

What will be taught in the Graduated Licensing Safety Course?

It is a 4-hour course designated for new drivers. This class discusses the laws of driver licensing, rules and regulations, seat belt safety, driver attitude and drinking and driving. The class does not include behind the wheel driving.

Am I required to complete the Graduated Licensing class?

If you were under the age of 18 when you received your permit, you are required by state law to complete this class before you can receive a full, unrestricted license. If you were over 18 when you received your permit, you are not required to take this course.

What happens if I do not complete this course?

You will not be eligible for a full-unrestricted license until you complete this course.

If I took this course at a private driving school, will it be accepted?

Not all private driving schools are accepted. In addition to attending an approved school, you must also complete 4 hours of classroom instruction. If you are unsure if the private agency is accepted, please contact (502) 564-0276 for additional information.

If I took driver education at my high school do I still have to take this class?

No, you do not have to take the Graduated Driver licensing class, however you are responsible for submitting proof of the class completion to the Division of Driver Licensing.

Do I have to hold my permit for one year?

No, you do not have to hold a permit for one year. You are required to hold a permit for a minimum of 180 days without any moving traffic violations, after which you may submit to the driving skills test.

What happens after I pass the driving skills test?

If you pass the driving skills test you will then enter the intermediate phase (an intermediate sticker will be added to your permit). You are then required to hold the intermediate license for a minimum of 180 days without any moving violations. The intermediate license holds the same restrictions as the permit EXCEPT that you are no longer required to have a licensed driver as a passenger with you.

How long does the Intermediate Phase last and what restrictions apply?

The intermediate phase begins when you pass the driving skills test and ends when you have met all the requirements to receive your full, unrestricted license. The requirements include holding the intermediate license for a minimum of 180 days without any moving traffic violations and completing the four-hour graduated license course. Restrictions during the intermediate phase include: no driving between midnight and 6:00 a.m.; only one passenger unrelated to you (under 20 years old) in car; and no moving violations for a full 180 days.

Must a licensed driver over 21 ride with me during the Intermediate Phase?

No, you may drive on your own with your intermediate license.

What happens if I receive a citation/ticket during the permit or Intermediate phase?

If you receive a citation/ticket while holding your permit or during your intermediate phase, the 180-day period of the phase will begin again.

If I still have my permit when I turn 18, will I have to complete the Intermediate phase?

No. If you do not take the driving skills test until you are 18, upon passing you will receive your full, unrestricted license.

Graduated Driver's License Program



Steps For Obtaining A New Driver's License

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Kentucky State Police

STEP 1: PERMIT TEST

To obtain a driving permit in Kentucky you will be required to pass a written knowledge test and a vision examination at your local Circuit Court Clerk's office. (Study manuals for the written test are available at your local Circuit Court Clerk's office.)

- You will need to bring your social security card and birth certificate with you. For all applicants under the age of 18, the signature of the parent/legal guardian, along with their license number or social security number, must be listed on the application.
- If you do not pass the permit test, you may retake this test on the next available testing date.

After you pass the permit test and receive your operators permit:

- You may only drive when accompanied by a driver at least 21 years of age.
- You may not drive between midnight and 6:00 a.m.
- You must retain your permit for a minimum of 180 days before taking the driving skills test in order to be eligible for an Intermediate driver license.
- You must not have any moving traffic convictions under KRS 186, 189, and 189A for the full 180 days.
- Applicants under the age of 18 must log 60 hours of driving time, with at least 10 hours in darkness. Parent/Guardian must certify that this has been completed.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited. A "zero tolerance" level of .02 blood alcohol concentration (BAC) has been established for all drivers under the age of 21.

- You may have only one passenger who is unrelated to you and less than 20 years of age (secondary offense).
- You must wear your seatbelt.

STEP 2: INTERMEDIATE LICENSE

- After holding your permit for at least 180 days with no moving violations, you may call your Circuit Court Clerk's Office in your county of residence to request a test time to take the driving skills test.
- The motor vehicle you will be using for your driving skills test must be properly registered and proof of liability insurance is required.
- Prior to taking the driving skills test, applicant must certify that they are eligible (no traffic violations during previous 180 days). Applicants may verify their eligibility by going to the following website: <http://transportation.ky.gov/drlic/Grad/>.
- If you do not pass the driving skills test, you must wait at least one week before retaking the driving skills test.

If you pass the driving skills test:

- You will enter the "Intermediate License Phase" and an "intermediate" sticker will be placed onto your permit by the KSP examiner.
- You must retain your intermediate license for a minimum of 180 days before you will be eligible for a full, unrestricted drivers license.
- You may not drive between midnight and 6:00 a.m.

- You may have only one passenger who is unrelated to you and under 20 years of age (secondary offense).
- You must not have any moving traffic convictions under KRS 186, 189, and 189A for the full 180 days.
- You must complete a four-hour driver safety course before applying for your full unrestricted license.

STEP 3: FULL LICENSE

- After holding your intermediate license for 180 days with no moving violations, and after completing the four-hour Graduated License Class, you may apply to receive your full, unrestricted license.
- All drivers are subject to Kentucky's point system. Upon accumulation of 7 points or more (drivers under age of 18) or 12 points or more (drivers over age 18), a hearing is conducted by the Transportation Cabinet and the driver is placed on probation or suspended of their driving privileges
- A "zero tolerance" level of .02 BAC has been established for all drivers under the age of 21.
- The BAC limit for drivers over the age of 21 is .08.



In 2007, 853 people were killed on Kentucky Roadways. Fifty-six (56) percent of those people were not wearing seatbelts.