

Indiana Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

—	—	80% or higher correct on...
Questions	Time limit	Passing score
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Exam fee	Governing body	

The Numbers to Remember

- You need 80% or higher correct on each component — the signs section and the traffic-rules/maneuvers section are scored separately, so one strong score cannot cover for a weak one.
- The exam is split into these two components: traffic signs and traffic maneuvers/rules, each with its own pass/fail line.
- The BMV doesn't publish one combined question total for the standard exam — the two components are tracked and scored on their own, so think of this as two mini-tests, not one long one.
- Treat 80% as your practice-test floor, not your ceiling — aim to clear it with margin before test day, since real-test nerves tend to cost a few points.

Sign Shapes at a Glance

- Octagon, red — STOP
- Downward triangle, red/white — YIELD
- Diamond, yellow — general warning (curves, crossings, merges)
- Pentagon — school zone/crossing
- Circle — railroad crossing
- White rectangle, black text — regulatory (speed limits, turn rules)
- Orange rectangle/diamond — construction/work zone
- Green — guide/direction
- Blue — services (food, fuel, hospital)
- Brown — recreation/historic sites

Right-of-Way in One Breath

- No signs at intersection: yield to whoever is already there or arriving from your right.
- Four-way stop: first to stop goes first; tie goes to the driver on the right.
- Left turns: yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- T-intersection: through road beats terminating road.
- Always yield to pedestrians, cyclists in a bike lane, and emergency vehicles running lights/sirens — pull right and stop for the latter.
- Merging traffic yields to traffic already established in the lane it's merging into.

Top Traps

- Assuming the speed limit is always safe — it's a maximum for ideal conditions, not a target in rain, fog, or snow.
- Confusing sign shape families — yellow diamonds warn, white rectangles regulate; don't mix the two categories under pressure.
- Forgetting that impairment includes fatigue and legal medication, not just alcohol.
- Passing one component comfortably and assuming that carries the other — it doesn't; each needs its own 80%.

- Skipping a wrong-answer review during practice — repeating the same missed sign type is the most common way to fall short of 80% on test day.
- Rushing sign-recognition questions — read the shape and color before the text, since that combination is the fastest way to the right category.

Official sources

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Free practice questions for this exam: www.everyexamprep.com/exams/indiana-road-signs/practice-test