

Illinois Secretary of State permit practice test 2

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

1. How many hours of supervised practice driving must Illinois drivers under 18 complete before getting a license?

- A. 25 hours, including 5 at night
- B. 40 hours, including 8 at night
- C. 50 hours, including 10 at night
- D. 60 hours, including 15 at night

2. An approved Illinois driver education course includes at least how much training?

- A. 10 hours classroom and 2 hours behind the wheel
- B. 30 hours classroom and 6 hours behind the wheel
- C. 20 hours classroom and 10 hours behind the wheel
- D. 6 hours online only

3. What are the nighttime driving restrictions for Illinois permit holders and drivers under 18 on Friday and Saturday nights?

- A. Midnight to 5 a.m.
- B. 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- C. 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- D. 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

4. What are the GDL nighttime driving restrictions on Sunday through Thursday?

- A. 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- B. Midnight to 6 a.m.
- C. 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- D. 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

5. During the Permit Phase, how many passengers may ride with the permit holder?

- A. One in the front seat and as many in the back as there are safety belts
- B. Any number of family members
- C. Up to three passengers total
- D. No passengers except the supervising adult

6. For the first 12 months of the Initial Licensing Phase (or until age 18), how many passengers under 20 may a teen driver carry, not counting siblings, stepsiblings, children or stepchildren?

- A. Two
- B. None
- C. Three
- D. One

7. Under Illinois GDL rules, until what age is any cellphone use while driving, even hands-free, prohibited except for emergencies?

- A. Under 19
- B. Under 21
- C. Under 20
- D. Under 18

8. During the nine-month permit phase, what must a teen avoid to move on to the next phase?

- A. Driving at night with a parent
- B. Driving on expressways
- C. Driving with passengers in the back seat
- D. Any driving infractions, underage alcohol convictions or court supervisions

9. To move out of the Initial Licensing Phase, a driver must keep a conviction-free record for how long before turning 18?

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

10. Who can cancel a 16- or 17-year-old's driver's license at any time, for any reason?

- A. The driving instructor
- B. Any police officer
- C. The parent or legal guardian who gave the original consent
- D. The driver's school principal

11. How many court supervisions for serious traffic offenses may an Illinois driver under 21 receive?

- A. None
- B. Three
- C. One
- D. Two

12. A driver under 21 convicted of two or more moving violations within 24 months faces what?

- A. A warning letter only
- B. A \$50 fine only
- C. An automatic one-year revocation
- D. A minimum 30-day license suspension

13. A person under 21 is convicted of possessing alcohol while riding in a motor vehicle. What is the minimum license suspension?

- A. One month
- B. One year
- C. Six months
- D. Three months

14. Who may drive in Illinois without an Illinois license?

- A. A driver whose Illinois license has expired
- B. A visitor with a valid license from their home state or country
- C. Any 15-year-old on a farm road
- D. A new resident who moved here more than a year ago

15. A driver under 21 may NOT drive which of these?

- A. A school bus
- B. A family car
- C. A pickup truck
- D. A rental car for personal use

16. How often must Illinois drivers who have traffic convictions take the written exam?

- A. Every 12 years
- B. Only once
- C. Every eight years
- D. Every renewal

17. Which of these is part of the basic Illinois written exam?

- A. Changing a tire
- B. Naming engine parts
- C. Reciting the vehicle code by section number
- D. Identifying traffic signs by shape, color or symbol

18. High school students may be excused from the Secretary of State driving exam under the Cooperative Driver Testing Program if they finish driver education with what combined grade?

- A. Any passing grade
- B. C or better
- C. A only
- D. A or B

19. During the driving exam's turnabout, how are you asked to turn around?

- A. Drive around the block
- B. Make a U-turn at a light
- C. Make a three-point turn in a driveway on the right
- D. Use an alley on the left side of the street, then back out and stay on your side

20. Who may ride in the car with you during your Illinois driving exam?

- A. Only the examiner
- B. A parent or guardian
- C. Any licensed adult
- D. Your driving instructor

21. A Vision Specialist Report submitted instead of the DMV vision screening must be dated within:

- A. 30 days
- B. 90 days
- C. One year

D. Six months

22. Which of these can get you up to five years in prison and a 12-month suspension or revocation?

- A. Using a fictitious or unlawfully altered driver's license
- B. Driving with an expired registration sticker
- C. Failing the vision test
- D. Forgetting to renew your license

23. How long is the temporary paper driver's license issued at an Illinois DMV valid?

- A. 30 days
- B. 45 days
- C. 60 days
- D. 90 days

24. A permit holder or teen driver under 18 who violates the nighttime driving restriction may:

- A. Have the permit extended by one month
- B. Lose their vehicle registration
- C. Receive only a warning
- D. Have their driving privileges suspended

25. A Class D license holder may drive a rental vehicle of up to what weight when moving their own or an immediate family member's property for non-business purposes in Illinois?

- A. 10,000 pounds
- B. 16,000 pounds
- C. 26,000 pounds
- D. 32,000 pounds

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1. C: 50 hours, including 10 at night

Drivers under 18 need at least 50 hours of supervised behind-the-wheel practice, including 10 hours at night, in addition to driver education. (Obtaining an Instruction Permit, page 16)

2. B: 30 hours classroom and 6 hours behind the wheel

Approved driver education courses include at least 30 hours of classroom study and six hours of behind-the-wheel training. (Chapter 3: Drivers Under Age 21, page 16)

3. B: 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

On Friday and Saturday the GDL nighttime restriction runs from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. (local curfews may differ). (Graduated Driver Licensing Program, page 18)

4. D: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

From Sunday through Thursday, permit holders and drivers in the Initial Licensing Phase may not drive between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. (local curfews may differ). (Graduated Driver Licensing Program, page 18)

5. A: One in the front seat and as many in the back as there are safety belts

Passengers are limited to one in the front seat plus the number of safety belts in the back seat. (Graduated Driver Licensing Program, page 18)

6. D: One

For the first 12 months of licensing, or until 18 if that comes first, the driver may carry only one passenger under 20, unless the passengers are siblings, stepsiblings, children or stepchildren. (Graduated Driver Licensing Program, page 18)

7. A: Under 19

Drivers under 19 may not use a wireless phone while driving, including hands-free, except to contact police, a health care provider or emergency services in an emergency. (Graduated Driver Licensing Program, page 18)

8. D: Any driving infractions, underage alcohol convictions or court supervisions

Permit holders must not get any driving infractions, underage alcohol convictions or court supervisions during the nine-month permit phase. (Graduated Driver Licensing Program, page 18)

9. C: Six months

Drivers must keep a conviction-free record for six months before turning 18, or restrictions may extend past 18. (Graduated Driver Licensing Program, page 18)

10. C: The parent or legal guardian who gave the original consent

The parent or legal guardian who gave initial consent can have the minor's license canceled at any time before the driver turns 18. (Parental Responsibility, page 19)

11. C: One

A driver under 21 is limited to one court supervision for serious traffic offenses and must attend traffic safety school to get it. (Related Laws, page 19)

12. D: A minimum 30-day license suspension

Two or more moving-violation convictions within 24 months bring a minimum 30-day suspension for a driver under 21. (Related Laws, page 20)

13. C: Six months

A conviction brings at least a six-month suspension when the offense happened in a motor vehicle; court supervision brings a three-month suspension. (Related Laws, page 20)

14. B: A visitor with a valid license from their home state or country

Visitors or people driving through Illinois with a valid license from their home state or country are exempt. (Exemptions, page 5)

15. A: A school bus

Drivers under 21 may not drive a school bus, a for-hire vehicle carrying more than 10 passengers, a commuter van, a religious organization bus, a senior transport vehicle or a child care vehicle. (Age Restrictions — Drivers 16-21, page 5)

16. C: Every eight years

Every driver must take a written exam every eight years, except drivers with no traffic convictions. (Written Exam, page 14)

17. D: Identifying traffic signs by shape, color or symbol

The basic written exam asks you to identify signs by shape, color or symbol, identify signals and pavement markings, and answer multiple-choice and true-false questions on laws and safety. (Written Exam, page 14)

18. D: A or B

Students who finish accredited classroom and behind-the-wheel driver education with a combined grade of A or B may be exempt from the SOS driving exam. (Driver Education and the Cooperative Driver Testing Program, page 17)

19. D: Use an alley on the left side of the street, then back out and stay on your side

The turnabout uses an alley on the left: signal left, turn into the alley, back out and stay on your side of the street. (Driving Exam, page 15)

20. A: Only the examiner

Only the examiner may be with you during the driving exam; children and pets are not allowed in the vehicle. (Driving Exam, page 14)

21. D: Six months

The Vision Specialist Report from an optometrist, ophthalmologist or physician must be dated within six months of the facility visit. (Vision Screening, page 13)

22. A: Using a fictitious or unlawfully altered driver's license

Driver's license fraud, such as using a fictitious or altered license, can mean arrest, up to five years in prison and a 12-month suspension or revocation. (Penalties for Driver's License/ID Card Fraud, page 9)

23. D: 90 days

After payment and testing, the Secretary of State issues a temporary secure paper license valid for 90 days while the permanent card is mailed. (Driver's License/ID Card Renewal, page 8)

24. D: Have their driving privileges suspended

Drivers under 18 who violate the nighttime restriction during the Permit or Initial Licensing Phase may have their privileges suspended. (Related Laws, page 20)

25. C: 26,000 pounds

Class D holders may drive rental vehicles up to 26,000 pounds when moving their own or an immediate family member's personal property for non-business purposes within Illinois. (Chapter 1: Illinois Driver's License, page 4)