

District of Columbia DMV Cheat Sheet: Key Numbers

The numbers people mix up most often, on one page. Print it or save it as a PDF and review it before your test.

Knowledge test format

questions

25

correct to pass

20 (80%)

Learner's permit and teen license rules by state

Learner's permit from age	16 years old
Hold the permit at least	6 months
Supervised driving hours	40 hours
Supervising driver at least	21 years old

Speed limits by state

School zone	15 mph
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Cell phone laws for drivers by state

Adults: phone in hand to talk?	No, only hands-free use is allowed
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Parking distances by state

Fire hydrant	10 feet
STOP sign or signal	25 feet
Railroad crossing	50 feet
Fire station driveway	20 feet
Wheels from the curb	12 inches

School bus, move over and bicycle passing laws by state

Stop from a school bus at least	20 feet
Passing a bicyclist	3 feet
Bus on the other side of a divided highway	Do not have to stop, but should watch for children

License renewal, insurance and points by state

Report a new address within	60 days
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Every number is the answer to one of our practice questions and matches a quote from the official handbook. Rules change — check the latest handbook before your test.

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