

Delaware Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

— Scored questions	— Time limit	— Passing score
\$0 Exam fee	Delaware Division of Mot... Governing body	— Pass rate

The numbers to remember

- Minimum age to apply for a learner's permit: 16 (must be under 18).
- Learner's permit validity: 12 months.
- Required supervised driving: 50 hours total, 10 of them at night.
- Supervising licensed driver must be at least 21 years old.
- Class D license application fee: \$40.00 (paid with your eye screening).
- New license validity: 8 years.
- Failed the knowledge test? Wait at least 10 days before retesting.
- Passed the knowledge test? You're eligible for the road exam after 10 days.
- Don't pass the road exam within 12 months of your permit? You reapply for the permit and retest from scratch.
- Moving to Delaware? You must get a Delaware license within 60 days of establishing residency.
- Motorcycle permits are valid 6 months, extendable once for \$5.00.

Sign shapes at a glance

- Octagon, red = stop. No other sign uses this shape.
- Downward triangle = yield.
- Yellow diamond = general warning ahead.
- White rectangle, black text = regulatory (the law).
- Yellow pentagon = school zone/crossing.
- Circle = railroad crossing.
- Orange = temporary work zone.
- Green rectangle = guide/direction sign.

Right-of-way in one breath

Right-of-way is given, never taken. First to stop goes first; left yields to right when arriving together; through-traffic beats traffic entering from a side street; pedestrians in a crosswalk beat turning cars; a merging vehicle yields to the lane it's entering; circulating roundabout traffic beats vehicles trying to enter. When a question feels ambiguous, pick the option where someone yields.

Top traps

- Reading a sign's text before noticing its shape — shape alone answers most identification questions faster.
- Assuming the posted speed limit is always safe — rain, fog, and work zones lower the safe speed below the posted number.
- Forgetting that permit holders often face stricter, zero-tolerance rules on alcohol than fully licensed adult drivers.
- Treating your permit's 12-month clock and the road exam's 10-day eligibility window as the same thing — they're not, and missing either one resets your progress.

- Confusing regulatory signs (the law) with warning signs (a heads-up) — regulatory violations carry legal consequences, warnings don't.
- Skipping straight to the manual instead of taking a timed practice run first — you'll spend review time evenly instead of where you're actually weak.
- Underestimating supervised hours — 50 hours sounds like a lot until you realize 10 of them specifically have to happen at night, which most new drivers put off until the last week.

Official sources

- Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) — Delaware Driver's Manual (Rev. July 2025) - Division of Motor Vehicles: https://dmv.de.gov/forms/driver_serv_forms/pdfs/dr_frm_manual.pdf
- Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) — Drivers License/Identification Cards - Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles: https://dmv.de.gov/DriverServices/drivers_license/index.shtml?dc=dr_lic_apply
- Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) — Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles - Home: <https://dmv.de.gov>

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