



Learner permits, limited-use junior driver license (Limited Class DJ or MJ), and full-use junior driver licenses (Class DJ or MJ) allow limited driving privileges for people learning to drive. The laws and regulations described in this publication restrict and under which circumstances, you may drive. If you are under age 18, these restrictions depend on what you drive in New York State and the time of day. As a learner or junior driver, it is your responsibility to know and obey the restrictions described in this publication.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL DRIVERS WITH LEARNER PERMITS

No matter what age you are, if you hold a learner permit, you may not drive:

- ▶ Unless accompanied by a supervising driver at least age 21 who has a license valid for operating the vehicle you are driving. For example, only a person with a motorcycle license may supervise a motorcycle learner.

- ▶ In a DMV road test area.
- ▶ On any street within a park in New York City, or any bridge or tunnel under the jurisdiction of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority.
- ▶ On the Cross County, Hutchinson River, Saw Mill River, or Taconic State parkways in Westchester County.

SPECIAL RULES FOR JUNIOR DRIVERS

You are a junior driver if you have a junior learner permit or junior driver license. As a junior driver:

- ▶ A Class DJ license allows you to drive passenger cars and trucks with an unladen weight or a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 lbs. or less. A class DJ driver can drive a vehicle that tows another vehicle (for example a trailer) with a GVWR of 3,000 lbs. or less.
- ▶ You may not drive with more than two passengers under the age of 21 unless they are members of your immediate family, or your accompanying driver is your licensed parent, guardian, person "in loco parentis," driver education teacher or driving school instructor.
- ▶ You and each passenger must wear a seat belt: one per person. All children under age 4 must ride in federally-approved child safety seats, or if also over 40 pounds in weight use an appropriate child restraint system such as a booster seat. Children under age 7 must use an appropriate child restraint system. Children more than four feet nine inches tall are allowed to use a seat belt and shoulder harness.
- ▶ The only passenger allowed in the front seat is your accompanying driver.
- ▶ Your junior permit, license, or privileges will be suspended for 60 days if you are convicted of committing a serious traffic violation (generally three points or more) or two other violations while you hold a junior permit or license.
- ▶ Your junior permit, license, or privileges will be revoked for 60 days if you are convicted of a serious violation (generally three points or more) or two other violations within the first six months after you receive your license or privileges back following a suspension or revocation.

REGIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR A JUNIOR PERMIT		
New York City (5 Boroughs)	Long Island (Nassau & Suffolk)	Upstate (All Other Counties)
5 AM - 9 PM	5 AM - 9 PM	5 AM - 9 PM
You must drive only under the immediate supervision of your: 1. Parent 2. Guardian 3. Person "in loco parentis" 4. Driver Education Teacher 5. Driving School Instructor	You must drive only under the immediate supervision of: 1. Your Parent 2. Your Guardian 3. Your Person "in loco parentis" 4. Your Driver Education	You must drive only under the immediate supervision of : A person who is age 21 or older and has a license valid for the vehicle being driven.

<p>The person above must be at least age 21 and have a license valid for the vehicle being driven.</p> <p>Vehicle must have dual controls (dual brakes).</p>	<p>Teacher 5. Your Driving School Instructor 6. Anyone who has been designated in writing by your parent, guardian or person "in loco parentis"</p> <p>The person above must be at least age 21 and have a license valid for the vehicle being driven.</p>	
<p>9 PM - 5 AM</p>	<p>9 PM - 5 AM</p>	<p>9 PM - 5 AM</p>
<p>You must NOT drive.</p>	<p>You must NOT drive.</p>	<p>You must drive only under the immediate supervision of your:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parent 2. Guardian 3. Person " in loco parentis" 4. Driver Education Teacher 5. Driving School Instructor <p>The person above must be at least age 21 and have a license valid for the vehicle being driven.</p>

REGIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR LIMITED JUNIOR LICENSE *		
New York City (5 Boroughs)	Long Island (Nassau & Suffolk) & Westchester, Rockland & Putnam	Upstate (All Other Counties)**
<p>5 AM - 9 PM</p>	<p>5 AM - 9 PM</p>	<p>5 AM - 9 PM</p>
<p>NO Driving Alone</p> <p>You may drive under the immediate supervision of your parent, guardian, person "in loco parentis," driver education teacher or driving school instructor who is at least age 21 and has a license valid for the vehicle being driven.</p>	<p>NO Driving Alone</p> <p>You may drive under the immediate supervision of your parent, guardian, person "in loco parentis," driver education teacher, driving school instructor, or any person designated in writing by your parent, guardian or person "in loco parentis" who is at least age 21 and have a</p>	<p>Your may drive alone for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School course or activity 2. Employment 3. Medical appointment 4. Regularly-scheduled daycare for your child or a child of immediate family member <p>All other driving must be under the immediate supervision of a person who</p>

Vehicle must have dual controls (dual brakes).	license valid for the vehicle being driven.	is at least age 21 and has a license valid for the vehicle being driven.
9 PM - 5 AM	9 PM - 5 AM	9 PM - 5 AM
You must NOT drive alone. You may drive under the immediate supervision of your parent, guardian, or person "in loco parentis," who is at least age 21 and has a license valid for the vehicle being driven. Vehicle must have dual controls (dual brakes).	You must NOT drive alone. You may drive under the immediate supervision of your parent, guardian, or person "in loco parentis," who is at least age 21 and has a license valid for the vehicle being driven.	You may drive alone for: 1. School course 2. Employment 3. Medical appointment All other driving must be under the immediate supervision of your parent, guardian, person "in loco parentis," who is at least age 21 and has a license valid for the vehicle being driven.
*For junior drivers who receive a permit on or after 09/01/03 and who pass a road test within the FIRST six months of valid permit status. ** See " Driving Alone with a Junior License or Limited Junior License. "		

For Junior Drivers With Permits

When you take your road test, you must give the license examiner a completed [Certification of 20 Hours of Supervised Driving \(MV-262\)](#). This form is available from the DMV Internet Office, by request from a DMV Call Center, and at local motor vehicle offices. With this statement, your parent or guardian certifies that you have completed at least 20 hours of practice driving with an appropriate supervising driver (See "[Regional Restrictions For a Junior Permit](#)"). The supervised driving certification is not required if you are age 17 and present a valid [Student Certificate of Completion \(MV-285\)](#) for passing a certified driver education course (See "[Driver Education](#)").

If you pass your road test during your first six months of valid permit status, you will be issued a limited-use junior license (Limited Class DJ or MJ). This limited license is subject to the regional restrictions described in "[Regional Restrictions For a Limited Junior License.](#)" When your learner permit and limited-use license, combined, are valid for six months, the DMV will automatically send you a full-use junior license (Class DJ or MJ) by postal mail.

If you pass your road test after six months of valid permit status, you will be issued a full-use junior license. (See "[Regional Restrictions For a Junior License](#)")

REGIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR A JUNIOR LICENSE *		
New York City (5 Boroughs)	Long Island (Nassau & Suffolk)	Upstate (All Other Counties)
5 AM - 9 PM	5 AM - 9 PM	5 AM - 9 PM

<p>You must NOT drive.</p>	<p>You may drive alone only directly between your home and employment, a work-study program, a course at a college, university, or registered evening high school, a driver education course, or while engaged in farm employment.</p> <p>You may drive when accompanied by your licensed parent, guardian, person "in loco parentis," driver education teacher, or driving school instructor.</p>	<p>You may drive without being accompanied.</p>
<p>9 PM - 5 AM</p>	<p>9 PM - 5 AM</p>	<p>9 PM - 5 AM</p>
<p>You must NOT drive.</p>	<p>You may drive alone only directly between your home and a work-study program, a course at a college, university, or registered evening high school, a driver education course, or while engaged in farm employment.</p>	<p>You may drive alone only when traveling directly between your home and employment or a school course.</p> <p>All other driving must be accompanied by your licensed parent, guardian, or person "in loco parentis."</p>
<p>* See "Driving Alone with a Junior License or Limited Junior License."</p>		

Driving Alone with a Junior License or Limited Junior License

If you hold a Junior License in the counties of Nassau or Suffolk, or a Limited Junior License in the upstate counties (except Westchester, Rockland and Putnam): You may drive alone between home and your employment, including farm work, if you carry the appropriate proof of employment. Your employer should complete a [Certificate of Employment \(MV-58A\)](#), available from the DMV Internet Office, by request from a DMV Call Center, and at local motor vehicle offices.

In the upstate counties only, instead of an employment certificate, you may carry a letter from your employer. The letter must be dated and signed by your employer, and must show the business name, address, and telephone number where you work. It also must list your name, date of birth, license identification number, job description, and days, hours and location of employment. The address and telephone number at which the employer may be contacted must be included for verification by a magistrate or police officer.

When driving alone between your home and a qualifying school course or approved work-

study program, you must carry proof of enrollment. This must be a letter, dated and signed by an appropriate school or program official, on the school or program letterhead, and show the address and telephone number of the official for verification by a magistrate or police officer. The letter also must include the date(s), hour(s) and location(s) of the school course or program activity, your name, date of birth, and license identification number.

In the upstate counties (except Westchester, Rockland and Putnam) if you have a Limited Junior License, you may drive alone between your home and a medical appointment for yourself or a member of your immediate family or household, if you carry a written statement to that effect from a licensed medical practitioner. You may also drive without adult supervision to transport your child, or a child of an immediate family member, to and from regularly-scheduled daycare.

DEFINITIONS FOR THE REGIONAL RESTRICTION CHARTS:

"Daycare" applies to travel to and from a child's daycare if the child's attendance is necessary for a family member to maintain employment and/or attend a school course.

"Guardian" means a person who has, on a regular and extended basis, assumed the character of your parent and is discharging parental duties as the result of the death, disability, or absence of your natural parent.

"In Loco Parentis" means a person who has, on a regular and extended basis, assumed the character of your parent and is discharging parental duties as a result of the death, disability, or absence of your natural parent.

"Medical Appointment" applies to necessary medical treatment for you or a member of your household.

"School Course" means instruction, education or training that is licensed or approved by a state agency or department, or training conducted by the U.S. Armed Forces. The term "school course" does NOT include extracurricular activities, sports or social events for which no scholastic credits are given.

"Employment" means a place of business at which you are paid to work on a regularly scheduled basis. You may NOT drive during work or as part of your work duties, such as for deliveries.

Driver Education

If you are age 17, you are eligible for a senior driver license (Class D or M) if you have a junior driver license or limited junior driver license and have completed a state-approved high school or college driver education course. To convert your junior license to a senior license, bring your junior license and the [Student Certificate of Completion \(MV-285\)](#) that you received from your instructor to any motor vehicle office. You must surrender your certificate and junior license to receive the senior license. If you do not convert your junior license to a

senior license, you are subject to the restrictions for junior drivers until you are age 18, even if you carry the completion certificate with you. You may also give your certificate with your junior permit to the license examiner at your road test. You will automatically receive a senior license when you are eligible.

PROBATION PERIOD FOR ALL OTHER NEW LICENSED DRIVERS

If you are age 18 or older when you pass your road test for a driver license, or obtain a license following revocation, you will be on probation for six months.

If you are convicted of speeding, reckless driving, following too closely, participating in a speed contest, or two other traffic violations while on probation, your license will be suspended for 60 days. If you are found guilty of committing one of the above violations, or two other moving violations during this second probation period, your license will be revoked for at least six months. When the revocation or suspension ends, you will be on probation for another six months.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG VIOLATIONS FOR DRIVERS UNDER 21

If you are under age 21 when arrested, your permit, license, or driving privileges will be revoked for at least one year if you are convicted of any alcohol- or drug-related driving violation, or if there is a judge's finding that you refused to submit to a chemical test (including a test under the state's "Zero Tolerance Law". Even if you complete an approved Drinking Driver Program in fewer days, your revocation will continue until the end of the scheduled period of revocation. A second violation or judge's finding within five years requires revocation for one year or until you turn age 21, whichever is longer. These penalties apply even if you are adjudicated as a youthful offender, or if you were arrested or convicted out of state.

MOTORCYCLISTS AND MOPED OPERATORS

The restrictions in this publication also apply to operating a motorcycle or moped. Your learner permit or limited-use license (Class M or MJ, or Limited Class MJ) does not allow you to carry any passenger except your accompanying supervising driver. In addition, your accompanying driver must have a driver license valid for operating the same class motorcycle or moped you are driving, and must exercise general supervision and control of your driving by remaining within one-quarter mile. It is strongly recommended that your accompanying driver keep you in sight at all times.



VISITING OTHER STATES, AND VISITING NEW YORK STATE

You may drive outside New York State with your learner permit, junior learner permit, or junior license if it is allowed by the laws of the other state. You also must obey that state's junior permit and license restrictions that may apply. Check with the police or motor vehicle authorities in the state you are visiting.

If you hold a learner permit, junior permit, or junior driver license from outside New York State, you must obey the restrictions described in this publication, in addition to those from your home state. Make sure your permit or license is valid for driving outside your home state before driving in New York.

If you are under age 16, you may not drive in New York State even if you hold a permit or license issued outside the state.



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