

South Carolina SCDMV 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 get a beginner's permit in South Carolina?

- A. 14
- B. 15
- C. 15½
- D. 16

2. Which tests must you pass to get a South Carolina beginner's permit?

- A. Vision and knowledge tests
- B. Only a knowledge test
- C. Knowledge and skills tests
- D. Vision and skills tests

3. Between 6 a.m. and midnight, who must be in the front seat with a South Carolina beginner's permit holder?

- A. A licensed driver at least 18 with six months of experience
- B. Any passenger 18 or older
- C. A licensed driver at least 21 with at least one year of driving experience
- D. A parent only

4. A South Carolina beginner's permit holder wants to drive after midnight. What is required?

- A. Driving after midnight is never allowed with a permit
- B. A signed waiver from the school
- C. Any licensed driver 21 or older
- D. Supervision by a licensed individual listed in SC Code §56-1-100(A), such as a parent or guardian

5. If you are 17 or younger, how long must you hold a South Carolina beginner's permit before applying for a license?

- A. 90 days
- B. At least 180 days
- C. 30 days
- D. One year

6. How long must a South Carolina permit holder who is 18 or older hold the beginner's permit before applying for a driver's license?

- A. At least 90 days
- B. No waiting period
- C. At least 30 days
- D. At least 180 days

7. How many hours of practice driving must a 15- or 16-year-old complete before a first South Carolina license?

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

8. What driver's education must a 15- or 16-year-old complete before getting a first South Carolina license?

- A. 30 hours in the classroom and 6 hours driving
- B. 8 hours in the classroom and 6 hours driving
- C. 6 hours in the classroom and 8 hours driving
- D. No driver's education is required

9. Which form certifies school attendance, driver's education and driving practice for a 15- or 16-year-old license applicant in South Carolina?

- A. Form MV-93
- B. Form 447-NC
- C. Form PDLA
- D. Form 412-NC

10. At what age can a South Carolina teen who meets all requirements get a conditional license?

- A. 15
- B. 15½
- C. 16
- D. 16½

11. With a South Carolina conditional or special restricted license, when may you drive alone during standard time?

- A. 6 a.m. to midnight
- B. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- C. Any time
- D. 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

12. During daylight saving time, until what time may a South Carolina conditional license holder drive alone?

- A. Midnight
- B. 8 p.m.
- C. 9 p.m.
- D. 6 p.m.

13. How many passengers under 21 may a South Carolina conditional license holder carry without a licensed adult 21 or older, not counting family members or students going to and from school?

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

14. A South Carolina driver with a special restricted license wants to drive between 6 p.m. and midnight (standard time). Who must ride with them?

- A. No one
- B. A passenger who is at least 18
- C. Any licensed driver
- D. A licensed driver who is at least 21

15. What happens if a South Carolina driver under 17 gets six or more points before holding the license for one year?

- A. The license is suspended for 30 days
- B. They must retake the knowledge test
- C. The license is suspended for six months
- D. A warning letter only

16. What does a South Carolina special restricted license with a waiver allow a 16-year-old to do?

- A. Drive alone until midnight for work or certain extracurricular activities
- B. Skip the skills test
- C. Drive alone at any hour
- D. Carry any number of passengers

17. How much does the new license cost when a 16-year-old adds a waiver to a South Carolina special restricted license?

- A. \$2.50
- B. \$10
- C. \$25
- D. \$100

18. When does a South Carolina teen driver earn full driving privileges?

- A. After six months on any license
- B. At 17, or after one year on a conditional or special restricted license with no traffic offenses or at-fault collisions
- C. At 18 only
- D. After passing a second road test

19. How does a South Carolina teen show full driving privileges after the restriction period ends?

- A. By keeping the license in a sleeve the SCDMV mails out
- B. By visiting a branch for a new photo
- C. By carrying a letter from a parent
- D. By retaking the road test

20. Which South Carolina license class lets you drive ordinary non-commercial cars and trucks up to 26,000 pounds GVW?

- A. Class D
- B. Class E
- C. Class C
- D. Class G

21. In South Carolina, which license class is for operating a moped only?

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

22. What documents must you have with you whenever you drive in South Carolina?

- A. Your registration and title
- B. Only your driver's license
- C. Your license and birth certificate
- D. A valid driver's license, vehicle registration and valid insurance card

23. Is it legal to hold more than one valid driver's license?

- A. Yes, if one is a commercial license
- B. Yes, with SCDMV permission
- C. No, it is illegal to have more than one valid driver's license
- D. Yes, one from each state you live in

24. After moving permanently to South Carolina, how soon must you apply for an SC license if you are not active-duty military or a federal employee?

- A. Within 30 days
- B. Within 45 days
- C. Within 90 days
- D. Within six months

25. If a South Carolina license has been expired for more than nine months, what must you do?

- A. Pass a vision test only
- B. Pass vision, knowledge and skills tests at a branch
- C. Renew online
- D. Pay a late fee only

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1. B: 15

South Carolina requires you to be at least 15 years old to get a beginner's permit, and you must pass the vision and knowledge tests. (Licensing Requirements: Beginner's Permit, page 8)

2. A: Vision and knowledge tests

A beginner's permit requires passing the vision test and the knowledge test; the skills (road) test comes later for the license. (Licensing Requirements: Beginner's Permit, page 8)

3. C: A licensed driver at least 21 with at least one year of driving experience

From 6 a.m. to midnight a permit holder may drive only with a licensed driver who is at least 21 and has at least one year of driving experience in the front seat. (Licensing Requirements: Beginner's Permit, page 8)

4. D: Supervision by a licensed individual listed in SC Code §56-1-100(A), such as a parent or guardian

After midnight, a permit holder must be supervised by one of the qualified licensed individuals listed in SC Code §56-1-100(A)(1-7), such as a parent or legal guardian. (Licensing Requirements: Beginner's Permit, page 8)

5. B: At least 180 days

Applicants 17 and younger must hold the beginner's permit for at least 180 days and may apply on the 181st day or later. (Licensing Requirements: Beginner's Permit, page 8)

6. C: At least 30 days

Applicants 18 and older must hold the beginner's permit for at least 30 days and may apply on the 31st day or later. (Licensing Requirements: Beginner's Permit, page 9)

7. B: At least 40 hours, including 10 at night

Drivers who are 15 or 16 must practice at least 40 hours, including ten hours of night driving, with a qualified person such as a parent or guardian. (Licensing Requirements: Beginner's Permit, page 9)

8. B: 8 hours in the classroom and 6 hours driving

The driver's education course for 15- and 16-year-olds is eight hours in the classroom and six hours of driving. (Licensing Requirements: First-Time Driver's License, page 10)

9. C: Form PDLA

Teen applicants must complete the Certification of School Attendance, Driver's Education and Driving Practice, SCDMV form PDLA, which they receive from their driver's education program. (Licensing Requirements: First-Time Driver's License, page 11)

10. B: 15½

A conditional license is available to drivers at least 15½ but less than 16 who meet the requirements and pass the vision and skills tests. (Graduated Driver's License Program: Conditional License for a 15-year-old, page 11)

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

Conditional and special restricted license holders may drive alone from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., or until 8 p.m. during daylight saving time. (Graduated Driver's License Program: Conditional License for a 15-year-old, page 11)

12. B: 8 p.m.

The unsupervised driving window ends at 6 p.m., extended to 8 p.m. during daylight saving time. (Graduated Driver's License Program: Conditional License for a 15-year-old, page 11)

13. A: Two

Conditional and special restricted license holders may not have more than two passengers under 21 unless a licensed adult at least 21 is with them; family members and students traveling to and from school are the exception.

(Graduated Driver's License Program: Conditional License for a 15-year-old, page 11)

14. D: A licensed driver who is at least 21

From 6 p.m. (8 p.m. in daylight saving time) to midnight, a conditional or special restricted license holder may drive only with a licensed driver at least 21. (Graduated Driver's License Program: Special Restricted License for a 16-year-old, page 12)

15. C: The license is suspended for six months

Drivers under 17 who receive six or more points before holding their license one year have the license suspended for six months. (Graduated Driver's License Program, page 12)

16. A: Drive alone until midnight for work or certain extracurricular activities

The waiver lets a 16-year-old drive alone until midnight if they work or take part in certain extracurricular activities; it never allows driving after midnight. (Special Restricted License with a Waiver for a 16-year-old, page 13)

17. C: \$25

The manual lists a \$25 fee for a new license with the waiver added. (Special Restricted License with a Waiver for a 16-year-old, page 13)

18. B: At 17, or after one year on a conditional or special restricted license with no traffic offenses or at-fault collisions

Full privileges come at 17, or after holding the conditional or special restricted license for a year with no traffic offenses and no at-fault collisions. (Regular Driver's License, page 13)

19. A: By keeping the license in a sleeve the SCDMV mails out

No branch visit is needed: the SCDMV mails a sleeve that must be wrapped around the license to use full privileges. (Regular Driver's License, page 14)

20. A: Class D

Class D covers non-commercial passenger vehicles such as cars and trucks that do not exceed 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits: Non-Commercial Licenses, page 5)

21. B: Class G

Class G allows you to operate a moped; drivers with a license or permit in another class do not need a separate moped license. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits: Non-Commercial Licenses, page 6)

22. D: A valid driver's license, vehicle registration and valid insurance card

You must carry a valid driver's license, the vehicle registration and a valid insurance card for the vehicle class you are driving, or you may be fined. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 7)

23. C: No, it is illegal to have more than one valid driver's license

Each qualified driver has only one license, endorsed for one or more classes; having more than one valid license is illegal. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 7)

24. B: Within 45 days

New residents must apply for an SC license or ID within 45 days of moving unless they are active-duty military or US government employees. (Out-of-State License or Driving on an Existing License: Moving to South Carolina, page 17)

25. B: Pass vision, knowledge and skills tests at a branch

A license expired more than nine months requires a branch visit and passing the vision, knowledge and skills tests, plus current proof of address. (Renewing an Expired Driver's License, page 22)