18, with three separate classifications.

Step 1: Instructional Permit (Class CP) This permit is available to persons age 15 and up after passing a knowledge examination. While driving, the permit holder must be accompanied by a licensed (Class C) adult 21 years of age or older who is fit and capable of exercising control of the vehicle and who is occupying the front passenger seat beside the driver.

Step 2: Provisional License (Class D) This license is issued to 16- and 17-year-olds who have held an Instructional Permit for one calendar year and a day without committing any major traffic violations and have passed a comprehensive on road driving test.

- A total of at least 40 hours of other supervised driving, including 6 hours at night, is also required. Individuals who do not complete an approved driver education course must wait until age 17 to become licensed. A driver education course is not mandated for 17-year-olds, although it is highly recommended.
- Driver education requirements must be met prior to initial issuance. For specific requirements, please visit www.gateendrivereducation.com

The Provisional License has the following restrictions:

- A Class D License Holder may not drive between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- During the first six (6) months following issuance, only immediate family members may ride in the vehicle
- During the second six (6) months following issuance, only one (1) passenger under 21 years of age who is not a member of the driver's immediate family may ride in the vehicle
- After the first and second six-month period, only three (3) passengers under 21 years of age who are not members of the driver's immediate family may ride in the vehicle

Special Notes:

- Immediate family is defined as the license holder's parents and step-parents, grandparents, siblings, step-siblings, children and any other person who resides at the license holder's residence.
- Visit the GOHS website (www.gahighwaysafety.org) for a copy of a Teen Driver/Parent Agreement and also click on the "Links" to Department of Driver Services for information.

Step 3: Full License (Class C) This license is available to persons age 18 and up if there have been no major traffic convictions for the previous 12 months. Your Class D license must be upgraded to Class C or you will be held to Class D restrictions regardless of your age.

Special Notes:

- The supervised driving requirement also applies to an initial Class C license applicant who has not previously been issued a Class D license.

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Teenage & Adult Driver Responsibility Act

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What You Need to Know About TADRA Laws

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What You Need to Know About

The Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TADRA) continues to make strides in creating safe Georgia roads for the motoring public. TADRA directly addresses the leading killer of our young people – traffic crashes. The law significantly changes the way young motorists earn and maintain the privilege of driving by providing a controlled means for new drivers to gain experience and by reducing high-risk driving situations. While the law does focus on young drivers, it also contains important provisions that affect drivers over 21, particularly in the area of DUI prevention and enforcement.

TADRA Violations

A driver can only advance to the next Graduated License level if he or she has completed 12 consecutive months without a conviction for any of the following:

- DUI
- Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer
- Racing
- Reckless driving
- Hit and run / leaving the scene of an accident
- Any moving violation for which four or more points are assessed

Suspension of License

If a driver under the age of 21 is convicted for any of the following offenses, their license will be suspended for at least 6 months:

- Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer
- Racing
- Reckless driving
- Hit and run / leaving the scene of an accident
- Any moving violation for which four or more points are assessed
- For drivers under age 18, an accumulation of four or more points in a 12-month period will also result in a suspension
- A first conviction for DUI in which the driver's blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) is 0.08 grams or higher will result in a 12-month suspension



Driving and Cell Phone Usage

It is illegal for anyone under age 18 to engage in any wireless communication while driving in Georgia.

Examples of wireless communication include:

- Use of cell phone
- Any text messaging device
- Personal digital assistant
- Standalone computer
- Any other wireless device used to initiate or receive communication with another person

It is illegal for anyone to write, send or read a text message while driving in Georgia.

- A conviction for this violation will result in the addition of 1 point on your driving record.



What You Need to Know About School & Your License

School Enrollment Required

No individual under the age of 18 can obtain a driver's license or instructional permit unless he or she is enrolled in a public school, a private school or home school authorized by law; or has graduated from high school, received a certificate of high school completion; or has completed his or her secondary education and is enrolled in a post-secondary school.

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How can I satisfy the Driver Education Requirement?

Method #1		
30 hours of Classroom Instruction at a DDS approved school	+	6 hours of Behind the Wheel Training at a DDS approved school
	+	40 hours of Supervised Driving with parent/guardian
Method #2		
30 hours of Classroom Instruction at a DDS approved school	+	Completion of the Parent Teen Driving Guide (NO additional Supervised Driving Required)
Method #3		
30-hour online course with a DDS approved school	+	6 hours of Behind the Wheel Training at a DDS approved school
	+	40 hours of Supervised Driving with parent/guardian
Method #4		
30-hour online course with a DDS approved school	+	Completion of the Parent Teen Driving Guide (NO additional Supervised Driving Required)

Drivers 16 years old wanting to obtain a Class D license will need to complete an approved driver education course at a licensed private or public driver training school or other training approved by the Georgia Department of Driver Services. A total of at least 40 hours of supervised driving, including 6 hours at night, is also required. Individuals who do not complete an approved driver education course must wait until age 17 to become licensed.

Drivers 17 years old wanting to obtain a Class D license will need to complete a total of at least 40 hours of supervised driving, including 6 hours at night. A driver education course is not mandated for 17-year-olds, although it is highly recommended.

THE PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST ATTEST THE SUPERVISED DRIVING WAS COMPLETED BY SIGNING A DRIVING EXPERIENCE AFFIDAVIT AVAILABLE AT THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER SERVICES.

Specific information about these requirements is available at www.gateendriveducation.com.



What You Need to Know About

Punishments for DUI conviction under the age of 21 include:

FIRST offense: (under .08%)

A blood-alcohol concentration of .02% or greater is considered a DUI for any driver under the age of 21.

- Suspension of driver's license for 6 months with no provision for a limited permit or early reinstatement
- No nolo contendere plea
- Attendance at a DUI school
- At least 20 hours of community service, to be completed within 60 days of sentencing
- Loss of ability to advance to next Graduated License level for 12 months

FIRST offense: (.08% or more)

Punishment is the same as for the first offense under .08% but also includes:

- Mandatory jail term not less than 24 hours
- Community service not less than 40 hours
- Clinical evaluation and treatment if directed
- Suspension of license for 12 months, with no reinstatement prior to the end of the suspension period

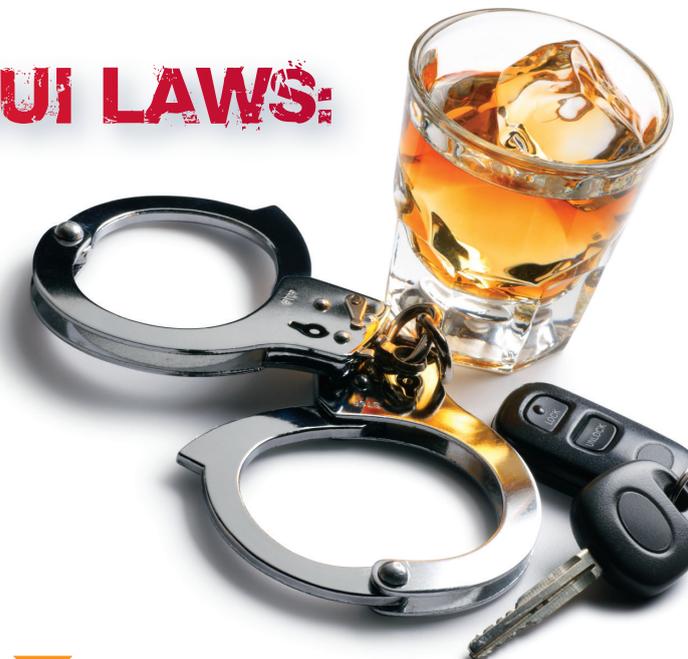
SECOND offense:

Punishment is the same as for the first offense but also includes:

- For drivers 16-20 years of age, suspension of driver's license for a minimum of 18 months, with a provision of ignition interlock permit after 120 days
- Community service not less than 30 days
- Clinical evaluation and treatment if directed
- Mandatory jail term not less than 72 hours
- The court will order a person convicted of a 2nd and subsequent DUI to surrender all license plates registered in his or her name to the court

If the offender is under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court due to age, the sentence will be served at a Youth Development Center (YDC) or be placed in the Sheriff's custody. In all cases, the offender will be separated from the main prison population. Regardless of age, the judge will still have the discretion to sentence the driver for a misdemeanor with graduated punishment, depending on the number of prior offenses.

DUI LAWS:



Any person over 21 convicted of DUI with a blood-alcohol concentration of .08 or higher may be ordered to serve a period of imprisonment of up to 12 months, and 24 hours of that sentence may not be suspended or probated. Those persons will also continue to be subject to a \$1,000 fine for the first offense.

Other DUI provisions for drivers 21 and over, include:

- The nolo contendere plea for DUI charges will be treated as a conviction for all drivers
- The offender will face a mandatory clinical evaluation and, if indicated, will have to complete a substance abuse treatment program at the offender's expense
- The court will order a person convicted of a second or subsequent DUI to surrender all license plate(s) registered in his or her name to the court
- Upon a second DUI conviction within a 5-year period, suspension of driver's license for a minimum of 18 months, with a provision of ignition interlock permit after 120 days
- There are provisions for the offender to obtain a license plate for any car used by other family members, and the existence of the special tag will not be probable cause for a traffic stop, search of the vehicle, or seizure