

# Before being eligible to take your DMV driving test you must: \*

Before being eligible to take your driving test you must have all of the following:

- Be 16 years old
- Have held your permit for a minimum of six months
- Have completed driver education
- Have completed 6 hours of professional driver training
- Have completed 50 hours of practice with an adult 25 years or older. The adult must have a valid California driver license and certify to the 50 hours of practice. At least 10 of the 50 hours must have been done at night.

To take your driving test, you will need to:

1. Make a driving test [Appointment\(s\)](#) . (Driving tests are not given without an appointment.) You may also call 1-800-777-0133 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, to make a driving test appointment.
2. [Provide proof of financial responsibility](#)

After you pass your driving test you will be issued an interim license valid for 90 days until you receive your new photo license in the mail. Check your address before you leave DMV and tell the DMV representative if you have moved or if your address is incorrect. If you have not received your license after 60 days, call 1-800-777-0133 to check on the status. Have your interim license with you to provide information when requested.

If you fail your driving test, you must wait two weeks before you can take the test again. You have three chances to pass.

Note: If driver education and driver training were taken in a state other than California, DMV will accept either a To Secondary Schools Other Than California Schools form DL 33 completed by the out-of state school, or a letter on the out-of state school's stationery signed by a school official stating that the courses are equivalent to California's requirements. Instructional permits issued by another state are not acceptable proof.

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# Preparing for Your Driving Test?

**Get enough practice. Some drivers need more practice than others.**

**Minors must complete 50 hours of behind-the-wheel training (including 10 hours of required night driving) before taking a driving test.**

When you practice, pretend you are taking a driving test.

- Ask your accompanying driver to calmly point out your mistakes.
- Ask questions about a particular driving situation that may have confused you.
- Correct your mistakes.
- The next time you practice, pay particular attention to correct any driving errors you made the time before.

**Practice all the driving maneuvers listed in the [Safe Driver checklist](#) on the DMV website.**

The DMV examiner is there to ensure you have demonstrated you can handle your vehicle in regular traffic situations, not to trick you. During your driving test, the examiner will note how you obey the rules of the road and traffic signs and/or signals. He/she will note other areas in which you may need improvement.

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