



Indiana's New Graduated Driver Licensing Law

Applies to Probationary License issued July 1, 2009 and after

Cell Phones/ Texting	Prohibits persons under age 18 from using any type of telecommunication device while operating a vehicle except for making emergency 911 calls.
Nighttime Driving Prohibited	10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for first 180 days of driving. After first 180 days: Sun. - Thurs., 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning; Sat. and Sun. mornings, 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. Exemption: Work, school or church related functions or if accompanied by a licensed driver 25 years or older.
Restrictions on Passengers	No passengers for the first 180 days unless accompanied by a licensed instructor or licensed driver 25 years or older. Exemptions: a sibling and/or a child of the driver OR a spouse and/or child of the driver. (Allows for an unlicensed parent, guardian or stepparent who is at least 21 years of age and in the front seat.)
At-fault Crashes or Moving Traffic Violations	Probationary drivers will no longer qualify for court diversion programs.

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Learner Permit: Supervised Driving Only

	Applies to learner permit issued before July 1, 2010.	Applies to learner permit issued July 1, 2010 and after.
Minimum Age <small>Permits expiring prior to licensing eligibility may be renewed with no fee prior to expiration.</small>	15 years with Driver Ed — no minimum age for starting Driver Ed classroom portion. 16 years without Driver Ed.	15 years and 180 days with Driver Ed — may not begin classroom or behind-the-wheel training before this time. 16 years without Driver Ed.

Probationary License: Unsupervised Driving/Restrictions

	Applies to probationary license issued before July 1, 2010.	Applies to probationary license issued July 1, 2010 and after.
Minimum Age	16 years, 30 days with Driver Ed. 16 years, 180 days without Driver Ed.	16 years and 180 days with Driver Ed. 16 years and 270 days without Driver Ed.
Mandatory Holding Period	Must have held Learner Permit for 60 days.	Must have held Learner Permit for 180 days.
Minimum Supervised Driving	None	50 hours of supervised practice driving with a licensed instructor or a licensed driver at least 25 years old or a spouse that is at least 21 years old (10 hours shall be nighttime driving) Applies to ALL new drivers.

Unrestricted License at Age 18

Violation of any part of this law is a class C infraction which carries a fine of up to \$500 plus fixed court costs of \$144.50

