

Virginia Driver's License Eligibility Requirements

A complete guide to earning your Virginia learner's permit or driver's license, powered by 2020 Driving School.

Before starting your journey towards earning your Virginia learner's permit or driver's license, review the eligibility requirements outlined below. These rules are established by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and apply without exception. [2020 Driving School](#) is a DMV-licensed driving school ready to guide you through every step.

1. First-Time Driver Requirements

To receive a Virginia driver's license, you must satisfy **all** of the criteria below:

Requirement	Details
Virginia Residency	Must be a current resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia
Learner's Permit Age	Must be at least 15 years and 6 months old
Driver's License Age	Must be at least 16 years and 3 months old
Parental Consent (Under 18 Only)	Written consent required from a parent or legal guardian, unless the applicant is married or legally emancipated
Driver Education (Under 18 Only)	Must complete a state-approved 36-period driver education program. View DMV-approved Virginia driver's education courses

2. First-Time Drivers Aged 18 or Older

If you are 18 or older and have **never held a driver's license** issued by Virginia, another U.S. state, a U.S. territory, or a foreign country — or cannot provide proof of a previously held license — you must demonstrate **at least one** of the following:

Option	Requirement	How 2020 Driving School Can Help
A	Passed an approved driver education course	Enroll in DMV-approved online or classroom driver's education in Virginia
B	Held a Virginia learner's permit for at least 60 days before the DMV road skills test	Prepare for the Virginia learner's permit test with expert DMV coaching

3. Required Documents for the Virginia DMV

All first-time drivers — regardless of age — must present documents covering each of the four categories below at their DMV visit.

#	Document Category	Accepted Examples
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1	Proof of Identity	U.S. birth certificate, valid U.S. passport, permanent resident card
2	Proof of Legal Presence	U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport, I-94, Employment Authorization Card
3	Proof of Virginia Residency	Utility bill, bank statement, or lease agreement showing a Virginia address
4	Social Security Number	Social Security card, W-2, or SSA-1099 (required only if you have one)

For the complete list of accepted documents, visit the Virginia DMV at www.dmv.virginia.gov

4. Your Step-by-Step Path to a Virginia Driver's License

2020 Driving School provides every course and lesson a new driver needs—from permit prep through licensed driving. Follow the five steps below in sequence.

1 Learner's Permit Preparation

Professional coaching that prepares you for the two-part written and vision test at the Virginia DMV. Covers traffic laws, road signs, and safe-driving principles.

\$150 | Classroom | Teens & Adults

Learn more: [Virginia Learner's Permit Prep Class — Professional DMV Test Coaching](#)

2 State-Required Driver's Education (36 Periods)

The mandatory 36-period course required by the Virginia DMV for all drivers under 18. Available in classroom and fully online formats on a rolling enrollment schedule.

\$200 Classroom | \$170 Online | Teens & Adults

Learn more: [DMV-Approved Virginia Driver's Education Course — Classroom & Online](#)

3 Free 30-Minute Driving Skills Assessment

A complimentary in-car evaluation by a certified instructor. Identifies your current skill level and provides professional guidance before formal lessons begin.

FREE | 30 Minutes | In-Car

Learn more: [Free Virginia Driving Skills Assessment — In-Car Evaluation by Certified Instructors](#)

4 Private One-on-One Driving Lessons

Personalized in-car sessions targeting the specific skills you need most — reversing, turning, parking, and lane changes. Flexible scheduling available seven days a week.

\$99/hr | 4+ hrs = \$85 each | In-Car

Learn more: [Private Driving Lessons in Virginia — One-on-One In-Car Instruction](#)

5 Behind the Wheel Training (14 Periods)

Complete 7 periods of driving + 7 periods of observation with a DMV-certified instructor. Can be enrolled simultaneously with the Driver's Education course. Minors must hold their permit for at least 9 months before receiving a license.

\$425 | 7Driving+7Observation | In-Car

Learn more: [Behind the Wheel Driving Lessons in Virginia — DMV-Required In-Car Training](#)

5. Course & Resource Directory — 2020 Driving School

All links below use descriptive SEO anchor text and point directly to the relevant pages on 2020drivingschool.com for enrollment, pricing, and course details.

Category	Pages	Description
In-Car	Behind the Wheel Driving Lessons in Virginia	DMV-required 14-period in-car training
In-Car	Private Driving Lessons — One-on-One In-Car Instruction	Personalized skill-building sessions
In-Car	Free 30-Minute Driving Skills Assessment in Virginia	Complimentary pre-lesson evaluation
In-Car	Parent & Teen Observation Driving Lessons Virginia	In-car co-observation for parents
Classroom	Virginia Learner's Permit Prep Class — Expert DMV Coaching	Written permit test preparation
Classroom	DMV-Approved Virginia Driver's Education Course	Mandatory 36-period classroom program
Classroom	New Driver Vehicle Orientation Course Virginia	Vehicle controls & maintenance basics
Online	Online Driver's Education Course Virginia — Teens & Adults	36-period DMV-approved online driver's ed
Online	Online Driver Improvement Course Virginia — DMV Approved	8-hour online improvement clinic
Eligibility	Virginia Driver's License Eligibility Requirements Guide	Full eligibility overview on 2020's site
Pricing	Driving School Course Pricing in Virginia	Transparent pricing for all courses
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions — 2020 Driving School Virginia	Common enrollment & course questions
Contact	Contact 2020 Driving School — Enroll or Request Information	Schedule lessons or ask questions
Area We Serve	Driving Schools Serving All Areas Across Virginia	Coverage map & pickup locations

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