



## New York State Department of Motor Vehicles

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEARNER'S PERMITS

***New York State law requires motorists to use safety belts when operating any motor vehicle that is required to be equipped with such belts.***

- No person holding a learner's permit may operate a vehicle in any area designated by the commissioner as a road test area, except when actually taking a road test.
- No person holding a learner's permit may operate a vehicle unless accompanied by a supervising driver at least 21 years old, who holds a license that is valid in New York State for the type of vehicle being operated.
- The accompanying driver for a motorcycle or moped learner permit holder is the only person allowed to ride on the motorcycle or moped with the learner. However, the accompanying driver does not have to ride on the cycle, but must exercise "general supervision" by remaining within one-quarter mile of the learner at all times. The accompanying driver should keep the learner in sight at all times.
- No person holding a learner's permit may operate a vehicle containing hazardous materials.

### NOTICE OF RESTRICTED HIGHWAYS

**Anyone** who has a **learner's permit** may **not drive** a motor vehicle as follows:

- on any street located within a park in New York City.
- on any bridge or tunnel in New York City that is under the jurisdiction of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority.
- on the following parkways in Westchester County:
  - (1) Hutchinson River Pkwy. (2) Cross County Pkwy.
  - (3) Saw Mill River Pkwy. (4) Taconic State Pkwy.

**The following restrictions also pertain to anyone with a Class DJ or Class MJ learner's permit:**

- All passengers must wear a seat belt or be in an appropriate child restraint seat.
- No more than 1 passenger under the age of 21 IS allowed in the vehicle unless they are immediate family members (this does NOT apply if the accompanying driver is a licensed parent, guardian, driver education teacher or driving school instructor).
- No passenger other than the supervising driver can sit in the front seat.
- **Junior permit holders** are also subject to the **regional** restrictions listed below:

NEW YORK CITY (ALL 5 BOROUGHS)	LONG ISLAND (NASSAU & SUFFOLK)	UPSTATE NEW YORK (ALL OTHER COUNTIES)
<b>5 AM to 9 PM</b>	<b>5 AM to 9 PM</b>	<b>5 AM to 9 PM</b>
Only when driving a vehicle with dual controls (Instructor's Brake) and accompanied by a parent, guardian, person "in loco parentis", driver education teacher or driving school instructor, who is age 21 or older, and has a license valid for the type of vehicle being driven.	Only when accompanied by a parent, guardian, person "in loco parentis", driver education teacher, or driving school instructor, who is age 21 or older, and has a license valid for the type of vehicle being driven.	Only when accompanied by a driver age 21 or older, who has a license valid for the type of vehicle being driven.
<b>9 PM to 5 AM</b>	<b>9 PM to 5 AM</b>	<b>9 PM to 5 AM</b>
You CANNOT drive under any circumstances.	You CANNOT drive under any circumstances.	Only when accompanied by a parent, guardian, person "in loco parentis", driver education teacher, or driving school instructor, who is age 21 or older, and has a license valid for the type of vehicle being driven.

**TO MAKE A ROAD TEST APPOINTMENT**

You can schedule your road test online at [www.nysdmv.com/roadtest](http://www.nysdmv.com/roadtest), or by calling the automated Road Test Scheduling System at **1-518-402-2100**. You will be asked to provide the 9-digit Client ID number on your learner's permit or license, **and** the Course Completion Certification number on the certificate you received when you completed the 5-hour highway safety course or driver education course. CDL customers will be asked for the number on the \$40 skills test fee receipt.

**NOTE:** All permit holders with a Class DJ or MJ learner's permit must have a **minimum of 50 hours of supervised "practice" driving, including at least 15 hours after sunset, prior to taking a road test.** These junior permit holders must bring to the road test a completed DMV form MV-262 (Certification of Supervised Driving), signed by a parent or guardian, to take the road test. This form is available from the DMV website at [www.nysdmv.com](http://www.nysdmv.com), by request from a DMV Call Center, and at local Motor Vehicles offices.



### GRADUATED LICENSE AND RTSS CHANGES

Changes to the Graduated License Law effective February 22, 2010 will begin to affect junior permit holders attempting to schedule an appointment for a skills test that will take place on or after February 22, 2010 as follows.

Regardless of when the permit was issued, all junior permit holders must hold their permit for at least six months prior to scheduling their skills test (this time period does not include time spent suspended or evoked), unless the client is 17 with an MV-285 Student Certificate of Completion or the client will be 18 by the time of the skills test.

The following changes were made to the RTSS (Road Test Scheduling System) and the IVR (Interactive Voice Response) to accommodate the requirements of the Graduated License Law. Effective 1/22/09 the RTSS will:

- Prompt a driver to identify whether or not the number being entered is from an MV-285 Students Certificate of Completion or an MV-278 Pre-Licensing Course Completion Certificate. This will be confirmed later at the skills test site.
- Verify that the driver has met the six month requirement if a junior permit holder is scheduling a test that will occur on or after 2/22/10.
- If the junior permit holder has not met the requirements the system will send back an error message "Not eligible to schedule at this time. Must have junior permit for 6 months prior to taking the road test".

The system will also advise junior permit holders that the law requires those who take their skills test on or after February 22, 2010 to certify they have 50 hours of supervised driving, with at least 15 hours of driving after sunset. The MV-262 Certification of Supervised Driving is in the process of being revised

NOTE: The RTSS programming changes regarding the six month requirement have been implemented before the effective date of the law because Testing and Investigation makes road test appointments available in RTSS in advance

Additional information regarding the Graduated License Law is available on the DMV Website at [www.nysdmv.com](http://www.nysdmv.com) under the heading of Resources for the Younger Driver