THINGS TO REMEMBER:
• To obtain a learner’s permit, provisional license or driver’s license, visit any of our full-service offices in Maryland. Contact the MVA or go online at www.MVA.Maryland.gov, for MVA locations, hours and requirements for identification and fees.
• When you visit MVA to obtain a learner’s permit, you will have to pass a vision test and a knowledge test before a learner’s permit can be issued. Practice for the knowledge test BEFORE you go at www.mva.maryland.gov/tutorial
• Your driver’s skills test for your provisional Class “C” or Class “M” license must be scheduled in advance. Go to https://mvascheduling.mdot.state.md.us to schedule an appointment.
• Contact the MVA or go online at www.MVA.Maryland.gov, for a free copy of the Maryland Driver’s Manual with all the best information needed for a new driver as well as obtain other useful information.
• The State of Maryland requires all registered owners to carry liability insurance, uninsured motorist, and Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
  410-768-7000
(to speak with an MVA Customer Agent)
  1-301-729-4550 Out-of-State
  TTY for the Hearing Impaired 1-800-492-4575
  Or visit: www.MVA.Maryland.gov
Driving is a complex task that requires applicants to successfully complete a standardized driver education course including 30 hours of in-class and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. Driver education providers electronically submit the applicant’s course completion information directly to the MVA. Applicants must pass a skills test administered both on a closed course and in traffic. The driver’s skills test for your provisional Class “C” or Class “M” license must be scheduled in advance. Go to https://mvascheduling.mdot.state.md.us to schedule an appointment.

If younger than 18, provisional licenses will carry 4 restrictions:
- only authorized to drive without supervision between the hours of 5 am or midnight. From midnight to 5 am they must be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver.
- not allowed to have passengers under the age of 21 during the first 5 months (151 days) of the provisional period, unless accompanied by a qualified supervising driver or the passengers are direct family members.
- must co-sign the learner’s permit application.
- must carry a valid learner’s permit and completed Practice Log for the learner’s permit holder.

Minimum age is 15 years and 9 months.
Minimum age is 18 years.
Minimum age is 16 years and 6 months.

A qualified supervising driver (parent, guardian or mentor) must complete a Practice Log for the learner’s permit holder which is issued by the MVA along with every learner’s permit.

**Driver’s License**

The State of Maryland’s full driver’s license is the privilege awarded to drivers who progress through The Rookie Driver graduated licensing system. Requirements:

- Minimum age is 18 years.
- If younger than 21, the license will carry an alcohol restriction.
- Once provisional license holders successfully meet all requirements, the MVA automatically converts the license to a full driver’s license status. An attachment card showing the conversion to a full license is mailed to the driver. The card is carried with the provisional license to show the change in licensing status. The attachment card is no longer needed when the provisional license expires. The driver comes in for a license renewal, pays the renewal fee and then is issued a full license.
- Everyone must be properly restrained by a seat belt or in a child safety seat.
- Prohibited from using a wireless communication device (including hands-free devices) while operating a motor vehicle, with the exception of a 911 emergency call. Use of a GPS device is permitted.
- Convictions or “Probation Before Judgement” (PBJ) for moving violations while holding a provisional license will require the completion of driver improvement program and/or suspension/revocation of your driver’s license. A conviction or Probation Before Judgement (PBJ) will also restart the 18-month minimum holding period.

In addition to other sanctions applied by the courts, Administrative sanctions listed below are also imposed:

1st Conviction = Driver improvement program
2nd Conviction = 30-day suspension of license
3rd Conviction = 180-day suspension and completion of a young driver improvement program
4th Conviction = Revocation

**Learner’s Permit Holders Requirements**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Learner’s Permit Holders Requirements</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Age 18 or under</td>
<td>9 months minimum holding period before provisional license can be issued</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum holding period before provisional license can be issued</td>
<td>30 classroom hours and 6 hours behind the wheel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum holding period before provisional license can be issued, if individual was convicted of, or granted probation before judgement for, a moving violation</td>
<td>9 months</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supervised practice driving hours</td>
<td>45 hours of practice with supervising driver</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*Defined as ½ hour before sunset until ½ hour after sunrise.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maryland Certified Driver Education</td>
<td>3 hours at night*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 years old (with HS Diploma or its equivalent)</td>
<td>30 hours of practice with supervising driver</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Age 18-24</td>
<td>3 months</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Age 19-24</td>
<td>45 days</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25 and older</td>
<td>3 hours at night*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Drivers’ License**

The State of Maryland’s full driver’s license is the privilege awarded to drivers who progress through The Rookie Driver graduated licensing system.

**Requirements:**

- Minimum age is 18 years.
- If younger than 21, the license will carry an alcohol restriction.
- Once provisional license holders successfully meet all requirements, the MVA automatically converts the license to a full driver’s license status. An attachment card showing the conversion to a full license is mailed to the driver. The card is carried with the provisional license to show the change in licensing status. The attachment card is no longer needed when the provisional license expires. The driver comes in for a license renewal, pays the renewal fee and then is issued a full license.

**Direct family members can be a spouse, daughter, son, stepdaughter, stepson, sister, brother, stepfather, or stepmother of the provisional license holder, or a relative of the license holder who lives at the same address.**