

Illinois Secretary of State permit practice test 1

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

1. Which class of Illinois driver's license is issued for driving a basic passenger car?

- A. Class A
- B. Class D
- C. Class M
- D. Class C

2. What is the minimum age to obtain an Illinois driver's license?

- A. 15
- B. 16
- C. 17
- D. 18

3. A first-time applicant aged 18, 19 or 20 who never completed driver education must first complete what?

- A. A six-hour Adult Driver Education Course from a Secretary of State certified provider
- B. A 30-hour classroom course
- C. Nothing; the age requirement alone is enough
- D. 50 hours of supervised driving

4. You move to Illinois with a valid license from another state. How long do you have to get an Illinois license?

- A. 90 days or before your old license expires, whichever comes first
- B. 60 days
- C. 30 days
- D. One year

5. Within how many days of moving must you notify the Secretary of State of your new address?

- A. 10 days
- B. 30 days
- C. 60 days
- D. 90 days

6. After a legal name change, how soon must you apply for a corrected Illinois driver's license?

- A. Within 10 days
- B. Within 30 days
- C. Within 90 days
- D. At your next renewal

7. When does an Illinois driver's license issued to a driver under 21 expire?

- A. Four years after it is issued
- B. On the driver's 21st birthday
- C. Three months after the driver's 21st birthday
- D. On the driver's 18th birthday

8. How often must an Illinois driver aged 87 or older renew their license?

- A. Every two years
- B. Every year
- C. Every four years
- D. Every eight years

9. For how long is a standard Illinois driver's license for an adult aged 21-80 normally valid?

- A. Six years
- B. Two years
- C. Four years
- D. Eight years

10. If you develop a medical condition likely to cause a loss of consciousness, you must notify the Secretary of State within:

- A. 24 hours
- B. 30 days
- C. Your next renewal
- D. 10 days

11. What does the Illinois Rules of the Road list as the fee for an instruction permit?

- A. \$5
- B. \$10
- C. \$20
- D. \$30

12. How many attempts do you get to pass each driver's license exam?

- A. Unlimited attempts
- B. Three attempts within one year of paying the application fee
- C. One attempt per visit, with no yearly limit
- D. Two attempts within six months

13. An applicant caught cheating on the written exam:

- A. Is allowed to start the exam over
- B. Fails and cannot retake the exam for 30 days
- C. Loses one question
- D. Must wait 7 days to retake

14. What is the penalty for taking any part of the driver's license exam for another person?

- A. A fine and at least seven days in jail
- B. A warning
- C. A fine only
- D. A 30-day suspension only

15. What minimum visual acuity is required for an Illinois driver's license?

- A. 20/20
- B. 20/30
- C. 20/40, with or without corrective lenses
- D. 20/70 without glasses

16. A driver whose visual acuity is between 20/41 and 20/70 may be licensed with what restriction?

- A. Daylight driving only
- B. Expressway driving prohibited
- C. No restriction
- D. Must drive with another licensed driver

17. How much peripheral (side) vision does Illinois require?

- A. At least 140 degrees
- B. At least 90 degrees
- C. At least 180 degrees
- D. At least 120 degrees

18. At what age must Illinois drivers take a driving exam when they renew?

- A. 65
- B. 75
- C. 81
- D. 87

19. During the Illinois driving exam, about how far must you back the vehicle in a straight line?

- A. About 20 feet
- B. About 200 feet
- C. About 100 feet
- D. About 50 feet

20. What happens if you commit a traffic violation during your Illinois driving exam?

- A. The examiner gives a warning
- B. You automatically fail
- C. Points are deducted but you may still pass
- D. You must repeat only that maneuver

21. At what age can an Illinois teen enrolled in an approved driver education course get an instruction permit?

- A. 14
- B. 15
- C. 16
- D. 17 years 3 months

22. At what age may you get an Illinois instruction permit without taking a driver education course?

- A. 16
- B. 17
- C. 17 years and 3 months
- D. 18

23. How long must a 15- to 17-year-old hold an instruction permit before getting a driver's license?

- A. Six months
- B. Three months
- C. Twelve months
- D. Nine consecutive months

24. How long is an Illinois instruction permit valid?

- A. 6 months
- B. 12 months
- C. 24 months
- D. 36 months

25. Who may supervise an Illinois permit holder outside the driver education course?

- A. Any licensed driver aged 18 or older
- B. A parent, guardian or responsible adult aged 21 or older with a valid license and at least one year of driving experience
- C. Only a certified driving instructor
- D. Any passenger over 16

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1. B: Class D

A driver who wants a basic license to operate a car in Illinois is issued a Class D license. (Chapter 1: Illinois Driver's License, page 4)

2. B: 16

You must be at least 16 to get an Illinois driver's license, and 16- and 17-year-olds must also meet the driver education and practice-driving requirements. (Age Restrictions — Drivers 16-21, page 4)

3. A: A six-hour Adult Driver Education Course from a Secretary of State certified provider

First-time applicants aged 18-20 who were never licensed and never completed driver education must complete a six-hour Adult Driver Education Course from a provider certified by the Secretary of State. (First-Time Drivers — Age 18-20, page 18)

4. A: 90 days or before your old license expires, whichever comes first

New residents with a valid out-of-state license must get an Illinois license within 90 days or before that license expires, whichever comes first. (Exemptions, page 5)

5. A: 10 days

Illinois drivers must report an address change to the Secretary of State within 10 days of moving. (Changing the Name/Address on an Illinois Driver's License/ID Card, page 6)

6. B: Within 30 days

A corrected driver's license or ID card must be applied for within 30 days of a legal name change. (Changing the Name/Address on an Illinois Driver's License/ID Card, page 6)

7. C: Three months after the driver's 21st birthday

Licenses for drivers under 21 expire three months after the driver's 21st birthday. (Driver's License/ID Card Renewal, page 8)

8. B: Every year

Drivers 87 and older must renew annually. Drivers aged 81-86 renew every two years, and most other drivers every four years. (Driver's License/ID Card Renewal, page 8)

9. C: Four years

An Illinois driver's license is normally valid for four years and expires on the driver's birthday, apart from the exceptions for drivers under 21 and those 81 and older. (Driver's License/ID Card Renewal, page 8)

10. D: 10 days

You must tell the Secretary of State's office within 10 days of becoming aware of such a condition, or your license may be canceled. (Medical Report, page 9)

11. C: \$20

The fee table lists the instruction permit at \$20. (Driver's License/State ID Card Fees, page 11)

12. B: Three attempts within one year of paying the application fee

Applicants get three attempts to pass each exam within one year from the date the application fee was paid. (Chapter 2: Driver's License Exams, page 13)

13. B: Fails and cannot retake the exam for 30 days

Anyone found cheating fails the exam and may not retake it for 30 days. (Cheating and Bribery, page 13)

14. A: A fine and at least seven days in jail

Taking any part of the exam for someone else is a criminal offense punishable by a fine and a mandatory minimum of seven days in jail. (Cheating and Bribery, page 13)

15. C: 20/40, with or without corrective lenses

Illinois requires at least 20/40 visual acuity, with or without corrective lenses. (Vision Screening, page 13)

16. A: Daylight driving only

A driver with acuity between 20/41 and 20/70 is limited to daylight driving only. (Vision Screening, page 13)

17. A: At least 140 degrees

Applicants need at least 140 degrees of peripheral vision, with or without corrective lenses. (Vision Screening, page 13)

18. D: 87

Drivers aged 87 and older, and those turning 87 or older at renewal, must take a driving exam. (Driving Exam, page 14)

19. D: About 50 feet

The driving exam includes backing about 50 feet slowly, straight and smoothly while turning your head right and watching to the rear. (Driving Exam, page 15)

20. B: You automatically fail

Committing any traffic violation or dangerous action during the driving exam is an automatic failure. (Driving Exam, page 14)

21. B: 15

Teens aged 15-17 can get an instruction permit with proof that they are enrolled, or will start within 30 days, in an approved driver education course. (Obtaining an Instruction Permit, page 16)

22. C: 17 years and 3 months

Applicants who are at least 17 years and 3 months old may apply for an instruction permit without taking driver education. (Obtaining an Instruction Permit, page 16)

23. D: Nine consecutive months

Drivers aged 15-17 must hold the permit for at least nine consecutive months before getting a license. (Obtaining an Instruction Permit, page 16)

24. C: 24 months

The instruction permit is valid for 24 months. (Obtaining an Instruction Permit, page 16)

25. B: A parent, guardian or responsible adult aged 21 or older with a valid license and at least one year of driving experience

The supervisor must be a parent, legal guardian or responsible adult aged 21 or older who has a valid license and at least one year of driving experience, sitting in the front passenger seat. (Obtaining an Instruction Permit, page 16)