

Graduated Drivers Licensing Laws

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Alabama (CCF, DE, CELL ^B , RECPR, TEXT)	15 <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	6 <i>(10/1/2002)</i>	16 <i>(prior to 1995)</i>	Midnight to 6 a.m.* <i>(10/1/2002)</i>	No more than one passenger (family members or licensed driver 21 or over exempt).* <i>(7/1/2010)</i>	17 (and held intermediate license for 6 mos.) <i>(10/1/2002)</i>	50 (waived for students enrolled in driver ed.) <i>(11/1/2015)</i>
Alaska (CCF, RECPR, TEXT ^A)	14 <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	6 <i>(1/1/1999)</i>	16 <i>(prior to 1995)</i>	1 a.m. to 5 a.m. <i>(1/1/2005)</i>	First 6 months, no passengers under 21 (siblings exempt). <i>(1/1/2005)</i>	16 and 6 mos. <i>(1/1/2005)</i>	40 (10) <i>(1/1/2005)</i>
Arizona (RECPR, DE)	15 and 6 mos. (15	6	16	Midnight – 5 a.m. (unless	First 6 months, no more than one	16 and 6 mos.	30 (10) (waived for

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	w/ driving instructor) <i>(6/30/2008)</i>	 <i>(6/30/2008)</i>	 <i>(prior to 1995)</i>	with parent/legal guardian or driving to/from work or school)* <i>(6/30/2008)</i>	passenger under age 18 (unless with parent/ legal guardian; family members exempt)* <i>(6/30/2008)</i>	 <i>(6/30/2008)</i>	students enrolled in driver ed) <i>(6/30/2008)</i>
Arkansas (CCF, CELL, BELT, RECPR, TEXT)¹	14	6	16 ²	11 p.m. - 4 a.m. (unless	No more than one unrelated passenger	18	None

¹ In Arkansas, learner’s or intermediate license holders and drivers under 18 are subject to a complete ban on cell phone use and text messaging. The use of hand-held cell phones for drivers age 18-20 is prohibited. The teen cell phone ban is secondarily enforced.

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California (CCF, CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	15 and 6 mos. ³	6	16	11 p.m.- 5 a.m. *	First 12 months, no passengers younger than 20 unless supervised by a 25-year-old driver. (family members)	17	50 (10)

² In Arkansas, teens must be crash and conviction-free for 6 months to qualify for intermediate licensure.

³ In California, students enrolled in driver education may drive while supervised by an instructor. License applicants who do not take driver education must wait until age 18 for a license. They are not required to go through an intermediate license stage.

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Colorado (CELL, DE, BELT, RECPR, TEXT)	15 (w/driver ed., classroom & behind-the-wheel course) 15 and 6 mos. (w/driver awareness course or	12	16	Midnight to 5 a.m. *	First 6 months no passengers under age 21. Second six months only one passenger under age 21 (family members exempt). *	17	50 (10)

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Connecticut (CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	16	6 (4 w/state approved driver	16 and 4 mos. ⁴	11 p.m. to 5 a.m.	First 6 months no passengers except parents, licensed driving instructor, or	Night: 18 Passenger: 17 and 4 mos.	40	

⁴ In Connecticut, before an applicant under 18 may take the driver's test, parents or guardians must attend two hours of instruction regarding teen driving laws and related issues with such applicant. Anyone 18 years of age or older must hold an adult learner's permit for three months before obtaining a driver's license.

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		ed.)			instructor over 20 with 4 years of licensed, suspension-free driving. 2 nd 6 months, family members also permitted.			
	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(1/1/1997)</i>	<i>(1/1/1997)</i>	<i>(8/1/2008)</i>	<i>(8/1/2008)</i>	<i>(10/1/2005)</i>	<i>(8/1/2008)</i>	<i>(8/1/2008)</i>
Delaware (CCF, CELL, DE,	16 ^s	6	16 and 6 mos.	10 p.m. to 6 a.m.	No more than 1 passenger (family	17		50 (10)

^s In Delaware, after completing the on-road requirements of driver education, a driver education student who is at least 15 years, 10 months may apply for a Driver Education Learner's Permit, which allows the student to drive while supervised by an experienced driver.

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RECPR, TEXT, BELT)				(exceptions for work, school related activities)	members exempt).		
	<i>(8/31/2006)</i>	<i>(7/1/1999)</i>	<i>(8/31/2006)</i>	<i>(7/6/2004)</i>	<i>(8/31/2006)</i>	<i>(8/31/2006)</i>	<i>(8/31/2006)</i>
District of Columbia (CELL, RECPR, TEXT)	16	6	16 and 6 mos. ⁶	Sept. – June: Starts 11 p.m. (Sun-Thurs) and midnight Fri-Sat nights), Ends 6 a.m.	First 6 months, no passengers unless supervised by 21-year-old driver (family members exempt). Thereafter,	18	40 (10 hours at night in the intermediate license stage.)

⁶ In DC, the learner's stage is mandatory for all license applicants, regardless of age. License applicants younger than 21 must go through the intermediate stage until they have completed it or until they turn 21.

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	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(1/1/2001)</i>	<i>(1/1/2001)</i>	July – Aug. midnight to 6 a.m. <i>(1/1/2001)</i>	no more than 2 passengers under 21 (family members exempt). <i>(1/1/2001)</i>	<i>(1/1/2001)</i>	<i>(1/1/2001)</i>
Florida (CCF, DE, RECPR, TEXT*)	15	12	16	11 p.m. to 6 a.m. (Age 16) 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. (Age 17)	None	18	50 (10)
	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(10/1/2000)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(7/1/1996)</i>	<i>(7/1/1996)</i>	<i>(7/1/1996)</i>	<i>(10/1/2000)</i>
Georgia (CCF, CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	15	12	16	Midnight to 5 a.m. *	First 6 months no passengers (family members exempt). Second 6 months,	18	40 (6)

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					no more than 1 passenger younger than 21 (family members exempt). After second 6 months, no more than 3 passengers younger than 21 (family members exempt) *		
	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(7/1/1997)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(7/1/2014)</i>	<i>(7/1/2006)</i>	<i>(7/1/1997)</i>	<i>(7/1/2006)</i>
Hawaii (BELT, CELL, CCF, DE, TEXT)	15 and 6 mos.	6	16	11 p.m. to 5 a.m.	No more than 1 passenger under the age of 18 (household	17	50 (10)

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Idaho (CCF, DE, BELT, RECPR, TEXT ^A)	14 and 6 mos.	6	15	Sunset to Sunrise	First 6 months, no more than one passenger under age 17 (with family exemptions)	Night: 16 Passenger: 15 and 6 mos.	50 (10)	
	<i>(1/1/2001)</i>	<i>(5/29/2007)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(5/29/2007)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i> <i>(5/29/2007)</i>	<i>(1/1/2001)</i>	
Illinois ⁷ (CCF, DE, CELL, BELT, RECPR, TEXT ^A)	15	9	16	Starts 10 p.m. Sun-Thurs, 11 p.m. Fri and	First 12 months no more than 1 passenger younger	Night: 18 Passenger: 17	50 (10)	

⁷ In Illinois, license applicants 18 through 20 years of age who did not take driver's education in school must complete a 6 hour adult driver education course.

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	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(1/1/2008)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	Sat night. Ends 6 a.m. <i>(1/1/2008)</i>	than 20 (family members exempt). <i>(1/1/2008)</i>	<i>(1/1/2008)</i>	<i>(1/1/2008)</i>	<i>(6/22/2006)</i>
Indiana (BELT, CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	15 (16 if not enrolled in driver ed)	6	16 and 90 days (w/driver ed) 16 and 270 days	First 180 days: 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.; thereafter: starts 11 p.m. Sun-Thurs, 1 a.m. Fri and	First 180 days no passengers unless supervised by 25-year-old driver (family members exempt).	Night: 18	Passenger: 16 and 9 months (17, 3 months w/o	50 (10)

§ Probationary license holders under age 18 have a graduated night restriction that lasts until age 18. Operator licenses issued to individuals younger than 21 are probationary licenses, and holders must adhere to both the nighttime and passenger restriction for six months or until age 21, whichever occurs first.

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	<i>(7/1/2011)</i>	<i>(7/1/2010)</i>	(w/o driver's ed) <i>(7/1/2015)</i>	Sat night Ends 5 a.m. <i>(7/1/2009)</i>	<i>(7/1/2009)</i>	<i>(7/1/1998)</i>	driver ed) <i>(7/1/2015)</i>	<i>(7/1/2010)</i>
Iowa (BELT, CELL, CCF, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	14 <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	12 <i>(1/1/2014)</i>	16 <i>(prior to 1995)</i>	12:30 a.m. to 5 a.m. <i>(1/1/1999)</i>	First 6 months, no more than one passenger under age 18 (family members exempt; opt-out provision for parents) <i>(1/1/2014)</i>	Night: 17 <i>(1/1/1999)</i>	Passenger: 16, 6 months <i>(1/1/1999)</i>	20 (2) (10 hours including 2 at night that must occur in the intermediate license stage.) <i>(1/1/1999)</i>

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Kansas (BELT, CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	14 <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	12 <i>(1/1/2010)</i>	16 (15 w/ driver ed) <i>(1/1/2010)</i>	9 p.m. to 5 a.m. ⁹ <i>(1/1/2010)</i>	Under 16, no non-sibling minor passengers; age 16, no more than one non-immediate family member passenger under 18. <i>(1/1/2010)</i>	16 and 6 mos. <i>(1/1/2010)</i>	50 (10) <i>(7/1/1999)</i>
Kentucky (CCF, CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	16 <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	6 <i>(10/1/1996)</i>	16 and 6 mos. <i>(10/1/1996)</i>	Midnight to 6 am <i>(4/1/2007)</i>	No more than one passenger under 20 * <i>(4/1/2007)</i>	17 <i>(4/1/2007)</i>	60 (10) <i>(10/1/2006)</i>

⁹ Kansas intermediate stage night time restriction only applies beginning at age 16. Under 16, drivers are only permitted to drive to and from school or work, or when accompanied by an adult holder of a valid driver's license in the front passenger seat.

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Louisiana (BELT, CCF, CELL ^B , DE, RECPR, TEXT) ¹⁰	15	6	16	11 p.m. to 5 a.m.	No more than one non-family passenger under age 21 between 6 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless supervised by a licensed parent, guardian, or adult at least 21 or older.	17	50 (15)
	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(9/1/2004)</i>	<i>(1/1/1998)</i>	<i>(prior to 1983)</i>	<i>(1/1/2011)</i>	<i>(prior to 1983)</i>	<i>(1/1/2011)</i>
Maine	15	6	16	Midnight to	First 9 months, no	16 and 9 mos.	70 (10)

¹⁰ In Louisiana, drivers 17 and younger are subject to a primary, complete ban on the use of cell phones. Learner's and intermediate license holders are subject to a secondary ban on the use of hand-held cell phones.

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(CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT)				5 a.m.	passengers (family members exempt).			
	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(9/16/2003)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(9/16/2003)</i>	<i>(1/1/2013)</i>		<i>(1/1/2013)</i>	<i>(10/7/2013)</i>
Maryland¹¹ (CCF, CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	15 and 9 mos.	9	16 and 6 months	Midnight to 5 a.m. (Under 18)	First 5 months, no passengers under the age of 18 yrs. (family members)	Night: 18	Passenger: 16 and 11 mos.	60 (10)

¹¹ In Maryland, all applicants under age 25 must hold a learner's permit for nine months before taking the road test; all applicants 25 and older must hold the permit for 45 days.

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Massachusetts (CCF, CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT) ¹²	16	6	16 and 6 mos.	12:30 a.m. – 5 a.m.*	First 6 months, no passengers younger than 18 unless supervised by 21-year-old driver (family members exempt)* <i>(11/4/1998)</i>	Night: 18	Passenger: 17	40 (30 hours if completed advanced driver training course)
	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(11/4/1998)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(3/31/2007)</i>	<i>(11/4/1998)</i>	<i>(at least 1995)</i>	<i>(11/4/1998)</i>	<i>(9/1/2007)</i>
Michigan	14 and 9	6	16	10 p.m. to	No more than one	17		50 (10)

¹² Massachusetts' night and passenger restrictions are secondarily enforced from 12:30am – 1am and 4am - 5 am.

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(CCF, DE, CELL ^B , RECPR, TEXT ^A)	mos. (Segment I of DE required) <i>(4/1/1997)</i>	<i>(4/1/1997)</i>	(Segment II of DE required) <i>(prior to 1995)</i>	5 a.m. <i>(3/30/2011)</i>	passenger under 21 (family members exempt) <i>(3/30/2011)</i>			<i>(4/1/1997)</i>
Minnesota (CCF, CELL, DE, BELT, RECPR, TEXT ^A) ¹³	15	6 ¹⁴	16	First 6 months, midnight to 5 a.m.	First 6 months, no more than one passenger under the age of 20 (family	Night: 16 and 6 mos.	Passenger: 17	40 (15) ¹⁵

¹³ Mississippi's texting ban expands from novice drivers to all drivers, effective July 1, 2015.

¹⁴ In Minnesota, the learner permit holding period also applies to license applicants 18 and older unless they have completed driver education.

¹⁵ In Minnesota, individuals must complete an additional 10 hours of supervised driving time before obtaining a provisional license if the parent/guardian does not complete a 90-minute supplemental parent course.

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	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(2/1/1997)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(8/1/2008)</i>	members exempt). Second 6 months, no more than three passengers under 20 (family members exempt). <i>(8/1/2008)</i>	<i>(8/1/2008)</i>	<i>(8/1/2008)</i>	<i>(1/1/2015)</i>
Mississippi (CCF, DE, RECPR, TEXT ^A)	15 (14; teens can apply for learner's permit for DE) <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	12 <i>(7/1/2009)</i>	16 <i>(7/1/2009)</i>	10 p.m. Thursday - Sunday; 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; to 6 a.m. <i>(7/1/2009)</i>	None	16 and 6 mos. <i>(7/1/2009)</i>	None	

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Missouri (CCF, BELT, RECPR, ¹⁶ TEXT ¹⁷)	15 <i>(1/1/2001)</i>	6 <i>(1/1/2001)</i>	16 <i>(prior to 1995)</i>	1 a.m. to 5 a.m. <i>(1/1/2001)</i>	First 6 months, no more than 1 passenger under age 19 (family members exempt). Thereafter, no more than 3 passengers under age 19. <i>(8/28/2006)</i>	17 and 11 mos. <i>(8/28/2006)</i>	40 (10) <i>(1/1/2007)</i>
Montana (BELT, CCF, DE, RECPR)	14 and 6 mos. (if enrolled)	6	15	11 p.m. to 5 a.m.	First 6 months, no more than one unrelated passenger	16	50 (10)

¹⁶ Must be under age 16

¹⁷ Missouri has a ban on text messaging for drivers under 21.

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	in DE; otherwise 16) <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(7/1/2006)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(7/1/2006)</i>	under age 18. Second 6 months, no more than 3 unrelated passengers under age 18. <i>(7/1/2006)</i>		<i>(7/1/2006)</i>	
Nebraska (CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT ^A)	15 <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	6 <i>(1/1/2008)</i>	16 <i>(prior to 1995)</i>	12 a.m. to 6 a.m. * <i>(1/1/1999)</i>	First 6 months, no more than 1 passenger under 19 (immediate family exempt)* <i>(1/1/2008)</i>	Night: 17 <i>(1/1/1999)</i>	Passenger: 16 and 6 mos. <i>(1/1/2008)</i>	50 (10) (waived for students enrolled in driver ed.) <i>(1/1/1999)</i>
Nevada (CCF, CELL ^A , DE,	15 and 6 mos.	6	16	10 p.m. to 5 a.m. *	First 6 months, no passengers younger	Night: 18	Passenger: 16	50 (10)

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RECPR, TEXT ^A)	(DE required unless no program offered within 30 miles of home) <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(10/1/2005)</i>	<i>(10/1/2005)</i>	<i>(10/1/2005)</i>	than 18 (family members exempt). *	<i>(10/1/2007)</i>	and 6 mos.	<i>(10/1/2005)</i>
New Hampshire (BELT, CELL, DE, TEXT ^A)	15 and 6 mos. <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	None <i>(1/1/2003)</i>	16 <i>(prior to 1995)</i>	1 a.m. to 4 a.m. <i>(1/1/2011)</i>	First 6 months, no more than 1 passenger younger than 25 (family members exempt). <i>(1/1/2003)</i>	Night: 18	Passenger: 16 and 6 mos. <i>(1/1/2003)</i>	40 (10) <i>(6/16/2009)</i>

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						(5/24/2004)	
New Jersey (BELT, CCF, CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	16 (17, without DE) <i>(prior to 1995)</i>	6 <i>(1/1/2001)</i>	17 <i>(prior to 1995)</i>	11 p.m. to 5 a.m. <i>(5/1/2010)</i>	No more than 1 passenger (parents and dependents exempt). <i>(5/1/2010)</i>	18 ¹⁸ <i>(1/1/2001)</i>	None
New Mexico (CCF, CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	15 <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	6 <i>(1/1/2000)</i>	15 and 6 mos. <i>(1/1/2000)</i>	Midnight to 5 a.m. <i>(1/1/2000)</i>	No more than 1 passenger under 21 (family members exempt). <i>(1/1/2000)</i>	16 and 6 mos. <i>(1/1/2000)</i>	50 (10) <i>(1/1/2000)</i>
New York (CELL, DE, BELT,	16	6	16 and 6	9 p.m. to	No more than 1	18 (17 w/driver ed)	50 (15)

¹⁸ In New Jersey, the graduated licensing law applies to adults, except that the night driving and passenger restrictions are waived for new drivers 21 and older.

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RECPR, TEXT)			mos.	5 a.m. (prohibited at all times in NYC; all times in Nassau and Suffolk Counties except for limited travel to work, school and driver's ed.	passenger younger than 21 unless supervised by 21-year-old driver (family members exempt).		
	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(2/22/2010)</i>	<i>(9/1/2003)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(2/22/2010)</i>	<i>(9/1/2003)</i>	<i>(2/22/2010)</i>
North Carolina (BELT, CELL, CCF,	15	12	16	9 p.m. to 5 a.m.	No more than one passenger younger	16 and 6 mos. (18 w/out DE)	60 (10); 12 (6) during

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DE, RECPR, TEXT)	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(12/1/1997)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(12/1/1997)</i>	than 21 (family members exempt). If a family member younger than 21 is a passenger, then no other passengers younger than 21 who are not family members. <i>(12/1/2002)</i>	<i>(12/1/2002)</i>	intermediate stage <i>(1/1/2012)</i>
North Dakota (CCF, CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	14	12 (age 16: 6 months or until age 18,	16; 15 for a parent-requested restricted license	9 p.m. (or sunset) to 5 a.m.	None	16	50 (applies to teens under age 16)

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	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	whichever is longer <i>(1/1/12)</i>	<i>(1/1/12)</i>	<i>(1/1/12)</i>			<i>(1/1/12)</i>	
Ohio (BELT, CELL^B, DE, RECPR)	15 and 6 mos. <i>(7/1/1998)</i>	6 <i>(1/1/1999)</i>	16 <i>(prior to 1995)</i>	Midnight to 6 a.m. for first 12 months; 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. for second 12 months.* <i>(1/1/2017)</i>	No more than 1 passenger for first 12 months(family exempt) <i>(1/1/2017)</i>	Night: 18 <i>(4/6/2007)</i>	Passenger: 17 <i>(4/6/2007)</i>	50 (10) <i>(1/1/1999)</i>

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Oklahoma (CELL ^B , DE, RECPR, TEXT) ¹⁹	15 and 6 mos. (w/driver ed.)	6	16	10 p.m. to 5 a.m. (exempts work, school & church)	No more than 1 passenger (exempts parents, guardians or a licensed driver over age 21)	16 and 6 mos. (w/driver ed.)	50 (10)
	16 (w/out driver ed.) <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(11/1/2004)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(11/1/2009)</i>	<i>(11/1/2005)</i>	17 (w/out driver ed.) <i>(11/1/2005)</i>	<i>(11/1/2009)</i>
Oregon (CELL, CCF, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	15	6	16	Midnight to 5 a.m. (exempt with passenger >25)	First 6 months, no passengers under 20. Second 6 months, no more than 3 passengers	17	50 (100 w/out driver ed.)

¹⁹ Oklahoma's teen wireless ban applies to handheld devices only.

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	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(3/1/2000)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(3/1/2000)</i>	under 20 (family members exempt). <i>(3/1/2000)</i>		<i>(3/1/2000)</i>	<i>(3/1/2000)</i>
Pennsylvania (CCF, DE, BELT, TEXT ^A)	16	6	16 and 6 mos.	11 p.m. to 5 a.m.	First 6 months, no more than 1 passenger under 18; thereafter, no more than 3 passengers under 18) <i>(12/24/2011)</i>	Night: 17 (18 w/out driver ed.) <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	Passenger: 17 <i>(12/24/11)</i>	65 (10 night) (5 inclement weather) <i>(12/24/11)</i>
Rhode Island (BELT, CELL, CCF, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	16	6	16 and 6 mos.	1 a.m. to 5 a.m.	First 12 months, No more than 1 passenger under age 21 (immediate family members	17 and 6 mos.		50 (10)

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	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(1/1/1999)</i>	<i>(1/1/1999)</i>	<i>(1/1/1999)</i>	exempt). <i>(7/9/2005)</i>	<i>(7/9/2005)</i>	<i>(7/17/2003)</i>
South Carolina (CCF, DE, TEXT ^A)	15	6	15 and 6 mos.	6 p.m. to 6 a.m. EST 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. EDT (w/exceptions for teen with special restricted licenses)	No more than 2 passengers unless supervised by driver at least 21 (family members and students to and from school exempt).	16 and 6 mos.	40 (10)
	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(3/5/2002)</i>	<i>(3/5/2002)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(3/5/2002)</i>	<i>(3/5/2002)</i>	<i>(3/5/2002)</i>
South Dakota (CCF, DE, CELL*, TEXT*)	14	6 (3 with driver ed)	14 and 6 months (14 and 3)	10 p.m. to 6 a.m.	None	16	None

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	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(1/1/1999)</i>	months w/driver ed) <i>(1/1/1999)</i>	<i>(7/1/2004)</i>		<i>(since at least 1995)</i>	
Tennessee (BELT, CCF, CELL, RECPR, TEXT)	15	6	16	11 p.m. to 6 a.m.	No more than 1 passenger unless supervised by 21-year-old driver (family members exempt).	17	50 (10)
	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>
Texas (CCF, CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	15	6	16	Midnight to 5 a.m. *	No more than 1 passenger under 21 (family members	18	30 (10)

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	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(1/1/2002)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(1/1/2002)</i>	exempt). *			<i>(9/1/2013)</i>
Utah²⁰ (CELL, DE, BELT, RECPR, TEXT ^A)	15	6	16	Midnight to 5 a.m.	First 6 months, no passengers under 21 (family members exempt). *	Night: 17	Passenger: 16 and 6 mos.	40 (10)
	<i>(8/1/2006)</i>	<i>(8/1/2006)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(7/1/1999)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/1999)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/2004)</i>
Vermont (CCF, CELL, DE, TEXT)	15	12	16	None	First 3 months, no passengers without exception. Second 3 months, same as first 3 months	16 and 6 mos.		40 (10)

²⁰ In Utah license applicants who are younger than 19 must have completed driver education.

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	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(7/1/2000)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>		(family members exempt).* <i>(7/1/2000)</i>	<i>(7/1/2000)</i>	<i>(7/1/2000)</i>
Virginia ²¹ (CELL, DE, RECPR, TEXT ^A)	15 and 6 mos.	9	16 and 3 mos.	Midnight to 4 a.m. *	First 12 months, no more than 1 passenger under 21. Until age 18, no more than 3 passengers under 21 (family members exempt). *	18	45 (15)

²¹ In Virginia, driver education is required for license applicants younger than 19 (18 if applicant holds a valid license from another state). Northern Virginia counties have implemented a 90-minute segment for parents of driver education students.

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	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/2013)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/2008)</i>
Washington (CELL, CCF, DE, RECPR, TEXT)	15 (enrolled in driver ed); 15 and 6 mos. (not enrolled in driver ed) <i>(prior to 1991)</i>	6	16	1 a.m. to 5 a.m. *	First 6 months, no passengers under 20 (family members exempt). Second 6 months, no more than 3 passengers under 20. *	17 (nighttime and passenger restrictions lifted) 18 (all restrictions automatically lifted)	50 (10)
		<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/1/2001)</i>
West Virginia (BELT, CCF, DE, CELL, RECPR, TEXT)	15	6	16	10 p.m. to 5 a.m.	First 6 months, no passengers under 20; second 6 months, no more	17	50 (10) (none w/driver ed.)

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	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(1/1/2001)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(7/10/2009)</i>	than one passenger under 20 (family members exempt) <i>(7/10/2009)</i>	<i>(1/1/2001)</i>	<i>(7/10/2009)</i>
Wisconsin (CCF, CELL, DE, RECP, TEXT)	15 and 6 mos.	6	16	Midnight to 5 a.m.	No more than 1 peer passenger (family members exempt).	16 and 9 mos. (nighttime and passenger limits lifted) 18 (probationary period of GDL completed) <i>(9/1/2000)</i>	30 (10)
	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(9/1/2000)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(9/1/2000)</i>	<i>(9/1/2000)</i>	<i>(9/1/2000)</i>	<i>(2/1/2000)</i>
Wyoming (RECP, TEXT ^A)	15	10 Days	16	11 p.m. to 5 a.m.	No more than 1 passenger younger than 18 (family	16 and 6 mos. (w/driver ed.)	50 (10)

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State	Learner Stage		Intermediate Stage			Minimum Age GDL Restrictions Lifted	Certified Driving
	Minimum Age	Holding Period (Months)	Minimum Age	Nighttime Driving Restriction	Passenger Restriction		Number of Hours (indicated hours required at night)
	<i>(prior to 1991)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(prior to 1995)</i>	<i>(9/16/2005)</i>	members exempt). <i>(9/16/2005)</i>	17 (w/out driver ed.) <i>(9/16/2005)</i>	<i>(9/16/2005)</i>

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