

# **RIDGEFIELD PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **Traffic Bureau**

### **PROVISIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE**

N.J.S.A. 39:3-13.4

The Ridgefield Park Police Department is reminding all holders of a New Jersey Provisional Driver's License under the age of 21 that they shall only operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 5:00 am and midnight. The operating hours may be waived for an emergency which in the judgment of local police, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to substantially endanger the health, safety, welfare and property of a person. The hours of operation may also be waived for employment and religious activity. When operating a passenger vehicle under the religious / employment conditions the driver must have written verification as prescribed by the Director of Motor Vehicles. The holder of the provisional license shall ensure that all occupants of the vehicle are secured in seat belt or child restraint system.

The holder of a provisional license is permitted to operate a passenger vehicle with only one additional passenger in the vehicle. The passenger restriction does not apply if the passengers in the vehicle reside with the holder of the Provisional License or if one passenger is at least 21 years of age.

The holder of a Provisional License cannot use any interactive wireless communication device (cell phone) except in an emergency, while operating a moving motor vehicle on a public road or highway.

It is the responsibility of the Provisional License holder, after one year of driving with no violations on your driving record, to respond to a MVC office and obtain their Basic License. MVC will not notify you, if you do not obtain your basic license all above provisional license restrictions will apply until you are age 21. The fine for violating the provisional license restrictions is \$100.00 as per N.J.S. 39:3-13.8.

Any questions regarding the graduated/provisional license laws should be directed to Sgt. Phil McEntee - Traffic Bureau - Ridgefield Park Police Department. 201-641-4950 Ext. 156 .

## **NEW JERSEY'S GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE PROGRAM**

### **What is it?**

New Jersey's Graduated Driver License (GDL) is a program teen and first-time drivers must complete to get their unrestricted basic driver's license. The Graduated Driver License Law came into effect January 1, 2001.

### **Why have it?**

The program is designed to reduce the number of driving fatalities among teen and first-time drivers and their passengers. By having more experience, new drivers will be more capable of handling all types of driving situations.

### **How does it work?**

Depending on your age, choose the route to get an unrestricted basic driver's license.

## ***THREE STEP ROUTE***

### **1. SPECIAL LEARNERS PERMIT (STUDENT PERMIT)**

Eligible Age: 16 Fee \$10

Requirements:

- \* Pass vision and written tests
- \* Complete behind the wheel training through an approved program to receive a valid permit for a minimum of 6 months of supervised driving.
- \* Obtain parent/guardian signature
- \* Pass road test

### **2. PROVISIONAL LICENSE**

Eligible Age: 17

Requirements:

- \* Complete student permit requirements
- \* Complete a minimum of one year unsupervised driving

### **3. BASIC LICENSE**

Eligible Age: 18

Requirements:

- \* Complete provisional license requirements

## ***TWO STEP ROUTE***

### **1. EXAMINATION PERMIT**

Eligible Age: 17 or older Fee: \$10

Requirements:

- \* Pass vision and written tests to receive a valid permit for supervised and unsupervised driving.
  - \* Drive supervised
    - \* Under age 21 --- 6 month minimum
    - \* 21 and over ----- 3 month minimum
  - \* Drive unsupervised
    - \* Under age 21 ---- 6 month minimum
    - \* 21 and over ----- 9 month minimum
- \* Obtain parent/guardian signature if under 18
  - \* Pass road test

### **2. BASIC LICENSE**

Eligible Age: 18

Requirements

- \* Complete Examination Permit requirements

## FACTS ABOUT NEW JERSEY'S GDL

### **Are there restrictions when I have a permit or a provisional license?**

YES. -Student Permit drivers must be accompanied by a NJ licensed driver, 21 years or older and licensed for at least three years. Driving hours are restricted to 5:01 a.m. to 11 p.m. They may only have passengers from a shared residence, plus one additional person.

-Provisional License drivers can drive between 5:01 a.m. to midnight. They may only have passengers from their shared residence plus one additional person. (If Provisional License holder or a passenger is 21 or over, passenger and hour restrictions don't apply.)

-Examination Permit drivers must be accompanied by a NJ licensed driver 21 years or older and licensed for at least 3 years. Driving hours are restricted to 5:01 a.m. to midnight. They may only have passengers from their shared residence plus one additional person. (If permit holder or a passenger is 21 or over, passenger and hour restrictions don't apply.)

### **What else should I know?**

Everyone in the vehicle must wear safety belts- it's the law. Never use alcohol or drugs when driving. There's a \$100 fine for violation of any of the conditions of the permits or provisional license. Hours of operation waivers are available in certain emergency situations, for work and religious activities.