

West Virginia Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

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

The Numbers to Remember

- Knowledge test fee: \$7.50 per attempt.
- Minimum age for a Level 1 instruction permit: 15; regular adult instruction permit: 18.
- Instruction permit validity: 6 months.
- Failed the test? Wait 1 week before retesting.
- Road skills test: 3 attempts maximum.
- Vision requirement: at least 20/40 in one eye.
- No phones, PDAs, or Bluetooth devices allowed in the exam room — only the applicant may enter.
- Tests are given in person at DMV designated locations; WV does not publish an official question count or pass percentage.

Sign Shapes at a Glance

- Octagon, red — Stop (the only sign with this shape).
- Downward triangle, red/white — Yield.
- Diamond, yellow — General warning; diamond, orange — construction/maintenance zone.
- Circle, yellow — Railroad crossing ahead.
- Pennant, yellow — No passing zone.
- Rectangle — Regulatory (speed, one-way) or guide info, depending on color.
- Green — direction/guide. Blue — services. Brown — recreation.

Right-of-Way in One Breath

- Uncontrolled intersection: yield to whoever is already in it; if tied, yield to the right.
- Four-way stop: first to stop goes first; if tied, right-hand car goes first.
- Left turns: yield to all oncoming traffic and pedestrians first.
- Roundabouts: yield to traffic already circulating.
- Emergency vehicle with lights/siren: pull right and stop.
- School bus, flashing red + stop arm: stop both directions unless a physical median separates lanes.
- Railroad crossing: the train always has the right-of-way.

Top Traps

- The posted speed limit is a ceiling, not a target — rain, fog, ice, or curves usually mean the safe answer is slower than the sign.
- Fog calls for low beams, never high beams — high beams reflect back and cut your visibility further.
- "A little impairment is fine" is never the credited answer — alcohol, drowsiness, and distraction are all treated as equivalent to full impairment on this exam.
- An orange diamond is a construction warning, not a regular hazard warning — don't confuse it with the plain yellow

diamond.

- Don't assume the exam is timed like an online quiz — it's given in person by a DMV examiner, with no phone allowed in the room, so build focus habits during practice, not just knowledge.
- Following distance shrinks in your head faster than it does in reality — use the three-second-count method and stretch it further in rain or on gravel.
- A yellow advisory plate under a curve sign gives the safe speed for that curve specifically, separate from the road's general posted limit — questions love to test whether you know the difference.

Official sources

- West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (WV DMV) — West Virginia Driver's Licensing Handbook (WV DMV):
https://webapps.transportation.wv.gov/TWS/WVDOTDocumentStorageMigration/PDF/Transportation/DMV/DMVFormSearch/Drivers_Licensing_Handbook_web.pdf
- West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (WV DMV) — Graduated Driver's Licensing (GDL) — West Virginia DMV:
<https://dmv.wv.gov/graduated-drivers-licensing-gdl>
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<https://dmv.wv.gov/>

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