

# Colorado DMV permit practice test 3

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25 questions. Circle one answer for each. Answer key on the last page. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_ / 25

**1. A child under 2 years old who weighs less than 40 pounds must ride:**

- A. In a rear-facing child restraint in the rear seat
- B. In a forward-facing seat in front
- C. In a booster seat
- D. On a lap with a belt

**2. A 3-year-old weighing 30 pounds must be secured in:**

- A. A rear-facing or forward-facing child restraint in the rear seat if available
- B. A seat belt only
- C. A booster seat in front
- D. Any seat

**3. Colorado requires a child restraint or booster seat for children from age 4 until what age (if at least 40 pounds)?**

- A. 9
- B. 8
- C. 7
- D. 10

**4. Children between 9 and 18 years old must be:**

- A. Restrained in a seat belt or child restraint
- B. Allowed to ride unbelted in the back
- C. In a booster seat
- D. Only in the front seat

**5. If a parent is not in the vehicle, who is responsible for making sure each child is properly restrained?**

- A. The driver
- B. The child
- C. The oldest passenger
- D. No one

**6. When a driver is under 18, how many passengers may ride in the vehicle?**

- A. No more than the number of seat belts
- B. Up to five
- C. Unlimited
- D. Only one

**7. Which of these is exempt from Colorado's seat belt law?**

- A. A person with a written physician's statement saying they need not wear one
- B. Any back-seat adult
- C. Anyone on a short trip
- D. Anyone driving under 25 mph

**8. May you drive in Colorado while wearing earphones that cover both ears?**

- A. No
- B. Yes
- C. Only on highways
- D. Only below 30 mph

**9. How often does the Colorado handbook recommend having your eyes checked?**

- A. Every year or two
- B. Every five years
- C. Only when renewing
- D. Every ten years

**10. To avoid fatigue on long trips, how should you break up your driving?**

- A. Into two-hour segments
- B. Into four-hour segments
- C. Every 500 miles
- D. Only when you feel sleepy

**11. According to the Colorado handbook, what is the leading cause of driver error?**

- A. Distractions
- B. Speeding
- C. Bad weather
- D. Mechanical failure

**12. How should you set the driver's-side mirror?**

- A. Head against the left window, set it so you can barely see the side of your car
- B. So it shows mostly your car
- C. Pointed at the road surface
- D. Toward the sky

**13. How should head rests be adjusted?**

- A. So the head restraint touches the back of your head
- B. As low as possible
- C. Removed
- D. At neck level

**14. Why should you never run the engine in a closed garage?**

- A. Exhaust fumes can cause death in a very short time
- B. It drains the battery
- C. It overheats the engine
- D. It is noisy

**15. Which steering wheel hand positions does the Colorado handbook recommend?**

- A. 3 and 9 o'clock or 4 and 8 o'clock
- B. 10 and 2 o'clock only
- C. 12 and 6 o'clock
- D. One hand at 12 o'clock

**16. When turning the steering wheel, what should you avoid?**

- A. Gripping the inside of the wheel or turning it with your palm
- B. Using hand-over-hand
- C. Using push-pull-slide
- D. Keeping both hands on the wheel

**17. When backing up, where should your left hand be on the steering wheel?**

- A. At 12 o'clock
- B. At 9 o'clock
- C. At 6 o'clock
- D. At 3 o'clock

**18. How far ahead of your vehicle should you look while driving?**

- A. At least 10 seconds (about one block in the city, half a mile on the open road)
- B. 2 seconds
- C. Only to the car in front
- D. 30 seconds

**19. How often should you check traffic behind you in your rear-view mirror?**

- A. Every 5 to 8 seconds
- B. Every 30 seconds
- C. Only when changing lanes
- D. Every minute

**20. Under normal conditions, what following distance rule does the Colorado handbook use?**

- A. The three-second rule
- B. The two-second rule
- C. The four-second rule
- D. One car length per 10 mph

**21. What is a 'zipper merge'?**

- A. Using both lanes until just before the lane closes, then taking turns merging
- B. Merging as early as possible
- C. Merging only when a gap of five cars appears
- D. Passing on the shoulder

**22. Which of these is listed as a 'slow zone' requiring slower speeds and more attention?**

- A. Toll plazas
- B. Rural freeways
- C. Empty highways
- D. Mountain passes in summer

**23. How can you report an aggressive driver to the Colorado State Patrol by cell phone?**

- A. Dial \*CSP (\*277)
- B. Dial 411
- C. Dial \*FHP
- D. Dial 511

**24. Under Colorado's reckless driving statute, up to how many points can be assessed if convicted?**

- A. 8
- B. 4
- C. 12
- D. 6

**25. At a steady red light in Colorado, when may you turn right?**

- A. After stopping and yielding to pedestrians and traffic, unless a sign prohibits it
- B. Only on a green arrow
- C. Without stopping if clear
- D. Never

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## 1. A: In a rear-facing child restraint in the rear seat

Children under 2 and under 40 pounds must be secured in a rear-facing child restraint in the rear seat. (Seat Belt Laws: child passenger protection law, page 6)

## 2. A: A rear-facing or forward-facing child restraint in the rear seat if available

Children 2 to under 4 weighing at least 20 pounds must be in a rear- or forward-facing child restraint in the rear seat if one is available. (Seat Belt Laws: child passenger protection law, page 6)

## 3. A: 9

Children 4 to less than 9 years old weighing at least 40 pounds must be in a child restraint or booster seat in the rear seat if available. (Seat Belt Laws: child passenger protection law, page 6)

## 4. A: Restrained in a seat belt or child restraint

Children between 9 and 18 must be properly restrained in a seat belt or child restraint. (Seat Belt Laws: child passenger protection law, page 6)

## 5. A: The driver

If a parent is not in the vehicle, it is the driver's responsibility to ensure each child is properly fastened. (Seat Belt Laws: child passenger protection law, page 6)

## 6. A: No more than the number of seat belts

In vehicles driven by anyone under 18, passengers must be restrained and their number must not exceed the number of seat belts. (Seat Belt Laws, page 6)

## 7. A: A person with a written physician's statement saying they need not wear one

Exceptions include emergency personnel, buses, farm equipment, delivery van drivers on the job, and anyone with a written medical statement from a physician. (Seat Belt Laws, page 6)

## 8. A: No

You may not operate a motor vehicle while wearing earphones (devices covering all or part of both ears); hearing aids and single-ear devices are excluded. (Hearing, page 8)

## 9. A: Every year or two

The handbook advises an eye exam with a specialist every one to two years. (Vision, page 8)

## 10. A: Into two-hour segments

On long drives, stop at least every two hours. Pull over and rest if you get drowsy. (Fatigue, page 8)

## 11. A: Distractions

Distractions are the leading cause of driver error. (Distractions, page 9)

## 12. A: Head against the left window, set it so you can barely see the side of your car

Lean your head against the driver's window, then angle the left mirror until the side of your car just shows at the mirror's edge. (Vehicle: Mirrors, page 9)

## 13. A: So the head restraint touches the back of your head

Head rests should be adjusted so the restraint touches the back of your head. (Vehicle: Head rests, page 9)

## 14. A: Exhaust fumes can cause death in a very short time

Exhaust gases can kill quickly in an enclosed space. Never let the engine run in a garage, and don't sit in a running car with the windows shut. (Vehicle: Exhaust system, page 9)

**15. A: 3 and 9 o'clock or 4 and 8 o'clock**

Place both hands on opposite sides at 3 and 9 o'clock or 4 and 8 o'clock, with a firm but gentle grip and thumbs up along the wheel. (Hand position, page 9)

**16. A: Gripping the inside of the wheel or turning it with your palm**

Never grip the inside of the wheel; don't turn it with the palm or let it slide through your fingers. Hand-over-hand or push-pull-slide are preferred. (Hand position; Steering, page 9)

**17. A: At 12 o'clock**

Grasp the wheel at 12 o'clock with your left hand, put your right arm on the passenger seat back and look over your shoulder through the rear window. (Backing up, page 10)

**18. A: At least 10 seconds (about one block in the city, half a mile on the open road)**

Look down the road at least 10 seconds ahead (city—one block, open road—half a mile). (Look ahead, page 21)

**19. A: Every 5 to 8 seconds**

Check traffic behind you in the rear-view mirror every 5 to 8 seconds, more often in heavy traffic. (Look behind, page 21)

**20. A: The three-second rule**

Under normal conditions, use the three-second rule to gauge your space behind the vehicle ahead. (Three-second rule, page 21)

**21. A: Using both lanes until just before the lane closes, then taking turns merging**

Drivers continue in both lanes equally until just before the lane ends, then take turns filling the open lane. (Zipper Merge, page 22)

**22. A: Toll plazas**

Slow zones include shopping centers, schools, parks, residential streets, rush hour, narrow bridges, toll plazas and rail crossings. (Slow Zones, page 22)

**23. A: Dial \*CSP (\*277)**

Dial \*CSP (\*277) to report aggressive drivers; there is no charge. (Reporting aggressive or impaired drivers, page 28)

**24. A: 8**

If convicted of reckless driving, up to eight points can be assessed against your record. (Reckless driving, page 28)

**25. A: After stopping and yielding to pedestrians and traffic, unless a sign prohibits it**

After stopping and yielding, and if not prohibited by a sign, you may turn right on red. (Traffic Signals: Steady red light, page 10)