

Mississippi Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

20 Scored questions	— Time limit	— Passing score
\$0 Exam fee	Mississippi Department ... Governing body	— Pass rate

The numbers to remember

- Real exam: 20 computerized multiple-choice questions, no published passing score.
- Testing hours: weekdays 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; statewide, testing stops at 4 p.m.
- Fail once: retest the next business day. Fail three times: wait 30 days.
- Learner's permit fee: \$7.00. Regular 4-year license fee: \$24.00.
- Regular permit minimum age: 15. Temporary (school) permit: 14.
- Permit valid for 2 years; must hold it at least 12 months before upgrading to a license.
- Supervising driver must be 21+ and seated next to you; aim for 50 hours supervised practice.

Sign shapes at a glance

- Octagon -> STOP (only shape used for it).
- Triangle (equilateral) -> YIELD (only shape used for it).
- Diamond -> warning ahead (curve, hazard, intersection).
- Pentagon -> school zone/crossing.
- Round -> railroad crossing advance warning.
- Rectangle -> regulatory (speed limit) or guide sign.
- Pennant -> no-passing zone.

Colors: red = stop/prohibited, yellow = caution, orange = construction, green = guide/direction, blue = services, brown = recreation, white/black = regulatory rule.

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 and pedestrians, even on green.
- Pedestrians in a crosswalk beat turning/through traffic.
- Emergency vehicles with lights/sirens beat everyone — pull right, stop.
- In a roundabout, traffic already circulating beats traffic entering.

Top traps

- Don't just memorize color — a sign's shape is tested independently of its color.
- Posted speed limits are a ceiling for ideal conditions, not a safe speed in rain, fog, or on ice — slow down below the limit when conditions demand it.
- Green light does not cancel your duty to yield when turning left.
- Fatigue is tested like impairment: slowed reactions and microsleeps count against you just like alcohol or drugs.
- Zero-tolerance rules commonly apply to drivers under 21, even for a small amount of alcohol.
- Since a third fail costs you 30 days, don't wing the real exam hoping to "see what's on it" — you only get one cheap

retake (next business day) before the wait kicks in.

- Testing statewide cuts off at 4 p.m. — arriving late can cost you the whole day, not just a few minutes.

Official sources

- Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Driver Service Bureau — State of Mississippi Driver's Manual (MDPS): https://www.driverservicebureau.dps.ms.gov/sites/default/files/2023-07/MDPS%20Driver's%20Manual_23_0.pdf
- Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Driver Service Bureau — Regular Learner's Permit | DPS Driver Service Bureau: https://www.driverservicebureau.dps.ms.gov/Drivers/Learners_Permit
- Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Driver Service Bureau — DPS Driver Service Bureau — homepage: <https://www.driverservicebureau.dps.ms.gov/>

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