

Ohio Road Signs Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

40 Questions	— Time limit	75% (at least 30 of 40) Passing score
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Sign shapes — one message each

- Octagon: stop. Red with white letters, no exceptions.
- Downward triangle, red and white: yield.
- Yellow diamond, black symbols: warning — curve, merge, crossing ahead.
- Pentagon: school area, expect children.
- Round: advance warning for a railroad crossing.

Sign colors

- Orange: construction or maintenance work zone.
- Blue: motorist services — fuel, food, lodging.
- Brown: recreational and cultural areas — state parks, historic sites.

Pavement markings

- Yellow lines: opposing traffic on the other side.
- White lines: same-direction lanes.
- Solid yellow on your side: no passing from your direction.
- Dashed yellow on your side: pass only when the oncoming lane is clear well ahead.

Signals

- Steady yellow: red is coming — stop if you safely can.
- Flashing red: full stop, then go when clear, exactly like a stop sign.
- Dark signal: treat every approach as a stop sign.

Right-of-way

- All-way stop: first to stop goes first; simultaneous stop — yield to the right.
- Left turns always yield to oncoming traffic, mid-block included.
- Leaving a driveway or alley: yield to sidewalk and street traffic alike.
- Pedestrian in a crosswalk on your half of the road: slow or stop.

School bus — the automatic-fail topic

- Flashing reds plus stop arm — fewer than 4 lanes: both directions stop.
- 4+ lanes: only traffic moving the bus's direction stops; the far side proceeds with caution.
- Stay stopped until the reds quit and the arm folds in.

Speed and spacing

- Posted limit = maximum for good conditions, never a guarantee.
- Follow at 3 seconds minimum — count off a fixed marker after the car ahead passes it — and stretch the interval in rain, snow, ice, or fog.
- Fog and darkness: drive so you can stop within what you can see.
- Bridges and overpasses freeze first.
- Work zones: slow down, follow the flagger, leave extra room.
- Hydroplaning: off the gas, wheel straight, no hard braking.

OVI numbers

- Adult per se: 0.08 whole-blood alcohol concentration.
- Under 21: 0.02 zero-tolerance line.
- Commercial drivers: 0.04.
- Implied consent: refusing the chemical test = automatic suspension.
- Only time sobers you up — not coffee, showers, or exercise.

TIPIC snapshot

- Knowledge test: 40 questions, 75 percent (30 correct) passes; eligible at 15 years, 6 months.
- Under 18: 50 supervised hours with 10 at night, plus a 6-month permit hold.
- Probationary year one: no driving midnight to 6 a.m. without a qualifying adult or documented work, school, or religious travel; one non-family passenger cap.

Fees at a glance

- Operator temporary permit packet: \$26.50, deputy registrar fee included.
- First operator license at 21 or older: \$27.50 for four years, \$54.00 for eight.
- Other ages and document types: check the current BMV fee schedule.

Official sources

- Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) — Ohio BMV — Temporary Permit / Probationary Driver Licensing – Under Age 18 (Graduated Driver Licensing / First Issuance): <https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/dl-gdl.aspx>
- Ohio Legislative Service Commission (Ohio Revised Code) — Section 4511.19 - Ohio Revised Code | Ohio Laws (Operating a vehicle under the influence): <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-4511.19>
- Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) — Ohio BMV — Driver License & Identification Card Related Fees: <https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/doc-fees.aspx>

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