

MARYLAND GDL LAW REVISIONS 2009

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

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	the license for 180 days	license for 180 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Require the completion of Driver Improvement Program</i> • <i>Restrict driving to education and employment purposes only for 180 days after the suspension.</i>
	<i>4th and Subsequent Offense</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspend or revoke the license for 180 days 	<i>4th and Subsequent Offense</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revoke the license for not less then 180 days <u>and</u> • Require licensee to retake the law and skills test as part of the reinstatement process.
Points Accumulation	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.
High Risk Driving	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.
Passenger Restriction	For Provisional drivers under 18, no non-family passengers under the age of 18 for the first 151 days.	No change.