

Idaho Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

40 Scored questions	— Time limit	85% (34 of 40 correct; up... Passing score
\$0 Exam fee	Idaho Transportation De... Governing body	— Pass rate

The numbers to remember

- 40 questions on the knowledge test; you can miss up to 6 and still pass (85%, or 34/40 correct).
- Test fee: \$5.00. Fail and you wait 3 days to retest, and pay the \$5.00 fee again.
- Instruction permit fee: \$20.00; driver training/supervised instruction permit fee: \$21.50.
- Driver training/supervised instruction permits available from 14½ years old; full license eligibility starts at 15.
- Test offered in English plus multiple languages (Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, French, Russian, Vietnamese, ASL, and more).

Sign shapes at a glance

- Red octagon = stop, no exceptions.
- Red/white downward triangle = yield.
- Yellow diamond = general warning ahead.
- Pentagon = school zone/crossing.
- Round shape = railroad crossing.
- White rectangle, black text = regulatory rule (e.g., speed limit).
- Orange rectangle = construction/work zone.
- Green/blue rectangle = directional/informational guide sign.

Idaho's own test groups signs into regulatory, warning, work zone, and guide categories — know the category, not just the picture.

Right-of-way in one breath

- First to arrive at an uncontrolled intersection goes first; tie goes to the driver on the right.
- Left turns yield to oncoming traffic unless you have a dedicated arrow.
- Pedestrians in a crosswalk always have the right-of-way over turning cars.
- Emergency vehicles with lights/sirens on: pull right, stop, let them pass.
- Vehicles already in a roundabout have priority over vehicles entering.
- Merging traffic yields to traffic already in the lane.

Top traps

- Assuming a green light beats a pedestrian in the crosswalk — it doesn't.
- Treating the posted speed limit as safe in rain, snow, ice, or fog — reduce speed below it.
- Mixing up yield (triangle) and warning (diamond) shapes — yield is about right-of-way, diamonds are general hazard warnings.
- Forgetting that fatigue counts as impairment — drowsy driving slows reaction time like alcohol can.
- Not budgeting your error margin — 6 missed questions out of 40 disappears fast if you're shaky on sign shapes alone.

- Assuming a failed real test is a quick redo — it's a mandatory 3-day wait plus another \$5.00 fee, so treat every practice run seriously.
- Overlooking that a four-way stop uses the same first-to-arrive, yield-to-the-right logic as an uncontrolled intersection once everyone has stopped.

Official sources

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