


**Illinois**  
**Graduated Driver Licensing Program**  
**and**  
**Adult Driver Education**

Office of the Secretary of State Jesse White  
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**Graduated Driver Licensing System**  
**Effective January 1, 2008**

**Three Phases**

- **Permit Phase:**
  - Drivers Age 15
- **Initial Licensing Phase:**
  - Drivers Ages 16-17
- **Full Licensing Phase:**
  - Drivers Ages 18-20

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**GDL Safety Components**

- Must be enrolled in an approved driver education course.
- 9 month instruction permit phase.
- Requires student drivers to complete a minimum 6 hours of actual on-street driving with a certified driver education instructor.
- Must practice driving a minimum of 50 hours, including 10 at night.
- Nighttime driving restriction for drivers
- 12 month passenger limitation to one under the age of 20.
- Allows for ticketing drivers as well as passengers ages 15-20 who violate the passenger restriction law.
- No cell phone use, including hands free
- Parental Consent/Withdrawal/Record Access
- Parent of driver must appear in court for supervision.

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### GDL Results in Illinois

- **Good:**
  - Teen driving deaths have been reduced 55% between 2008-2014.
- **Bad:**
  - More teens are waiting until they turn age 18 to obtain a driver's license and are getting a license without any type of driver education or traffic safety instruction.

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### Adult Driver Education (Effective July 1, 2014)

- Public Act 98-0167, House Bill 722 (D'Amico-Silverstein)
- Illinois Administrative Code, Title 92, Part 1060.71
- Persons aged 18, 19 and 20, who have never completed a high school driver education program or a commercial school driver education program for teens cannot be issued an Illinois driver's license without completing a 6-hour adult driver education course.
- Full Licensing Phase
  - ✓ Prohibited cell phone use until aged 19
  - ✓ One court supervision
  - ✓ 2 movers within 24-month
- Parental Involvement?

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### Adult Driver Education

- Secretary of State certifies all providers offering the 6-hour course and the course curriculum.
- The course can be provided through a regular classroom setting in an established commercial driving school or can be made available online via a commercial school or an online only provider.
- School must establish a system, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify the student's identity and (in the case of online courses) verify it is the same student taking the 6-hour course (schools may use methods such as fingerprint, voice verification or keystroke analysis.)

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**Adult Driver Education  
Course Curriculum**

- Includes but not limited to:
  - Illinois traffic laws
  - Highway signs
  - Issues commonly associated with motor vehicle accidents, including poor decision making, risk taking, distractions, speed, failure to use a safety belt, driving at night, failure to yield the right-of-way, responding to emergency vehicles, texting while driving and using wireless communication devices
  - Turning, passing and yielding to other vehicles.
  - Sharing the road with pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, trucks and recreational vehicles.
  - Road hazards, including visibility, weather conditions and traction.
  - Differences in urban and rural driving, including driving on highways and Interstate driving.
  - For a complete list of all topics, visit the Illinois Administrative Code, Title 92, Part 1066.45

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**Adult Driver Education  
Enrollment**

- **Enrollment and Class Instruction**
  - Upon enrollment, the commercial or online program must create and maintain records regarding the student's enrollment and progress.
  - School must verify the identity of the student and continuously verify identity through course completion.

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**Adult Driver Education  
Completion and Notification**

- Student must be tested by the school on the materials contained in the 6-hour course and student must pass the test.
- Upon successful completion of course, the commercial or online school must notify the Secretary of State's office electronically.
- Student can then visit an SOS facility, present required identification documents, pass vision/written/road test and obtain driver's license.

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