

New Mexico MVD 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. Under New Mexico's graduated licensing system, what are the three levels for drivers under 18?

- A. Learner, junior, senior
- B. Instructional permit, provisional license, unrestricted driver license
- C. Class A, B, C
- D. Permit, restricted, commercial

2. What is the minimum age for a New Mexico instructional permit?

- A. 14
- B. 15
- C. 15½
- D. 16

3. How old must the licensed supervising driver be for a New Mexico instructional permit holder?

- A. 18
- B. 19
- C. 21
- D. 25

4. Besides being 21, how long must a supervising driver have been licensed?

- A. One year
- B. Two years
- C. At least three years
- D. Five years

5. In a car, where must the licensed supervising driver sit with a permit holder?

- A. In the back seat
- B. In the right front seat
- C. Anywhere
- D. Behind the driver

6. When a permit holder rides a motorcycle, where must the licensed supervising driver be?

- A. On the same motorcycle
- B. Following the learner
- C. Riding ahead of the learner
- D. In a car beside the learner

7. What must a 15-year-old be doing to hold a New Mexico instructional permit?

- A. Working part-time
- B. Enrolled in and attending a Traffic Safety Bureau-approved driver education course with DWI education
- C. Living with both parents
- D. Nothing

8. How long must you hold a New Mexico instructional permit before a provisional license?

- A. 30 days
- B. Three months
- C. Six months
- D. One year

9. What is the minimum age for a New Mexico provisional license?

- A. 15
- B. 15 years 6 months
- C. 16
- D. 16 years 6 months

10. How many hours of practice driving are required for a New Mexico provisional license?

- A. 30 hours, 5 at night
- B. 40 hours, 6 at night
- C. 50 hours, including 10 at night
- D. 60 hours, 15 at night

11. What tests must you pass for a New Mexico provisional license?

- A. Only a vision screening
- B. A written and road test plus a vision screening
- C. Only a road test
- D. No tests

12. To get a provisional license, you must not have been convicted of a traffic violation in the prior:

- A. 30 days
- B. 60 days
- C. 90 days
- D. One year

13. During which hours may a New Mexico provisional license holder not drive (without an exception)?

- A. 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- B. 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- C. Midnight to 5:00 a.m.
- D. 1 a.m. to 5 a.m.

14. Which is an exception allowing a provisional driver to drive between midnight and 5 a.m.?

- A. Going to a party
- B. Driving to and from work with a signed statement from the employer
- C. Visiting friends
- D. Any trip under 10 miles

15. Without a licensed driver 21 or older present, how many non-family passengers under 21 may a provisional driver carry?

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

16. How long must you hold a provisional license before getting an unrestricted license?

- A. Six months
- B. The 12-month period immediately before applying
- C. Two years
- D. Until age 18

17. Which would prevent a provisional driver from getting an unrestricted license?

- A. Driving at night
- B. A traffic violation pending at the time of application
- C. Owning a car
- D. Being 17

18. A New Mexico driver license is valid for how long?

- A. 2 or 4 years
- B. 4 or 8 years
- C. 5 or 10 years
- D. 6 years

19. When may you renew a New Mexico driver license?

- A. Only on the expiration date
- B. Up to 90 days before or 30 days after it expires
- C. Up to one year before
- D. Any time after it expires

20. Which can cause you to lose your New Mexico driving privileges?

- A. Changing jobs
- B. Refusing to be tested for alcohol or drugs when asked by a police officer
- C. Moving within the state
- D. Buying a new car

21. Which is listed as a reason you can lose your license in New Mexico?

- A. Letting someone else use your driver license
- B. Getting a parking ticket
- C. Driving an older car
- D. Failing to wash your car

22. What happens if a New Mexico driver gets twelve or more points in a twelve-month period?

- A. A warning letter
- B. License suspended for one year
- C. A \$100 fine
- D. Must retake the written test only

23. Which traffic offense does NOT carry points but requires a court appearance?

- A. Speeding
- B. Driving without insurance
- C. Failure to wear a seat belt
- D. Running a red light

24. Is it legal to drive without wearing a safety belt in New Mexico?

- A. Yes, on local roads
- B. No, it is illegal
- C. Only for adults
- D. Only at night

25. Up to what age must all children wear appropriate safety restraints while the vehicle moves?

- A. Under 8
- B. Under 10
- C. Under 12
- D. Under 16

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1. B: Instructional permit, provisional license, unrestricted driver license

The three GDL levels are the instructional permit, the provisional license and the unrestricted driver license. (Types of Driver Licenses — Graduated License System, page 1)

2. B: 15

The minimum age for an instructional permit is 15. (Instructional Permit, page 1)

3. C: 21

A permit holder must be supervised by a licensed driver at least 21 years old (or an approved instructor). (Instructional Permit, page 1)

4. C: At least three years

The supervising licensed driver must be 21 or older and licensed for at least three years in this or any other state. (Instructional Permit, page 1)

5. B: In the right front seat

In all vehicles except motorcycles, the licensed driver must sit in the right front seat. (Instructional Permit, page 1)

6. B: Following the learner

On motorcycles, the licensed driver must follow the learner. (Instructional Permit, page 1)

7. B: Enrolled in and attending a Traffic Safety Bureau-approved driver education course with DWI education

A person 15 or older must be enrolled in and attending an approved driver education course that includes DWI education and practice driving. (Instructional Permit, page 1)

8. C: Six months

The driver must retain the instructional permit for at least six months. (Instructional Permit, page 1)

9. B: 15 years 6 months

The minimum age is 15 years and 6 months if the driver has held the permit for 6 months. (Provisional License, page 1)

10. C: 50 hours, including 10 at night

The driver must complete not less than 50 hours of practice driving, including at least 10 at night, certified by a parent or guardian. (Provisional License, page 1)

11. B: A written and road test plus a vision screening

The driver must pass a written and road test in addition to a vision screening. (Provisional License, page 1)

12. C: 90 days

The driver must not have been convicted of a traffic violation in the 90 days before applying. (Provisional License, page 2)

13. C: Midnight to 5:00 a.m.

Provisional licensees may not drive between midnight and 5:00 a.m. unless an exception applies. (Provisional License, page 2)

14. B: Driving to and from work with a signed statement from the employer

Exceptions include driving with a licensed driver 21+, family or medical necessity, work, school or religious activity with signed statements, or a medical emergency. (Provisional License, page 2)

15. B: One

A provisional driver may not have more than one passenger under 21 who is not an immediate family member, unless a licensed driver 21+ is present. (Provisional License, page 1)

16. B: The 12-month period immediately before applying

The driver must have held a provisional license for the 12 months immediately before applying. (Unrestricted Driver License, page 2)

17. B: A traffic violation pending at the time of application

The driver must not have any traffic violations pending when applying for the unrestricted license. (Unrestricted Driver License, page 2)

18. B: 4 or 8 years

Your driver license is valid for either 4 or 8 years. (Driver License Renewal, page 2)

19. B: Up to 90 days before or 30 days after it expires

You may renew up to 90 days before or 30 days after the license expires. (Driver License Renewal, page 2)

20. B: Refusing to be tested for alcohol or drugs when asked by a police officer

Refusing to be tested for alcohol or drugs when asked by a police officer can cost you your driving privileges. (Keeping the Driver License, page 2)

21. A: Letting someone else use your driver license

Letting someone else use your license, too many points and false applications are among the reasons listed. (Keeping the Driver License, page 3)

22. B: License suspended for one year

Twelve or more points within twelve months results in a one-year license suspension. (Traffic Violations, page 14)

23. B: Driving without insurance

Offenses like driving without insurance or registration do not carry points; they require a court appearance. (Traffic Violations, page 14)

24. B: No, it is illegal

In New Mexico, it is illegal to drive without wearing safety belts. (Safety Belts and Child Restraints, page 3)

25. C: Under 12

The law requires all children under 12 to wear appropriate safety restraints while the vehicle is in motion. (Safety Belts and Child Restraints, page 3)