

INTERMEDIATE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

The state requires 50 hours of supervised driving practice, (*10 hours must be at night*) with a parent/ guardian, employer or a driver with at least 5 years of licensed driving before they are eligible to get their Intermediate License. More information below.

If you're under 18, you'll be issued an intermediate driver license and must follow these laws:

- **Driving with Passengers**

- First 6 months: *No passengers under 20 years old*, except for immediate family members (spouse, child, stepchild, or siblings, both by birth and marriage).
- Next 6 months: *No more than 3 passengers under 20 years old* who aren't members of your immediate family.

- **Nighttime driving**

You can't drive between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless you're with a licensed driver who's 25 years or older. The only exceptions are driving for agricultural purposes and transporting farm products or supplies under the direction of a farmer as described in [RCW 46.20.070](#).

- **No cell phones**

You can't use wireless devices while driving, even with a hands-free device. This includes talking on cell phones and sending or receiving text messages. You may only use a wireless device to report an emergency.

Penalties for violations and accidents

- **First violation:** Passenger and nighttime restrictions will apply until you're 18. We'll send a warning letter to you and your parent/guardian for the following:
 - Get a ticket for violating the restrictions.
 - Get a ticket for violating a rule of the road.
 - Are involved in an accident where:
 - You get a ticket or are determined to have caused the accident.
 - No one involved in the accident receives a ticket.

- The cause of the accident can't be determined.
- Only your car was involved in the accident.
- **2nd violation:** License suspended for 6 months (or until you're 18, whichever comes first). We'll notify you and your parent/guardian before we take any suspension action.
- **3rd violation:** License suspended until you're 18. We'll notify you and your parent/guardian before we take any suspension action.

Note: We don't determine who caused an accident. If you'd like a copy of your collision report, contact the Washington State Patrol records division at [360.570.2355](tel:360.570.2355).

Warning letters and penalties until age 18

Once you've driven safely for 1 year the passenger and nighttime driving restrictions expire, but the penalties for other violations will apply until you're 18.

See all information for first time licenses here: www.dol.wa.gov or in the driver guide.

Here are some options to keep track of drive time requirements for the Intermediate License Law requirements:

1. **The Parent/ Student Handbook.** Available at the DOL licensing office, www.dol.wa.gov or there is a direct link from www.drivecwds.com.
2. **Phone App:** [Road Ready](#). Great way to keep track of required hours.
3. Keep a small notebook in the car you will be driving to log drive time.

The DOL has not asked to see these logs when applying for the license, but the parent/guardian will have to sign an affidavit stating that the student did get the 50 hours.