



AAA Central Penn Driving School FAQs

Do I need to add my student driver to my auto insurance policy for him/her to be covered while taking Behind-the-Wheel lessons with AAA?

No, you do not need to add your student driver to the insurance policy during training. You will need to add him/her to your auto insurance, or purchase a separate policy, after the driver's license has been obtained. Check with your insurance provider for details.

May I ride along in the car during the Behind-the-Wheel lessons?

Yes, the AAA Driving School encourages caregivers to ride along during lessons to have first-hand knowledge of their student's progress. Teaching tactics observed at the Behind-the-Wheel lesson may help caregivers during their own practice sessions with the student. Riders are asked to remain silent observers during the lesson, hold all comments or questions until the end, and not to give instruction to the student during the AAA driving lesson.

Is my student allowed to turn on a driving app while being instructed in the car?

We recognize that many new drivers now use cell phone apps to track their driving lessons to comply with state regulations regarding driving practice time and weather conditions. AAA does allow students to turn such an app on before a lesson starts and turn it off after the lesson ends. All other cell phone use is strictly prohibited during in-car lessons.

Does my student need Behind-the-Wheel and Classroom instruction to get a discount on insurance?

Most insurance companies require that new teen drivers successfully complete a 30-hour classroom theory program (can be taken in-person or online) and a 6-hour behind-the-wheel program administered by a Pennsylvania-approved Driving School in order to qualify for a discount. Check with your insurance provider for details.

If my student wears corrective lenses, does he/she need to wear them for Behind-the-Wheel training?

Yes. By law, if a driver wears corrective lenses, he/she is not permitted to operate a vehicle without them.

Will my student learn to Parallel Park?

Yes, the AAA Driving School instructs students to Parallel Park successfully in the training vehicle. We ensure that students are thoroughly prepared to take their driving tests before being issued a graduation certificate.

What are the skills and areas covered in the AAA Behind-the-Wheel program?

Many different skills are addressed during our 6-hour behind-the-wheel program:

1. Pre-Start and Driver Set-Up
2. Moving Forward, Backward and Tracking right and left
3. Turns (2-point, 3-point, and U-turns)
4. Parking (perpendicular, angle, and parallel)
5. Driving in Country, City, and Highway environments
6. Visual Skills – Mirror Usage and Blind Spot Coverage
7. Lane Control and Changing Lanes
8. Speed Control
9. How to handle Roundabouts (traffic circles)
10. Negotiation of Stop Signs and Traffic Lights
11. Commentary Driving
12. Adverse Road Conditions (if available)





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What are the steps for Pennsylvania's Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program?

In Pennsylvania, young drivers under the age of 18 must go through a 3-phase process to ultimately obtain a Regular or Unrestricted Driver's License:

1. Learner's Permit
2. Junior License
3. Regular/Unrestricted License

How do I get a Learner's Permit?

Please refer to PennDOT's website for the most accurate information: www.dmv.pa.gov/Driver-Services/Driver-Licensing/pages/get-driver-license.aspx.

How long is the Learner's Permit good for?

This permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

Can I renew my Learner's Permit?

Yes, if something happens to your permit or you need more time to complete behind-the-wheel training, you may return to the PennDOT License Center BEFORE the permit expires and pay another \$5.00 fee. You will not need to submit the other documentation to renew unless the original permit expires.

What kind of driving restrictions apply to me after obtaining my permit?

Junior Learner's Permit holders may only drive while supervised by another licensed driver 21 years of age or older (usually a parent or guardian). That supervising driver must sit in the front seat beside the permit holder, and the vehicle may only carry the same number of passengers as there are seat belts available.

How does AAA's *How to Drive Online* driver education program work?

The program is available to AAA members at a discounted rate and consists of 8 chapters, each covering a single Pennsylvania driving topic. A multiple-choice quiz is presented at the end of each chapter. In compliance with DOE requirements, only 2 hours of the program may be taken each day, and each section is timed to ensure that the program takes no less than 30 hours to complete. When the course is done, a final exam is administered to earn certification. This exam may be re-taken as many times as is needed to pass, at no additional cost. The certification can be earned in a minimum of 15 days and you have 120 days to complete the certification.

Does AAA's *How to Drive Online* program fulfill the Pennsylvania Department of Education requirement for 30 hours of driving theory education, and can it be used to qualify for the early issuance of a regular/unrestricted driver's license at age 17½, as long as all other requirements are met?

Yes.

Am I qualified for a discount on insurance premiums with completion of AAA's *How to Drive Online* program, along with successful completion of a 6-hour behind-the-wheel instructional program?

Yes, contact your insurance provider for details.

How do I get my Junior Driver's License?

Successfully pass the PennDOT road test with a certified state examiner.





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What do I have to do prior to taking the PennDOT Road Test?

1. You must have held your Learner's Permit for at least 6 months
2. You must be at least 16 years and 6 months old
3. You must complete a minimum of 65 total hours of supervised practice driving (10 of which must have been done at night and 5 must have been done in poor weather conditions)
4. Your parent or guardian must sign the DL-180C form attesting to the fact that you have indeed accomplished the required hours of training.

What should I know about taking the PennDOT Road Test?

1. Arrive early for your test to make certain you don't miss the appointed time.
2. You will have to show your Learner's Permit and your accompanying driver will have to show his/her valid Driver's License.
3. The vehicle that you will be driving for the test must be properly registered, inspected and insured, and you must show proof of all of these. The examiner will check the mirrors, doors, seats, seat belts, and tires to confirm the vehicle is safe to drive.
4. The examiner will ask you to demonstrate the proper operation of the lights, horn, brakes, windshield wipers, and turn signals.

What driving restrictions apply to me under the Junior Driver's License?

As a new Junior License holder, you may drive unsupervised between the hours of 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. To drive outside of those hours you must be supervised by a parent or guardian. Some exceptions apply (i.e., job, charity and volunteer activities).

For the first 6 months, Junior License holders may not drive with more than one passenger under the age of 18, who is not an immediate family member, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

After the first 6 months, you may drive with up to three unrelated passengers under 18, as long as you have not been convicted of a driving violation or as long as you have not been held partially or fully responsible for a reportable crash.

You must be accompanied by a parent or guardian if you wish to carry more than three young passengers regardless of how long the Junior License has been held. Under Pennsylvania law, the number of passengers carried is restricted to the number of seat belts available in the vehicle.

How do I get my Regular or Unrestricted Driver's License?

Your Junior License will automatically become a Regular/Unrestricted License on your 18th birthday. You can upgrade your license 6 months before turning 18 if you have held your Junior License for at least 1 year, have remained free of violations and crashes, and have taken a certified driver education course (classroom or online training, along with behind-the-wheel training) from your school, AAA Central Penn, or another PA Department of Education-approved private driving school.

