FLORIDA TEEN DRIVER · QUICK REFERENCE

Teen Driver's License — At a Glance

6 hrs	12 mo	50 hrs
Driver Ed (DETS)	Permit hold (or 18)	Practice (10 night)

1 Learner's Permit

Before you drive

- Complete the 6-hr DETS course.
- Pass the Class E knowledge exam.
- Form 71144 needed to test online.
- Gather ID + **two** address proofs.
- Visit a driver license office + vision/hearing test.
- Parent signs the consent form.

Step-parents can't sign unless they legally adopted the teen.

2 Practice Driving

12 months minimum

- Hold the permit 12 months (or turn 18).
- 50 hours total, at least 10 at night.
- Permit driving: daytime only 3 months, then to 10 p.m.
- Supervisor must be 21+, front seat.
- Log every hour on the official form.

No moving-violation convictions during this period.

3 Full License

Must be 16+

- Confirm all eligibility requirements.
- Get the Certification of Minor Driving Experience signed.
- Bring vehicle with registration + insurance.
- Pass the vehicle safety check.
- Pass the Class E driving skills test (English only).

Done! You have your full Florida (Class E) driver license.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED — BRING TO EVERY DRIVER-LICENSE-OFFICE VISIT

- **Proof of identity**
  U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport, or permanent resident card.
- **Proof of Social Security #**
  Social Security card, W-2, or 1099 tax form.
- **Two proofs of FL address**
  Two *different* docs (utility bill, lease/mortgage, bank statement). DL/ID doesn't count.

Full list at flhsmv.gov/WhatToBring.

AGE REQUIREMENTS & NIGHT LIMITS

15+ Can apply for the learner's permit.

16+ Eligible for the full-license test.

18+ 12-month wait & night limits end.

Post-license curfew: 16 → no 11 p.m.–6 a.m. · 17 → no 1 a.m.–5 a.m. (work or 21+ passenger excepted).

⚠ COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- Bringing only one proof of Florida address.
- Forgetting Form 71144 for the online exam.
- Step-parent signing consent without adoption.
- Not logging nighttime hours separately.
- Expired registration or no insurance at the test.
- Testing before the full 12-month hold.

For informational purposes only. Requirements may change — always verify at flhsmv.gov before visiting a driver license office. Last updated September 2026.