

Rhode Island 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.

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	50 hours
Of them at night	10 hours
Night limit for new drivers from	1 a.m.
Teen passengers allowed	1

Speed limits by state

Residential district	25 mph
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Cell phone laws for drivers by state

No phone at all for drivers under	18 years old
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Parking distances by state

Fire hydrant	8 feet
Crosswalk at an intersection	20 feet
STOP sign or signal	30 feet
Railroad crossing	50 feet
Fire station driveway	20 feet
Wheels from the curb	12 inches

Car seat and booster seat laws by state

Car seat until at least	8 years old
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License renewal, insurance and points by state

License valid for	5 years
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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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