

INSTRUCTION PERMIT

How do I get a Motorcycle Instruction Permit?

- Between 14 and 18 years of age.
- Not have had any traffic convictions within the last six months.
- Your parent or guardian must sign giving consent, either in person at a driver exam station or by completing a Parental Consent Form (notarized).
- Make an appointment at <https://dps.sd.gov> or by calling 605-773-6883.
- Pass the knowledge and vision tests. The knowledge test will be waived if you present a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course card. The course card will waive testing for a period of one year.
- Provide two pieces of mail proving your residential address. The mail can be in your name or your parent's name.
- Visit a driver exam station. All exam stations are by appointment only. You may make an appointment by visiting: <https://dps.sd.gov>.
- Pay a fee of \$38.00.

What *can* I do with this permit?

- Drive under adult supervision. The adult must be a parent/guardian or other adult with a valid driver's license and at least one year of driving experience. The adult driving another motorcycle along with you.
- A motorcycle instruction permit entitles the holder to drive from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

What *can't* I do with this permit?

- Drive without a licensed adult seated beside you in the vehicle.
- Use any type of wireless communication device while driving.
- Carry any passengers

RESTRICTED MINOR'S PERMIT

How do I move to a Restricted Minor's permit?

- Be between 14 to 18 years old.
- Not have had any traffic convictions within the last six months.
- Your parent or guardian must sign giving consent, either in person at a driver exam station or by completing a Parental Consent Form (notarized).
- Make an appointment at <https://dps.sd.gov> or by calling 605-773-6883 for a drive test
- Bring your Instruction Permit, driver's ed certificate (if applicable) and two pieces of mail proving your residential address. The mail can be in your name or your parent's name.
- Pay a fee of \$38.00.

Note: A motorcycle Restricted Permit allows the holder to drive a motorcycle alone from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., with parent/guardian permission.

Passenger Limit While Driving Without Adult Supervision on Restricted Permit

- First 6 months on the Restricted Permit, no passengers allowed except for immediate family or members of household.
- Second 6 months and beyond may have one passenger under 18 who is not immediate family or part of the immediate household.

UNRESTRICTED LICENSE

How do I move to a full, unrestricted driver's license?

- Be at least 16 years old.
- Meet all the conditions of an Instruction Permit.

- Drive on a Restricted Minor's permit for a minimum of 6 months.
- Not have any traffic convictions within the last six months.
- Your parent or guardian must sign giving consent, either in person at a driver exam station or by completing a Parental Consent Form (notarized).
- Bring your Restricted Minor's Permit and two pieces of mail proving your residential address to the exam station. The mail can be in your name or your parent's name.
- Pay a fee of \$38.00.

PENALTIES

What if I get a ticket?

- Your Instruction Permit, Restricted Minor's Permit, or Operator's License will be suspended for 30 days if you are under 16 years old and are convicted of a traffic violation or of violating the restrictions of your permit (such as for driving alone on an instruction permit or driving outside the hours allowed) while driving on a permit.
- If you are convicted of a second violation your permit or license will be suspended for 180 days or until your 16th birthday, whichever is longer.
- If you are convicted of a felony or Class 1 misdemeanor while driving on a permit your permit or license will be suspended for 180 days or until your 16th birthday, whichever is longer.
- Anyone under the age of 18 that receives a violation and DOES NOT have a Driver License and/or the privilege to drive will receive a like suspension as listed above.

How can I get my permit or license back?

If you have a traffic violation conviction, or conviction for violating the conditions of your permit, when the suspension period is over you may apply at your local driver exam station for a duplicate license. If the offense is a felony or Class 1 misdemeanor a \$50 reinstatement fee is required to reapply.

FAQ's

Can I use my hospital birth certificate?

No, you must bring a certified birth certificate issued by the state or county where you were born or alternate document. See <https://dps.sd.gov> for more information.

Can my parent/guardian cancel my permit or license? Yes, the parent/guardian who signed for you to get a permit or license may request to have it cancelled if you are under 18 years of age.

What is the difference between a moped and a motorcycle? A moped has an engine no larger than 50 cc's and doesn't require clutching or shifting. A moped may be driven if you have a Restricted Permit or full driver's license.

A motorcycle has an engine of 51 cc's or more and requires a motorcycle permit or license to drive it. If driving on a motorcycle Instruction Permit you must be accompanied by a licensed motorcycle operator on a separate motorcycle who is at least 18 years of age and has one year of driving experience.

No motorcycle Instruction Permit holder may carry a passenger.

Does South Dakota have a helmet law?

Yes, all motorcycle and moped operators and passengers younger than 18, are required to wear helmets.

Distracted Driving

- 58% of teens involved in [traffic crashes are distracted](#). The most popular distractions include texting and driving, passengers and any phone activity.
- We're all at risk for distracted driving crashes. Consider these tips for safe driving:
 - If you must send or receive a text, pull over to a safe location and park your car first.
 - If you have passengers, appoint a "designated texter" to handle all your texting.
 - If you *can't* resist the temptation to look at it, keep your phone in the trunk.

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