

PA Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

18 Scored questions	— Time limit	15 of 18 correct (approx. ...) Passing score
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Sign Shapes — One Shape, One Meaning

- Octagon = STOP. Red with white letters. Used for nothing else.
- Downward triangle (red/white) = YIELD. Slow, give way, stop if traffic demands.
- Yellow diamond + black symbol = warning about a condition ahead.
- Pentagon (five sides) = school zone or school crossing.
- Round yellow = advance warning of a railroad crossing.

Sign Colors

- Orange = construction / work zone. Slow down, add space, obey flaggers.
- Blue = motorist services: gas, food, lodging, hospital.
- Brown = recreational and cultural sites: parks, historic areas.

Signals

- Flashing red = stop sign in lights. Full stop, go when clear.
- Steady yellow = red is coming. Stop if you can do so safely.
- Flashing yellow = slow down, proceed with caution.

Pavement Markings

- Yellow lines separate OPPOSITE directions; white lines separate SAME direction.
- Solid yellow on your side = no passing for you.
- Broken yellow on your side = pass only when the oncoming lane is clear far ahead.
- Solid white stop line = halt before the line, crosswalk stays clear.

Right-of-Way

- Four-way stop: first to arrive goes first; simultaneous arrivals yield to the right.
- Left turn on plain green: yield to all oncoming traffic.
- School bus, red lights + stop arm: BOTH directions stop — exception only for a divided highway.
- Emergency vehicle, lights and siren: pull right, stop, wait.
- Leaving a driveway: yield to sidewalk pedestrians, then all road traffic.
- Roundabouts: yield to traffic already circulating.

Speed & Conditions

- Following distance: 4 seconds minimum in good weather — more in rain, snow, ice.
- Posted limits assume good conditions. Ice at the posted limit is still too fast.
- Night: drive within the reach of your headlights. Fog: low beams only.

- Hydroplaning: off the gas, steady wheel, no hard braking.
- Skid: steer where you want to go; stay off the brakes until grip returns.
- Bridges freeze before roads.

Alcohol & Drugs

- Adult per se limit: 0.08 BAC. Commercial drivers: 0.04.
- Implied consent: driving = consent to chemical testing; refusal = automatic suspension.
- Only time sobers you. Coffee and showers do not lower BAC.
- Judgment fails first. Drowsy meds count. Alcohol + drugs multiplies impairment.

Pennsylvania GDL Numbers to Memorize

- Permit at 16; application no earlier than 6 months before your 16th birthday.
- Under 18: consent form DL-180TD signed by parent/guardian/spouse 18+.
- Permit valid 1 year after passing the knowledge test.
- 6-month skill-building period before the junior-license road test.
- 65 supervised hours — at least 10 at night, 5 in bad weather.
- No driving 11 p.m.–5 a.m. (documented work/volunteer exceptions).
- Passengers under 18: max 1 non-family first 6 months, then 3, unless a parent rides along.
- 6+ points or one 26+ mph-over conviction = 90-day suspension.
- Under 18 all belted; under 8 in child restraints — a primary offense.
- Junior -> senior early: 1 year held, clean record, approved driver training.

Official sources

- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) — What You Need To Know About Pennsylvania's Young Driver Law (Fact Sheet):
<https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/pennidot/documents/public/dvspubsforms/bdl/bdl-fact-sheets/fs-wy.pdf>
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) — Get a Learner's Permit:
<https://www.pa.gov/services/dmv/get-a-learners-permit>
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) — Move from a Junior to a Senior License:
<https://www.pa.gov/services/dmv/move-from-a-junior-to-a-senior-license>

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