

OHIO DRIVER PERMIT AND LICENSE

Permits and licenses are obtained through the State of Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. For more information on any of the information below, go to: <http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/>

Ohio Driver's Permits

How to get your permit with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV):

- Be at least 15 1/2 years old.
- Visit an Ohio BMV office.
- Provide proof of your ID, residency, birth date, and legal presence.
- Pass the written permit test.
- Pay the \$22 learner's permit fee.

For more details on the above and the next steps to take, please see below.

New to Ohio?

If you have recently moved to Ohio, you can convert your valid out-of-state driver's permit to an Ohio permit. Visit your local OH BMV office with your permit and:

- Pass the vision exam.
- Pass the written permit test.
- Pay the \$22 fee.

Ohio Learner's Permit Requirements

In order to get your Ohio learner's permit, or TIPIC, you'll need to be at least 15 1/2 years old. Visit an OH BMV office and:

- Show documents proving your:
 - Full legal name and date of birth (e.g. U.S. birth certificate, certified copy of a court order).
 - Social Security number (e.g. Social Security card, printout issued by the Social Security Administration).
 - Legal U.S. presence (e.g. U.S. birth certificate, valid U.S. passport/passport card).
 - Ohio residency (e.g. insurance policy, bank statement).
 - For a list of acceptable documents, please go to <http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/bmv2424.pdf>
- Pass the vision exam.
- Pass the written permit test.
- Complete the medical packet, if you have any relevant medical conditions.
- Pay the \$22 fee.

If you are under 18 years old, your parent, legal guardian, person with legal custody, or a responsible person who is willing to assume the legal obligations must accompany you. This person must also provide proof of his identification.

While you have your TIPIC, you can begin Driver's Ed. If you are under 18 years old, you MUST complete Driver's Ed in order to graduate to an intermediate driver's license (and eventually your full driver's license). See "Driver's Education Requirements" below.

Taking the Written Permit Test

The permit test will cover information including:

- Rules of the road.

- Traffic signs and what they mean.
- Motor vehicle laws.
- Highway warnings.

The test has 40 questions (multiple choice) and you must answer 75% correctly to pass. The Ohio BMV offers a sample practice test on their website.

Permit Driving Restrictions

While you have your TIPIC, you must follow certain driving restrictions depending on your age:

- 15 1/2 years old: You are only allowed to drive when accompanied by a licensed parent, guardian, or certified driving instructor who is seated next to you.
- 16 years old: You may only drive with a valid licensed driver who is 21 years old or older.
- Under 18 years old: You cannot drive between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m., unless your licensed parent or legal guardian/custodian supervises you.

Ohio Driver's Ed Requirements

Once you have your temporary learner's permit identification card, it's time to complete an approved Driver's Ed course that consists of:

- 24 hours of classroom instruction.
- 8 hours of driving with a certified instructor.

This course can be taken at a high school, from a licensed driver training school, or be provided by the military.

Behind-the-Wheel Driving Requirements

If you're under 18 years old and have your Ohio learner's permit, in addition to completing Driver's Ed, you're also required to complete 50 hours of supervised driving practice (including 10 hours at night). These hours must be certified by your parent or legal guardian, and you must submit a completed Fifty Hour Affidavit (Form BMV 5791) when you apply for your intermediate driver's license.

Next Step: Getting Your Probationary Driver's License

You can apply for your probationary driver's license once you have:

- Held your learner's permit for at least 6 months.
- Successfully completed a Driver's Ed course, if you're younger than 18 years old.
- Completed your supervised driving practice (see "Behind-the-Wheel Driving Requirements" above).

Apply for an OH Driver's License

To qualify for a driver's license in Ohio, you must have practiced driving with your temporary instruction permit. When you're ready to take your road test, schedule a road test at an Ohio Driver License Examination Station. You will need to provide your own working vehicle for the driving exam. An inspection will be performed before the test begins. Once you pass the exam, you will need to visit your local Ohio BMV office and:

- Surrender your instruction permit.
- Pay the required fee.
- If under age 18, the applicant must present a driver education certificate.

NOTE: If you're younger than 21 years old, your new driver's license will expire on your 21st birthday, otherwise it will expire on your birthday 4 years from the date of issue.

Driving Exam

- Your road test will consist of the following parts:
- Driving skills. The driving skills component will test you on your ability to perform basic tasks, such as:
 - Starting and stopping.
 - Backing.
 - Turning around.
 - Proper lane usage.
- Maneuverability.
 - The maneuverability component will require you to navigate your way through a given course. You will fail automatically if you hit any of the markers.

If you're 18 years old or older and fail the test, you *MUST* take an abbreviated driver's training course before attempting the test again.

For more information, visit the Ohio BMV website.

New to Ohio?

If you have just moved to Ohio and have an out-of-state driver's license, you'll need to have it transferred within 30 days. Visit your local Deputy Registrar agency and:

- Submit proof of your:
 - Name (including name change, if applicable).
 - Date of birth.
 - Social Security number (SSN).
 - Legal presence in the U.S. A list of accepted documents is on the BMV website.
 - Ohio residency.
- Pay the required [fee](#).
- Pass the vision screening.
- Pass the knowledge test.
- Have your photo taken.

For more information go to: <http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/bmv3741.pdf>

Types of Driver's Licenses

The Ohio BMV offers different types of driver's licenses depending on the type of vehicle you will be driving.

- Regular driver's license.
- Commercial driver's license (CDL).
- Motorcycle license.

Fees

The Ohio BMV accepts payment by: Cash, check, money order, credit card. The fee for your Ohio driver's license will depend on your age and length of validity:

- 21 years old or older (valid for 4 years): \$23.
- 20 years old: \$19.25.
- 19 years old: \$20.50.
- 18 years old: \$21.75.