

South Dakota 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	14 years old
Supervised driving hours	50 hours
Of them at night	10 hours
Night limit for new drivers from	10 p.m.
Teen passengers allowed	0

Drunk driving laws by state: BAC limits

Drivers 21+	0.08%
Under 21	0.02%
Refusing a chemical test (1st time)	12 months

Parking distances by state

Wheels from the curb	12 inches
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School bus, move over and bicycle passing laws by state

Stopped emergency vehicle	Move out of the lane next to it if safe, or slow down
If you cannot move over, slow by	20 mph

Car seat and booster seat laws by state

Car seat until at least	5 years old
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License renewal, insurance and points by state

License valid for	5 years
Points that can suspend your license	15 points in 12 months

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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