

Changes to Instruction Permit and Restricted Minor's Permits

Requirements (SB 113)

Effective July 1, 2020

Instruction Permit Requirements

- Drivers between 14 and 18 years of age, issued an Instruction Permit July 1, 2020 or after, are required to drive on the permit for a minimum of 275 days (or 180 days after passing an approved driver's education course) before upgrading to a Restricted Minor's Permit.
- Any minor holding an Instruction Permit issued July 1, 2020 or after, must complete 50 hours of adult supervised driving. The 50 hours must include 10 hours of driving in inclement weather and 10 hours of nighttime driving.

Restricted Minor's Permit Changes

- Anyone under 18 years of age must drive on a Restricted Minor's Permit for a minimum of 6 months before upgrading to an unrestricted driver's license.
- Exceptions for driving on a Restricted Minor's Permit:
 - May drive alone after 10 p.m. if they are taking the most direct route and traveling to or from:
 - School or a school event
 - Regular worship service or meeting
 - Work

*Operating a self-propelled agricultural machine that is not subject to registration under 32-5 is also allowed after 10 p.m.

- Passenger limit while driving *without* adult supervision on a Restricted Minor's Permit:
 - The first 6-month period of driving on a Restricted Permit, no passengers are allowed except immediate family or members of the driver's household.
 - The second 6-month period of driving on a Restricted Permit, teens may have one passenger under 18 who is not immediate family or part of their household.

Permit Suspension Changes

If convicted of a second traffic offense, felony or Class 1 misdemeanor while driving on an Instruction or Restricted Minor's Permit the suspension period has been extended to 180 days or the driver's eighteenth birthday, whichever is shorter.