

# North Carolina NCDMV 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. What is the minimum age to apply for a Level One Limited Learner Permit in North Carolina?**

- A. 15½
- B. 14½
- C. 15
- D. 16

**2. How much driver education must a North Carolina applicant under 18 complete before testing for a learner permit?**

- A. 20 hours of classroom and 8 hours behind the wheel
- B. 30 hours of classroom and 10 hours behind the wheel
- C. 24 hours of classroom and 6 hours behind the wheel
- D. 30 hours of classroom and 6 hours behind the wheel

**3. During the first six months with a Level One Limited Learner Permit, during which hours may you drive?**

- A. 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., with your supervising driver
- B. Any time, with your supervising driver
- C. 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., with your supervising driver
- D. 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., alone

**4. After holding a Level One permit for six months, when may you drive?**

- A. Only from 5 a.m. to midnight with a supervising driver
- B. At any time, as long as a supervising driver is with you
- C. At any time, alone
- D. Only during daylight with a supervising driver

**5. How long must you hold a Level One Limited Learner Permit before applying for a Limited Provisional License?**

- A. 6 months
- B. 9 months
- C. 3 months
- D. 12 months

**6. How many hours of supervised driving must a Level One permit holder record in the driving log?**

- A. At least 60 hours, with at least 10 at night
- B. At least 60 hours, with at least 20 at night
- C. At least 50 hours, with at least 10 at night
- D. At least 40 hours, with at least 5 at night

**7. Who is allowed to sit in the front seat while a Level One permit holder is driving?**

- A. Nobody; the supervisor must sit in back
- B. Only the supervising driver
- C. Any passenger wearing a seat belt
- D. Any licensed adult

**8. Which person may serve as a supervising driver for a North Carolina teen permit holder?**

- A. Any 18-year-old friend with a valid license
- B. Any adult passenger, licensed or not
- C. A grandparent who has held a valid license for at least five years
- D. A parent whose license was issued two years ago

**9. A Level One permit holder may use a cell phone while driving to call which of the following in an emergency?**

- A. A coworker
- B. A parent, legal guardian or spouse
- C. A friend
- D. A teacher

**10. Before moving from Level One to Level Two, you must have had no convictions for moving violations, seat belt or cell phone infractions within the preceding:**

- A. 30 days
- B. 3 months
- C. 12 months
- D. 6 months

**11. What is the minimum age for a Level Two Limited Provisional License?**

- A. 15
- B. 16
- C. 17
- D. 16½

**12. With a Level Two Limited Provisional License, when may you drive without supervision?**

- A. From 6 a.m. to midnight
- B. Any time of day or night
- C. Only during daylight hours
- D. From 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., and any time driving directly to or from work

**13. When driving unsupervised with a Level Two license, how many passengers under 21 who are not household members are normally allowed?**

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

**14. A Level Two driver is driving unsupervised and every passenger lives in the driver's household. How many passengers under 21 may ride?**

- A. There is no under-21 limit
- B. None
- C. One
- D. Two

**15. How long must a Level Two Limited Provisional License be held before applying for a Full Provisional License?**

- A. At least 6 months
- B. At least 12 months
- C. At least 3 months
- D. At least 9 months

**16. Which restrictions still apply to a driver under 18 who holds a Level Three Full Provisional License?**

- A. They may drive only between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- B. They may carry only one passenger under 21
- C. They must have a supervising driver after 9 p.m.
- D. They may not use a cell phone while driving, except for emergencies

**17. What happens if a provisional licensee (under 18) is convicted of driving after consuming any amount of alcohol or drugs?**

- A. 90-day suspension
- B. A warning letter
- C. One-year license revocation
- D. 30-day suspension

**18. Under North Carolina's 'Lose Control/Lose Your License' rule, how long does the license loss last when a student is suspended from school for more than 10 consecutive days?**

- A. 12 months
- B. 6 months
- C. Until the student turns 18
- D. 30 days

**19. Within a 12-month period, a provisional licensee convicted of a second moving violation faces a suspension of:**

- A. 90 days
- B. 30 days
- C. 6 months
- D. 60 days

**20. A provisional licensee convicted of a third moving violation within 12 months may be suspended for:**

- A. 1 year
- B. 6 months
- C. 90 days
- D. 30 days

**21. A provisional licensee's fourth moving violation within 12 months can result in a suspension of:**

- A. Six months
- B. One year
- C. 30 days
- D. 90 days

**22. Who may get a regular (non-provisional) learner permit in North Carolina?**

- A. Anyone who passes driver education
- B. Persons age 15 and older
- C. Persons age 18 and older
- D. Persons age 16 and older

**23. When driving with an adult learner permit, who must be with you?**

- A. Any adult in the back seat
- B. A person licensed to drive that vehicle, seated beside you
- C. No one, if it is daylight
- D. A certified driving instructor only

**24. Which tests are required for a North Carolina learner permit?**

- A. Vision and a road test
- B. Traffic signs and a road test
- C. Knowledge and a road test
- D. Vision, traffic signs and knowledge of motor vehicle laws

**25. To pass the North Carolina traffic signs test, you must:**

- A. Identify signs by their MUTCD code numbers
- B. Only read the words on each sign
- C. Draw the signs from memory
- D. Identify signs by color and shape and explain what each means

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## 1. C: 15

A Level One Limited Learner Permit is available to North Carolina residents who are at least 15 but under 18 and have completed approved driver education. (Graduated Licensing—Licensing for Drivers 15–18: Limited Learner Permit, page 14)

## 2. D: 30 hours of classroom and 6 hours behind the wheel

The approved driver education course must include at least 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. (Graduated Licensing—Licensing for Drivers 15–18: Limited Learner Permit, page 14)

## 3. A: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., with your supervising driver

For the first six months a Level One permit allows driving only between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m., and always with the supervising driver. (Graduated Licensing—Licensing for Drivers 15–18: Limited Learner Permit, page 14)

## 4. B: At any time, as long as a supervising driver is with you

Six months after the Level One permit is issued, the holder may drive at any hour, but still only with a supervising driver. (Graduated Licensing—Licensing for Drivers 15–18: Limited Learner Permit, page 14)

## 5. B: 9 months

The Level One permit must be held for nine months before you can apply for the Level Two Limited Provisional License. (Graduated Licensing—Licensing for Drivers 15–18: Limited Learner Permit, page 14)

## 6. A: At least 60 hours, with at least 10 at night

The driving log must show a minimum of 60 hours of driving, at least 10 of them at night, signed by the supervising driver. (Graduated Licensing—Licensing for Drivers 15–18: Limited Learner Permit, page 14)

## 7. B: Only the supervising driver

With a Level One permit, no one except the driver and the supervising driver may be in the front seat. (Graduated Licensing—Licensing for Drivers 15–18: Limited Learner Permit, page 14)

## 8. C: A grandparent who has held a valid license for at least five years

A supervising driver must be a parent, grandparent, guardian or adult approved by the parent or guardian, must hold a valid license, and must have been licensed for at least five years. (Graduated Licensing—Licensing for Drivers 15–18: Supervising Driver, page 14)

## 9. B: A parent, legal guardian or spouse

Under-18 drivers may not use a cell phone while driving except to call about an emergency, for example to 911 responders, a hospital or doctor, fire, police, or a parent, legal guardian or spouse. (Graduated Licensing—Licensing for Drivers 15–18: Limited Learner Permit, page 14)

## 10. D: 6 months

To graduate to the next level you must have no moving violation, seat belt or cell phone convictions within the preceding six months. (Graduated Licensing—Licensing for Drivers 15–18: Limited Learner Permit, page 14)

## 11. B: 16

Level Two Limited Provisional License holders must be at least 16 but under 18. (Level Two Limited Provisional License, page 15)

## 12. D: From 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., and any time driving directly to or from work

Level Two drivers may drive unsupervised from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. and at any time when driving directly to or from work or volunteer fire, rescue or EMS service. (Level Two Limited Provisional License, page 15)

**13. C: One**

Unsupervised Level Two drivers may carry one passenger under 21 who is not a household member (one more is allowed only when that student is being driven directly to or from school). (Level Two Limited Provisional License, page 15)

**14. A: There is no under-21 limit**

There is no under-21 passenger limit when all passengers are members of the driver's household. (Level Two Limited Provisional License, page 15)

**15. A: At least 6 months**

You must hold the Limited Provisional License at least six months before applying for the Level Three Full Provisional License. (Level Two Limited Provisional License, page 15)

**16. D: They may not use a cell phone while driving, except for emergencies**

Level Three removes the time, supervision and passenger limits, but drivers under 18 still may not use a cell phone while driving except for emergency calls. (Level Three Full Provisional License, page 15)

**17. C: One-year license revocation**

It is unlawful for a provisional licensee to drive after consuming any alcohol or drugs, and a conviction brings a one-year revocation. (The Provisional Licensee, page 16)

**18. A: 12 months**

A school suspension (or disciplinary alternative placement) of more than 10 consecutive days results in loss of license for 12 months. (Lose Control/Lose Your License, page 17)

**19. B: 30 days**

Provisional licensees are suspended 30 days for a second moving violation within 12 months. (Provisional Licensee (under age 18), page 41)

**20. C: 90 days**

A third moving violation within a 12-month period brings a 90-day suspension for a provisional licensee. (Provisional Licensee (under age 18), page 41)

**21. A: Six months**

A fourth moving violation within 12 months brings a six-month suspension for a provisional licensee. (Provisional Licensee (under age 18), page 41)

**22. C: Persons age 18 and older**

The regular learner permit is available to persons 18 and older; younger drivers use the graduated licensing system. (Learner Permit, page 10)

**23. B: A person licensed to drive that vehicle, seated beside you**

A learner permit holder must be accompanied by a person licensed to drive the vehicle being used, seated beside the permit holder. (Learner Permit, page 10)

**24. D: Vision, traffic signs and knowledge of motor vehicle laws**

Required testing for a learner permit includes vision, traffic signs and knowledge of motor vehicle laws; the driving test is not required for a permit. (Learner Permit, page 10)

**25. D: Identify signs by color and shape and explain what each means**

The signs test requires you to identify traffic signs by color and shape and explain what each one means. (Test Requirements for an Original Driver License: Traffic Signs, page 11)