

Arizona Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

30 Scored questions	— Time limit	80% or higher (24 of 30) Passing score
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The numbers to remember

- 30 multiple-choice questions make up the full written test — no essays, no short answer.
- 80% or higher is the passing score you need on those 30 questions.
- Questions are pulled from the official state driver manual — no outside trivia, no surprise categories.
- Score consistently well above the 80% line on practice attempts before test day; one lucky pass on a practice set isn't the same as being ready. Consistency across several run-throughs is the better signal.
- The format is fixed between attempts — the same 30-question, 80%-pass structure — so a practice test built to match it is a fair rehearsal for the real one.

Sign shapes at a glance

- Red octagon = stop (the only shape reserved for this meaning).
- Red-and-white downward triangle = yield to other traffic or pedestrians.
- Yellow or orange diamond = warning about upcoming conditions like curves or narrow lanes.
- Pentagon = school zone ahead.
- White rectangle, black text = regulatory rule (speed limits, turn restrictions, one-way).
- Green rectangle = guide sign (distances, exits, destinations).
- Orange = construction or active work zone.
- Shape and color usually answer the question before you even read the text on the sign.

Right-of-way in one breath

- Uncontrolled intersection or 4-way stop: first vehicle to arrive goes first; on a tie, the driver on the left yields to the driver on the right.
- Pedestrians in a crosswalk — marked or unmarked — have the right-of-way over turning or through traffic.
- Vehicles already inside a roundabout have the right-of-way over vehicles trying to enter it.
- Emergency vehicles with lights and sirens active always get the right-of-way — pull to the right and stop if needed.

Top traps

- Treating the posted speed limit as safe in rain, fog, or on ice — it's a maximum for ideal conditions, not a target to hit regardless of conditions.
- Assuming a following distance that's fine on a dry day is still fine in bad weather — increase spacing when traction or visibility drops.
- Picking the "convenient" answer on a safety scenario instead of the cautious one — when unsure, slow down or pull over is usually the intended correct choice.
- Forgetting that alcohol, drugs, and serious fatigue are all treated the same way on the exam: disqualifying from driving.
- Missing that the exam gives almost no room for error — 30 questions at an 80% pass bar leaves very few misses to spare, so treat every practice miss as something to actually understand, not just move past.

Official sources

- Arizona Department of Transportation MVD — Arizona MVD - Teen Driver Permit and License Requirements:
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- Arizona Department of Transportation MVD — Arizona MVD - Permit Test:
<https://azdot.gov/mvd/services/driver-license-ID/permit-test>
- Arizona Department of Transportation MVD — Arizona MVD - Driver License Fees:
<https://azdot.gov/mvd/services/driver-services/driver-license-information/fees-driver-license>

Free practice questions for this exam: www.everyexamprep.com/practice/exams/driving/arizona-road-signs