



Graduated Driver Licensing Law

Applies to those applying for or receiving learners or intermediate license after July 31, 2009.

Know the Facts

In Arkansas teens die in car crashes at rate two times that of the United States. The Graduated Driver's Licensing law allows teens more time to learn how to drive while limiting risks.

Effective July 31, 2009, the new law applies to young drivers and includes restrictions on cell phone use, passengers and nighttime driving.

An acknowledgement will be signed by the applicant and parent for a learner's or an intermediate license stating that they understand the new restrictions on cell phone use, passengers and nighttime driving.

	Hardship License Additional restrictions apply until driver is age 18.	Learner's License Must pass vision and knowledge test.	Intermediate License Must already have a learner's license.*	Unrestricted License Must already have an intermediate license.
Minimum Age	14	14 - 15	16 - 17	18
Supervision: Driver accompanied by someone at least 21 years of age or older at all times.		✓	✓ For 6 months if first licensure	
Seat Belts: Use required.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Violations: No serious accident or traffic violation within six months of licensure. If violation occurs, an unrestricted license could be delayed.	✓	✓	✓	
Violations: No serious accident or traffic violation for at least 12 months prior to application.				✓
Cell Phone: No cell phone or other interactive wireless communication device use while driving.	✓	✓	✓	✓ Can use hands free if 18-21 years of age
Passengers: No more than one unrelated minor passenger allowed unless there is an adult 21 years of age or older in the front passenger seat of the car. Unrelated minor passenger is a person under 21 years old who is not a sibling, step-sibling, or a child who lives in the same household as the driver.	✓		✓	
Nighttime: No driving between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. unless accompanied by a passenger 21 years of age or older, driving to or from a school activity, church-related activity, or a job.	✓		✓	

*Mandatory holding period of 6 months.