

The following text delineates regulations and procedures for minors obtaining driver permits and licenses in Colorado, including requirements for instruction permits, liability affidavits, driving experience, passenger restrictions, and curfew limitations, highlighting legal responsibilities and exceptions for minors.

Minor instruction permits: Requirements to obtain and restrictions on an instruction permit vary by age. Affidavit of Liability and Guardianship: If you are under 18, your application must be accompanied by an Affidavit of Liability (DR2460) signed and verified by your parent, stepparent, grandparent with power of attorney, legal guardian, spouse older than 18, or any other responsible adult willing to accept legal liability. The affidavit must be signed in front of the driver license office employee or a notary public. Whoever signs the affidavit agrees to take legal responsibility for your actions as a driver. If the signer decides to no longer accept responsibility for your driving, that person may withdraw their signature and your permit/license will be canceled. Minors in foster care are exempt from this requirement, provided certain conditions are met, additional information can be found at [DMV.Colorado.gov/foster-children-driver-licenses](https://dmv.colorado.gov/foster-children-driver-licenses). Application for driver license: Colorado law requires minors to have an instruction permit for 12 months before applying for a driver license and to submit a completed and signed driving log showing 50 hours of driving experience (10 of which must have been at night). If younger than 16 and 6 months, you must also complete 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training with an approved driver education instructor. If there is not an approved driving school offering at least 20 hours of behind-the-wheel training per week within 30 miles of your residence, 12 additional hours of driving with your parent/guardian/ alternate permit supervisor may be substituted for the 6 hours of behind the wheel training with a driver education instructor. If you live more than 30 miles from the nearest commercial driving school you must bring a printed map of the route from your home to the driving school when you go to the driver license office. Passenger restrictions: While you are younger than 18, you have passenger restrictions based on how long you have had your driver license. For the first six months after your license is issued, you cannot have any passengers under 21, unless a parent or another licensed adult driver is in the vehicle. After 6 months, you may have one passenger younger than 21. Siblings and passengers with medical emergencies are exceptions. After 1 year, you may carry as many passengers as there are seat belts in the vehicle. Curfew: For your first year as a licensed driver, driving between midnight and 5 a.m. is not allowed unless you are accompanied by an instructor, parent or legal guardian. Exceptions include driving to and from school or work (with a signed statement from school or work), medical emergencies and emancipated minors.