



## FAQ's

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### Q. WHEN CAN I GET MY LEARNER'S PERMIT?

A. You obtain your learners permit through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) after meeting the following criteria:

1. You are at least **15 and 6 months** of age
2. You complete the application process at the DMV
3. Pass the sign test with a **100%**
4. Pass the written exam with at least an **80%**.
5. Pass the vision test
6. Pay the required fees
7. If you fail **3X** and have successfully completed classroom driver education, you must take the 8-hour driver's manual review course before taking your test a 4<sup>th</sup> time. Students will email Mr. Osborne at [tosborne@pagecounty.k12.va.us](mailto:tosborne@pagecounty.k12.va.us) to request their DEC-1 card. Please note that it may take 24-48 hours to have the card ready due to all the legal requirements that need be completed.

### Q. WHAT RESTRICTIONS DO I HAVE WHEN DRIVING WITH A LEARNER'S PERMIT?

#### Virginia Code § 46.2-335

- A. You may operate a vehicle with a **licensed driver** in the car who is at least **21 years** of age **UNLESS** the **licensed driver** is your **parent/legal guardian, brother/sister, half-brother, half-sister, step sister or step brother** of which the age of the licensed driver needs to be at least **18** years of age. Virginia Code
1. They must be alert, able to assist the driver, and actually occupying a seat beside the driver providing immediate supervision and (ii) lawfully permitted to operate the motor vehicle.
  2. May only have one passenger under 21 years of age; no restrictions on family members.
  3. May not drive between the hours 12am and 4am.
  4. Except in a driver emergency or when the vehicle is lawfully parked or stopped, no holder of a learner's permit shall operate a motor vehicle on the highways of the Commonwealth while using any cellular telephone or any other wireless telecommunications device, regardless of whether or not such device is handheld.

### Q. HOW LONG MUST I HAVE MY LEARNERS PERMIT BEFORE I CAN GET MY DRIVER'S LICENSE?

A. A minimum of **9** months if you are 16 or 17 years old. Drivers 18 and over who have not taken driver education must have their permit for 60 days and take the road skills test at the DMV after completing skills evaluation signed by a VA. licensed driver.

### Q. HOW DO I GET MY DRIVER'S LICENSE?

A. To obtain your driver's license, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Be at least **16 years and 3 months** of age
2. Held a learners permit for at least **9 months**
3. Complete and pass a state-certified drivers education course
4. Complete a **45-hour** driving log with at least **15** of the **45** hours driven at **night**.
5. Complete and pass the **Behind-the Wheel** portion of Driver Education

**Q. ONCE I HAVE MY DRIVERS LICENSE, ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS THAT I WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW?**

A. Yes, you will have the following restrictions:

1. Until you have your license for 1 year, you may only have one non-family member in your car under the age of 21. Once you have had your license for 1 year, you may have up to three non-family members under the age of 21 in your car at one time in the following situations; **Traveling to and from a school sponsored activity, a licensed driver who is at least 21 is in the front seat, there is an emergency. PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO FAMILY MEMBERS Virginia Code § 46.2-334.01 subsection B**
2. You have a curfew restriction between the hours of **12 am** and **4 am** with the following exceptions:
  - a. To and from **work**
  - b. To or from an activity that is supervised by an adult and is sponsored by a school or by a civic, religious, or public organization
  - c. Accompanied by a parent, a person acting in loco parentis, or by a spouse who is 18 years old or older, provided that such person accompanying the driver is actually occupying a seat beside the driver and is lawfully permitted to operate a motor vehicle at the time
  - d. in cases of emergency, including response by volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical services personnel to emergency calls. **Virginia Code § 46.2-334.01 subsection C**
3. Cell phones or other wireless communication devices are prohibited.  
Except in a driver emergency or when the vehicle is lawfully parked or stopped, the holder of a provisional driver's license shall not operate a motor vehicle on the highways of the Commonwealth while using any cellular telephone or any other wireless telecommunications device, regardless of whether such device is or is not hand-held. **Virginia Code § 46.2-334.01 subsection C1**

**Q. HOW DO I SIGN-UP FOR BEHIND-THE-WHEEL at LHS?**

A. At Luray High School you must follow these steps: **Only Page County resident/students.**

1. Students must have passed or be enrolled in the classroom portion of Driver Education and have at least completed 5 modules and have an A or B average.
2. You will need to pick up a **LHS behind the wheel registration packet** in the main office and complete all the forms. Return the forms to the main office. They will then be placed in Mr. Osborne mail box.
3. Once all the completed forms have been returned to the main office, your name will be placed on the sign-up list by date of license eligibility and when you registered.
4. When it is your time to take Behind-the-Wheel, you will be contacted by the BTW instructor to set up dates and driving times. **On the first day of behind the wheel you will need to bring a check for \$160.00 payable to LHS.**
5. You will also need to complete a **45 hour log** that needs to be turned in to your behind the wheel instructor before they can give you your TDL-180.

**Q. WHAT IS BEHIND THE WHEEL?**

A. This is the practical portion in which you will demonstrate your driving skills and knowledge of the driving laws.

1. You will complete a **14 session course (7 sessions of driving (50 minutes) and 7 sessions of observation (50 minutes)** with a certified Behind-the Wheel instructor.
2. On the last day of the class, after taking and passing the **road skills test**, holding your permit for 9 months, attending the PSTD night and turning in your 45-hour log, your Behind-the-Wheel instructor will issue your parent/guardian your **temporary driver's license (TDL- 180)**.

**Q. WHEN WILL I GET MY PERMANENT LICENSE?**

A. After you receive your TDL-180, you will be contacted by the court system to appear with a parent/legal guardian at a licensing ceremony. This will occur within a 180-day period.

1. If you turn **18** during that period, you can go and get your permanent license at the DMV.
2. 18 year olds **may** have to go to the licensing ceremony to get their permanent license. The Juvenile and Domestic Court will send you a letter or you will get your permanent license in the mail.
3. \*If you have not received a letter in at least 120 days then you should call the DMV.

**Helpful websites:** [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/driver\\_education/](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/driver_education/), [DMVnow.org](http://DMVnow.org)