

New Hampshire Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

— Scored questions	— Time limit	80% Passing score
\$0 Exam fee	New Hampshire Division ... Governing body	— Pass rate

The numbers to remember

- Passing score: 80% on every knowledge exam.
- Test format: computer-based, automated touch screen, fully randomized — retakes see a different set of questions.
- Vision screening: read the 20/40 line with both eyes to pass.
- Vision and knowledge tests must be passed before you can schedule a road test.
- Failed the knowledge test? Wait 10 calendar days before retesting.
- Road test runs about 15-20 minutes.
- Failed road test: wait 10 days. Missed or late-cancelled road test: wait 30 days.
- NH issues no separate learner's permit — learning drivers practice under supervision instead.
- Minimum age to start learning to drive: 15½. Supervising licensed adult must be 25 or older.
- Driver education is required for anyone under 18.
- License fees: Operator \$50, REAL ID Operator \$60, duplicate license or non-driver ID \$10 each.
- Tests offered in 8 languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Mandarin, Portuguese, Farsi, and ASL.

Sign shapes at a glance

- Octagon, red — Stop.
- Downward triangle, red/white — Yield.
- Round, yellow — Railroad crossing.
- Diamond, yellow — General warning.
- Rectangle, white — Regulatory rule (speed, turns, parking).
- Green — Guide/directional.
- Orange — Construction zone.
- Blue — Services.
- Pentagon — School zone.

Right-of-way in one breath

First to arrive at a stop goes first; if tied, yield right. Left turns yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. Yield to traffic already circulating in a roundabout. Pedestrians in a crosswalk always have the right-of-way once they step off the curb. Pull right and stop for emergency vehicles running lights and sirens.

Top traps

- Treating the speed limit as a target instead of a ceiling — slow down further for rain, ice, fog, or curves.
- Assuming high beams help in fog — they reflect back and hurt visibility; use low beams.
- Forgetting the retest wait: 10 days after a failed knowledge or road test, 30 days after a missed road test appointment.
- Confusing "buzzed" with "fine to drive" — any impairment, even mild, counts as impaired driving.
- Not knowing that NH has no learner's permit document, only supervised-driving conditions.

- Assuming the exam has a fixed length or question order — it's randomized, so recognition of concepts beats memorized sequences.

Official sources

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