

# South Dakota DPS 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 for a South Dakota instruction permit?**

- A. 14
- B. 15
- C. 16
- D. 17

**2. How long must a minor hold a South Dakota instruction permit before upgrading if they have NOT taken driver education?**

- A. 90 days
- B. 180 days
- C. 275 days
- D. One year

**3. With successful completion of an approved driver education course, how long must a minor hold the instruction permit?**

- A. 90 days
- B. 180 days
- C. 275 days
- D. Six months plus one day

**4. What score must a student earn on both the written and driving portions of driver education to shorten the permit period?**

- A. 70% or better
- B. 75% or better
- C. 80% or better
- D. 90% or better

**5. Who may supervise a South Dakota instruction permit holder?**

- A. Any licensed teenager
- B. A parent/guardian or other adult with a valid license and at least one year of driving experience, seated beside the driver
- C. Any adult passenger
- D. Only a driving instructor

**6. How many hours of supervised driving must a minor complete on an instruction permit?**

- A. 30 hours
- B. 40 hours
- C. 50 hours, including 10 at night and 10 in inclement weather
- D. 60 hours

**7. How long is a South Dakota instruction permit valid?**

- A. One year
- B. Two years
- C. Five years (or until lawful-presence documents expire)
- D. Until age 18

**8. May an instruction permit holder use a hands-free phone while driving in South Dakota?**

- A. Yes
- B. No, permit holders may not use any type of wireless communication device
- C. Only for calls to parents
- D. Only on highways

**9. A Restricted Minor's Permit holder may drive with parental permission during which hours?**

- A. 5 a.m. to midnight
- B. 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- C. 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- D. Any hour

**10. Between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., what is required of a Restricted Minor's Permit holder (unless an exception applies)?**

- A. Nothing
- B. A parent or legal guardian must be in the seat beside the driver
- C. Any adult passenger
- D. Hazard lights on

**11. Which trip lets a Restricted Minor's Permit holder drive alone after 10 p.m.?**

- A. Going to a friend's house
- B. The most direct route to or from work
- C. A trip to a restaurant
- D. Any trip under 5 miles

**12. During the first 6 months on a Restricted Minor's Permit, who may ride as passengers?**

- A. Up to two friends
- B. Only immediate family or members of the household
- C. Anyone over 18
- D. No one at all

**13. To get a Restricted Minor's Permit, you must not have been convicted of a traffic violation during the prior:**

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

**14. What happens to a Restricted Minor's Permit when the holder turns 18?**

- A. It expires
- B. It automatically converts to an Operator's License
- C. It must be renewed with a test
- D. It becomes an instruction permit

**15. What is the minimum age for a South Dakota Operator's License?**

- A. 14
- B. 15
- C. 16
- D. 18

**16. How much does a South Dakota instruction permit or operator's license cost?**

- A. \$20.00
- B. \$28.00
- C. \$38.00
- D. \$43.00

**17. How many test attempts does one South Dakota license fee cover?**

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three attempts within 6 months
- D. Unlimited

**18. If you fail a South Dakota driver license test, when may you retest?**

- A. The same day
- B. Not before the next working day
- C. After two weeks
- D. After 30 days

**19. What happens if someone is caught cheating on the knowledge test?**

- A. They retest the next day
- B. They must wait at least two weeks to test again
- C. They lose their license for a year
- D. Nothing

**20. Within how many days of becoming a resident must a holder of a valid out-of-state (non-commercial) license apply for a South Dakota license?**

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

**21. How long is a South Dakota driver license valid?**

- A. 4 years
- B. 5 years
- C. 6 years
- D. 8 years

**22. How early may you renew a South Dakota license (if not turning 21)?**

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

**23. What test is always required when you renew a South Dakota license?**

- A. A road test
- B. A vision test
- C. A knowledge test
- D. No test

**24. A license issued to someone under 21 with five years or less until their 21st birthday expires when?**

- A. On the 21st birthday
- B. 30 days after the 21st birthday
- C. Five years after issue
- D. On the 18th birthday

**25. Which license restriction code means corrective lenses are required?**

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

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**1. A: 14**

To obtain an Instruction Permit, you must be at least 14 and pass the vision and knowledge tests. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**2. C: 275 days**

Minors must hold the permit continuously for 275 days, or 180 days with an approved driver education course. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**3. B: 180 days**

Successful completion (80% or better on written and driving portions) shortens the permit period to 180 days. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**4. C: 80% or better**

A score of 80% or better on both the written and driving portions counts as successful completion. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**5. B: A parent/guardian or other adult with a valid license and at least one year of driving experience, seated beside the driver**

The adult must be a parent/guardian or other adult with a valid license and at least one year of driving experience, seated beside the permit holder. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**6. C: 50 hours, including 10 at night and 10 in inclement weather**

The driver must complete 50 hours of adult supervised driving, including 10 in inclement weather and 10 after dark. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**7. C: Five years (or until lawful-presence documents expire)**

The permit is valid for five years or until the expiration of documents authorizing presence in the U.S., whichever is first. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**8. B: No, permit holders may not use any type of wireless communication device**

Instruction permit holders may not use any type of wireless communication device while driving on public roads. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**9. B: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

The holder may drive 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the parent/guardian's permission. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**10. B: A parent or legal guardian must be in the seat beside the driver**

From 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., a parent or legal guardian must occupy the seat beside the driver. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**11. B: The most direct route to or from work**

Exceptions are direct routes to or from school or school events, church or church events, work, or farm work. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**12. B: Only immediate family or members of the household**

For the first 6 months, no passengers are allowed except immediate family or household members. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**13. C: Six months**

You must not have a traffic conviction in the six months before applying for the Restricted Minor's Permit. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**14. B: It automatically converts to an Operator's License**

Upon reaching age 18, the permit automatically converts to an Operator's License. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**15. C: 16**

To obtain an Operator's License you must be at least 16 and pass the vision, knowledge and driving tests. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 8)

**16. C: \$38.00**

A regular driver license or instruction permit costs \$38.00. (Fees (subject to change), page 7)

**17. C: Three attempts within 6 months**

The fee allows three attempts to pass a test within a 6-month period; after that it must be paid again. (Fees (subject to change), page 7)

**18. B: Not before the next working day**

If you fail any test, you may not re-test before the next working day. (Unsuccessful Examinations, page 10)

**19. B: They must wait at least two weeks to test again**

Anyone caught cheating must wait a minimum of two weeks before testing again. (Required Noncommercial License Tests, page 10)

**20. C: 90 days**

You must apply within 90 days of establishing residency (30 days for CDL holders). (Licensing Requirements, page 5)

**21. B: 5 years**

Your driver license is valid for 5 years. (Driver License Renewal, page 12)

**22. C: 180 days before**

You may renew up to 180 days before the license expires, unless you are turning 21. (Driver License Renewal, page 12)

**23. B: A vision test**

You will be required to take a vision test when renewing; an expired license also requires a knowledge test. (Driver License Renewal, page 12)

**24. B: 30 days after the 21st birthday**

Such a license expires 30 days after the individual's 21st birthday. (Types of Driver's Licenses and Driver's Permits, page 9)

**25. B: B**

Restriction B means corrective lenses; F is left outside mirror, G no night driving, A automatic transmission. (Restrictions Placed on Licenses, page 11)