

## MARYLAND GDL LAW REVISIONS 2009

PROVISION	CURRENT LAW	NEW LAW
<b>Learner's Permit Age (minimum)</b>	15 years, 9 months	<b>No change</b> , but required length to hold a learners permit increased from 6 months to 9 months
<b>Provisional License Age (minimum)</b>	16 years, 3 months	16 years, <b>6 months</b>
<b>Full License Age (minimum)</b>	17 years, 9 months	<b>18 years</b>
<b>Background Checks for Driver Education Instructors</b>	Currently, MVA performs a State-only background check	Requires MVA to perform both state and national background checks
<b>Qualifications for graduation to next licensure level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be 6 months without a conviction to be eligible for a Provisional License</li> <li>• Must be 18 months without a conviction to be eligible for a Full License.</li> </ul>	Requires that the licensee be without a conviction <b>or probation before judgment (PBJ)</b> for <b>9 months</b> in order to obtain a Provisional License and 18 months for a Full License.
<b>Co-Signer Withdraw of Consent (Parent or Guardian)</b>	If a co-signer withdraws consent while the licensee is a minor, the MVA must <i>suspend</i> the license.	If a co-signer withdraws consent while the licensee is a minor, the MVA must <i>cancel</i> the license.
<b>Driver Improvement Program</b>	The MVA is authorized to provide a Driver Improvement Program to rehabilitate driver behavior.	Allows the MVA to develop a Driver Improvement Program <b>specifically modeled for young drivers.</b>
<b>Sanctioning Provisions for Under Age 18</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend Driver Improvement Program</li> </ul>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</i>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No Change</b></p>
	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspend the license for 30 days</li> </ul>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspend the license for 30 days <u>and</u></li> <li>• <b>Restrict driving to education and employment purposes only for 90 days after the suspension.</b></li> </ul>
	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspend or revoke</li> </ul>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspend or revoke the</li> </ul>

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	the license for 180 days	license for 180 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Require the completion of Driver Improvement Program</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Restrict driving to education and employment purposes only for 180 days after the suspension.</i></b></li> </ul>
	<i>4<sup>th</sup> and Subsequent Offense</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspend or revoke the license for 180 days</li> </ul>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> and Subsequent Offense</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revoke the license for not less then 180 days <u>and</u></li> <li>• <b>Require licensee to retake the law and skills test as part of the reinstatement process.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Points Accumulation</b>	No separate penalty	If 5 or more points are accumulated in a 12-month period, 6 mo. Suspension for first offense, 12 month suspension for second or subsequent offense.
<b>High Risk Driving</b>	No specific penalty	If found to have committed Reckless and Negligent Driving, Aggressive Driving, or racing, leaving the scene of an accident, or fleeing and evading police, 6 mo. Suspension for the first offense, 12 month suspension for the second or subsequent offense.
<b>Passenger Restriction</b>	For Provisional drivers under 18, no non-family passengers under the age of 18 for the first 151 days.	No change.