

SOUTH DAKOTA GRADUATED LICENSING SYSTEM

Instruction Permit

Eligibility Requirements:

- Between ages of 14 & 18
- Written approval of parent/guardian
- Satisfactory vision screening
- Pass knowledge test or successful completion of driver ed within last year

Conditions:

- Must be held for a minimum of 180 days, unless driver ed has been successfully completed (80% or B), then must be held 90 days.
- All driving must be supervised. May drive from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. with adult over 18 years of age with 1 year driving experience. From 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.
- Permit valid for one year

Restricted Minor Permit

Eligibility Requirements:

- Between ages of 14 & 16. (An individual up to the age of 18 may hold a restricted permit)
- Must have met all conditions of instruction permit
- Must not have had any traffic convictions for the past 6 months
- Written approval of parent/guardian
- Pass drive test or successful completion of driver ed within past year

Conditions:

- May drive without supervision from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. with parent/guardian's permission and from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. if the seat next to the permit holder is occupied by the parent/legal guardian

Operator License

Eligibility Requirements:

- Between ages of 16 & 18
- Must meet all conditions of instruction permit
- Must not have had any traffic convictions for the past 6 months
- Written approval of parent/guardian

Conditions:

Full driving privileges with no hour restrictions

PENALTIES: Upon receipt of a record of conviction for a traffic violation classified as a felony or Class 1 misdemeanor, prior to the minor's sixteenth birthday, the minor's driving privileges shall be suspended until their sixteenth birthday. Upon receipt of any other traffic violation conviction or conviction for the violation of conditions of an Instruction permit or restricted minor's permit, the privileges will be suspended for 30 days. A second conviction for a traffic violation or conviction for the violation of the conditions of an instruction permit or restricted minor's permit the license will be suspended for 90 days or until their 16th birthday, whichever is longer.