

Virginia DMV knowledge exam â study sheet
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Knowledge exam

10 road-sign questions. Every road-sign question must be correct.
30 general-knowledge questions. 24 correct answers are required.
The exam is multiple choice at a customer service center or a participating high school. An oral exam is available by request.
Walk-in testing: be present by 4:30 p.m. weekdays or 11:30 a.m. Saturdays.

Retakes

Under 18: wait a full 15 days. Fail on Jan 1, earliest retake is Jan 17.
Age 18 or older: one attempt per day.
After three failures: classroom portion of a Virginia-approved driver training school. Certificate dated after the third failure.
No license or permit within 1 year of passing: take the exam again.
Each retake needs a new application plus identity and residency documents.

Learner's permit

Minimum age: 15 years and 6 months.
Documents: one identity, one legal presence, two proofs of Virginia residency, and a Social Security number if one has been issued.
Fee: \$3 permit fee plus the yearly license cost. The permit is mailed.
Non-REAL ID: expires on your birthday, up to 8 years (5 years if 75+ or a sex-offender limited-duration credential).
REAL ID: valid for the authorized stay, or 1 year if there is no end date.
Supervising driver: at least 21, or 18 if a legal guardian or sibling.
Under 18: driver education, 9-month hold, 45 hours including 15 after sunset.
Before Jan 1, 2027, first-time drivers 18+ hold the permit 60 days or complete driver education while holding it.
On or after Jan 1, 2027: ages 18-20 hold it 90 days and complete driver education. Age 21+ keeps the 60-day or driver-education choice.
DTS-B exception: a driver at least 16 years 3 months, with a permit held 9 months and a valid Virginia Driver Training Certificate (DTS B), may drive without a licensed driver beside them.

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