

**COMPLETE GUIDE**  
To Getting Your  
License in  
Massachusetts

# Step 01

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## Get Your Permit

If you're 16 or over, the first step to getting your license is to apply for you learner's permit.



**PRO TIP:** You can actually start Driver's Ed classes before you take your permit test. If you want to be fully prepared on permit test day, this option may be for you!



The test for your Learner's Permit is currently being offered online only. You must first make an appointment at an RMV location for document verification, a vision test and to take your picture. You will then take the permit test online at home.

To schedule your learner's permit test, click here: [Make your appointment here.](#)

Click here for more info on learner's permit process in Massachusetts:



# Step 02

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## Prepare For & Take Your Learner's Permit Test

After you've scheduled your learner's permit test, it's time to study!

### ON THE DAY OF YOUR LEARNER'S PERMIT TEST APPOINTMENT, YOU WILL NEED TO;

- ✓ Pass a 25 question written test and a vision test.
- ✓ You must get at least 18 correct answers in order to pass.
- ✓ Don't go in cold; make sure you study!

To download our free study guide for the learner's permit

CLICK HERE



To take a free practice test

CLICK HERE





# Permit Test Requirement Checklist

Things to bring with you on the day of your permit test:

## 2 FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION

- Both forms must be originals. Can not be laminated!
- U.S Passport or Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card

## 1 PIECE OF MAIL FOR PROOF OF ADDRESS

- Mail must be addressed to the person applying for a license.
- Mail must be addressed to the physical address that will be in their license. No P.O. Boxes!
- Mail must have a barcode and have been postmarked within 60 days of test date.

- Mail piece #1

## VISION TEST

- You will be required to take and pass an eye test!
- Glasses / Contact Lenses or Don't Need Vision Correction

## MONEY FOR RMV FEES

- \$30 Test Fee - Cash/Check/Visa/Mastercard
- Parent Signature on Application\*
  - \* If you are under 18 you will also need.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ON A STUDENT VISA WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING

- Social Security Letter of Denial
  - If you are not eligible for a SSN, you must submit a SSN denial letter request form as a second form of ID. You can obtain this form any Social Security Office.
- Form I-20
- Form I-94
- Official School Transcript

# Step 03

## Sign Up For Driver's Ed

Now that you're 15 and 9 months old or older, it's time to sign up for Driver's Ed!



The MA State minimum requirements for obtaining a license if you are under age 18 is a Full Driver's Education Course which includes 30 hours of classroom training, 6 hours of observation, and 12 hours of private driving lessons.

To register for this option, go [here](#).

To find a class that works for your schedule, click [here](#) and search days and times that you are available.

All classes are being held on Zoom for until further notice. If you miss a class, no worries, you can always reschedule a makeup and you may take class in any order you like.

### Important things to know about classroom training:

- Your parent must be present for class 1 if you are under 18 unless they've attended this class in the last 5 years - at this time all of our classes are being offered remotely via zoom.
- You must be present for the duration of each 2 hour class.
- At the end of each class, attendance is recorded within 24-48 hours and a signature request will be sent to you. Please sign off that you attended the class.
- If you need to reschedule a missed class, you will be able to do so via the student portal once attendance has been recorded (if attendance has not been recorded yet, the portal will not allow you to reschedule - sit tight and check back in 24 hours)
- Students can take up to 6 hours of Driver's Education per day, most often 2 classroom sessions and a driving lesson, or 3 classroom sessions. You may not drive for more than 2 hours per day.
- Should you have any issues with Zoom, please email for fast tech [zoom@thenextstreet.com](mailto:zoom@thenextstreet.com) support.

# Step 04

## Get Behind The Wheel !

**Now that you're signed up for classes, it's time to get behind the wheel!**

The Massachusetts RMV requires new [teen drivers](#) (16 and 17 years old) to log 40 hours of time behind the wheel with a trainer. This time can be done with any person that has held their license in the US for at least 1 year with no suspensions as your trainer.



**If you feel like you need more specific training or don't have a qualified trainer to help you out, you can purchase driving lessons with The Next Street.**

- We offer 12 hours of private driving lessons as part of our full driver's ed program - but you can also purchase lessons in any quantity.
- Driving lessons are done in 2 hour blocks.

Any time done with The Next Street counts towards the **40 hours**.

As an example, if you register for the **Full Driver Education Course**, that comes with **12 hours** of driving, **28 hours** would have to be completed on your own time for a total of **40 hours** (unless you buy additional lessons!).

# Step 05

## Check Your Eligibility For Your Driver's License



- If you are enrolled in the full driver's ed course and under 18, you must hold your learner's permit for a minimum of 184 days before you can take your driver's license test. If you are over 18, you may test as soon as you feel ready.
- Once your coursework and driving lessons are complete, we will send you a completion certificate. They will live within the RMV's database, you will not receive a physical copy.
- Once your certificate is on file with the RMV you will be able to schedule your road test either with us or the RMV.

# Step 06

## Schedule Your License Test

### 1. Test at The Next Street

- When you take your Driver’s License Test at The Next Street, the RMV inspector comes to our classroom location.
- You use our car, at our classroom. In addition to this being a nice, relaxed environment, you will also have one of our Safe Driving Professionals on hand to answer any of your last-minute test day questions.



### 2. We meet you at the RMV

Want to use our familiar vehicle for your test, but don’t need a ride to and from the RMV? This is the option for you.

- This option is also perfect if your car won’t pass the RMV vehicle requirements
- You can add this testing product at the time of enrollment, or later using our Student Portal.
- Testing services are only offered at RMV testing hubs.



**\*PLEASE NOTE:** In order to be eligible for this option, you must take 2 hours of driving lessons with us.



### 3. If you plan on taking your road test at a RMV branch here is a list of what you need to bring on test day:

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- Driver's ed certificate
- A print-out of your road test appointment confirmation page
- A qualified sponsor
- Your learner's permit
- Glasses or contacts if required
- A properly registered and insured vehicle
- **Massachusetts Insurance Card:** The required proof of insurance must be in the same name as the registration, with the exception of leases vehicles which may be in the name of the lessee. Please verify that you have the current proof of insurance in the vehicle before you leave home and bring it to the office when you arrive for your test.



### 4. If you are testing with TNS here is a list of what you need to bring on test day:

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- Glasses or contacts if required
- Closed toed and closed heeled shoes
- Learner's permit
- We will act as your qualified sponsor

# Step 07

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## Wait For Your License In The Mail or Reschedule

If you pass, you will not receive a permanent driver license or ID card on the day of your test. It will arrive through the mail.

You will keep your permit/ID and receive a copy of your passed evaluation (good for 20 days.)



- If you fail the road test, you must wait a minimum of two weeks **(14 days)** before taking the road test again and must pay another **\$35** RMV test fee.

### **Reschedule your road test:**

- If you are unable to keep your driver's license test appointment you must reschedule your appointment through their website.
- If you are testing with TNS, call **413-642-1475** to reschedule. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit of the prepaid testing fee.

***\*Failure to do so will result in a forfeit of the prepaid testing fee.***



**\*PLEASE NOTE:** If you are re-testing at TNS or using our Meet at the RMV services, you will have to pay our discounted retest fee plus RMV fees to re-test.

# Step 08

## Review Driving Restrictions On New Drivers

Please be aware of the driving restrictions on newly licensed 16 and 17 year olds in the state of MA.

For the first 6 months after obtaining a driver license, may only drive with:

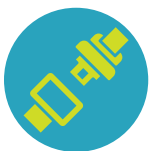
- Parents or legal guardian at least one of whom holds a valid driver license
- Person who is at least 21 years old, has held a license for at least 1 year with no suspensions.

For the second 6 months, may drive with the above people and may also drive with immediate family (e.g., brothers, and sisters).



Until 18th birthday, you **MAY NOT DRIVE** between the hours of **12:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.** **UNLESS** it is for:

- Employment
- School
- Religious activities
- Medical necessity



Until 18th birthday, all passengers in vehicle must use permanently installed seat belts.



Until 18th birthday, may not use cell phones ( even if hands-free ) or other mobile electronic devices while driving. This includes any hand-held computers, earbuds/headphones, or other device with a video display.



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