

Tennessee 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

30

correct to pass

24 (80%)

Learner's permit and teen license rules by state

Learner's permit from age	15 years old
Hold the permit at least	6 months
Supervised driving hours	50 hours
Of them at night	10 hours
Supervising driver at least	21 years old
Night limit for new drivers from	11 p.m.
Teen passengers allowed	1

Speed limits by state

Other highways	55 mph
Rural interstate (max)	70 mph

Drunk driving laws by state: BAC limits

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

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	15 feet
Crosswalk at an intersection	20 feet
Fire station driveway	20 feet
STOP sign or signal	30 feet
Railroad crossing	50 feet
Wheels from the curb	18 inches

School bus, move over and bicycle passing laws by state

Bus on the other side of a divided highway	Do not have to stop, but should watch for children
Stopped emergency vehicle	Move out of the lane next to it if safe, or slow down
Passing a bicyclist	3 feet

Car seat and booster seat laws by state

Car seat until at least	4 years old
Booster seat until at least	9 years old
Child may not be left alone in car at	6 years old

License renewal, insurance and points by state

Report a new address within	10 days
License valid for	8 years
Points that can suspend your license	12 points in 12 months
Crash must be reported if damage is	\$400

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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