

# Montana Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

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| <p>Questions</p> <p><b>\$0</b></p> <p>Exam fee</p> | <p>Time limit</p> <p><b>Montana Motor Vehicle D...</b></p> <p>Governing body</p> | <p>Passing score</p> |
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## The Numbers to Remember

- Montana MVD does not publish a total question count or passing score — the written and vision tests are given in person at an exam station.
- Learner permit: as early as 14.5 years with a state-approved traffic education program, or 16 years without one.
- Permit must be held at least 6 months before a first-year restricted license.
- Supervised driving: 50 hours total, including 10 hours at night.
- Restricted-license curfew: no driving 11:00 p.m.–5:00 a.m. for drivers under 18.
- GDL has three steps: instruction permit -> first-year restricted license -> full-privilege license.
- First-offense impaired driving: 20–60 hours of community service.

## Sign Shapes at a Glance

- Octagon = Stop (unique shape, always).
- Downward triangle = Yield.
- Pentagon = School zone/crossing.
- Round = Railroad crossing.
- Yellow diamond = General warning; orange diamond = work zone.
- White rectangle = Regulatory (speed, parking, lanes).
- Green rectangle = Guide/direction.
- Colors: red = stop/prohibit, yellow = caution, orange = construction, blue = services, brown = recreation.

## Right-of-Way in One Breath

- Uncontrolled intersection, simultaneous arrival: yield to the driver on your right.
- Left turns yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians, even on green.
- Roundabouts: yield to traffic already circulating.
- Pedestrians in a crosswalk always have the right-of-way once crossing has started.
- Stop for school buses with flashing red lights and an extended arm, both directions, unless divided by a median.
- Pull right and stop for any emergency vehicle running lights/siren.

## Top Traps

- Posted speed limits are a ceiling for ideal conditions — reduce speed further in rain, snow, fog, or heavy traffic; don't assume the limit is always safe.
- Black ice hides on bridges and shaded roads even when the surface looks clear and dry.
- Fatigue impairs driving similarly to alcohol — don't treat drowsiness as a minor issue on scenario questions.
- Distraction (phone, eating, adjusting controls) counts as an impairment category on modern knowledge tests.
- Implied consent means driving already commits you to chemical testing if lawfully arrested for suspected impairment.
- Because Montana doesn't publish an exact passing score, treat every missed practice question as a gap worth closing

rather than banking on a known margin.

### Official sources

- Montana Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) — Montana Driver Manual (MVD, 2026 English edition):  
<https://mvdmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/25-0100M-Montana-Driver-Manual-English-05.26.pdf>
- Montana Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) — Licensing Fees - MT Motor Vehicle Division: <https://mvdmt.gov/licensing-fees/>
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<https://mvdmt.gov/>

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