



Graduated Driver License (GDL) (Licensed drivers under age 18)

The Graduated Driver License Program (or GDL) pertains to anyone applying for an original Provisional Driver License who is under 18 years of age. The essential elements **relating to Driver Education** include:

1. The student must be at least 15 years of age and have an instruction permit before beginning any Driver Education program. A permit must be held for a minimum of 6 months before licensure. Minimum age for a driver license is 16.
2. The student completes a traffic safety education course that meets standards developed by Oregon Department of Transportation ("**ODOT-approved for GDL**" course) and the student certifies at least **50 hours of supervised driving practice** with someone at least 21 years of age who has held a valid license for at least 3 years.
3. **In lieu of completion of an "ODOT-approved for GDL" Driver Education course** a person may certify **an additional 50 hours of driving practice**. (A total of 100 hours of driving practice)

The Transportation Safety Division (TSD) of ODOT is responsible for establishing and maintaining curriculum and instructor standards for all "ODOT-approved for GDL" courses in traffic safety education. Curriculum content and scheduling requirements for these courses are highly structured. **An "ODOT-approved for GDL" Driver Education course must consist of a minimum of 30 classroom hours, 6 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and 6 hours of driving observation.**

**** PLEASE NOTE ****

Professional Driving School has chosen to offer an alternative program in an effort to make Driver Education available to more students. We offer quality instruction combined with practicality and flexibility. Our goals are to train students to become safe drivers by establishing good driving habits and to be a resource to parents or other coaches supervising novice drivers.

We recommend keeping a notebook in your car to "log in" practice driving time. Your student will need **four hours of supervised driving practice every week for 6 months or two hours every week for a year in order to accumulate 100 hours.** Take advantage of trips to the store, to school, church, weekend travel, etc. Be sure to vary the practice driving to include all types of driving environments, including night time driving.

The Provisional Driver License issued is restricted as follows:

1. For the first 6 months after issuance, the person may not drive with a passenger under age 20 who is not a member of the driver's immediate family.
2. For the second 6 months after issuance, the person may not drive with more than 3 passengers who are under age 20 who are not members of the driver's immediate family.
3. For the first year after issuance, the person may not drive between midnight and 5:00 AM except when driving between their home and place of employment, driving between their home and a school event for which no other transportation is available, driving for employment purposes, or accompanied by a licensed driver at least 25 years old.