



NH Laws Parents Should Know

1. NH does not have a permit system for practicing drivers.

At 15^{1/2} a student can legally begin to practice with an adult over the age of 25 in NH. The adult must be seated next to the student driver. Driving outside of NH is not legal.

It's recommended that you have a copy of your child's birth certificate in the vehicle.

Check with your insurance agent to confirm that coverage is extended to your son/daughter.

The student is driving on the adult's license. The adult is legally responsible for the vehicle and their actions.

You are required to maintain a DMV Practice Log (these will be distributed at the start of the course or can be obtained through NH-DMV). NH-DMV requires parents to drive 40 hours concurrently with a driver education program, 10 of which need to be in complete darkness.

2. A green slip will be issued when driver education is successfully completed.

Parental permission is required before a youth operator's license will be issued. In addition, a parent can revoke that permission anytime before the child's 18th birthday.

3. Once licensed, the newly licensed driver is under a provisional license for 6 months, during that time they:

- a. Must not have more than 1 friend in the car unless he/she is a direct family member.
- b. Cannot drive between 1:00am and 4:00am.
- c. Must have all passengers wearing seat belts. The number of passengers are restricted so that the number does not exceed the number of safety restraints (seat belts) installed by the manufacturer.

4. The youth operators license (for all 16 and 17 year olds) prohibits operation of a motor vehicle between the hours of 1:00am and 4:00am.

5. Individuals, who have held a NH license for two years or less, can have their license suspended for speeding or other others offenses during the first year.

During the second year, they are allowed one "free" ticket, but the second offense can trigger a suspension.

Licenses are suspended for 20 days for the first conviction. The second offense involves a 45-day suspension.



New Hampshire Youth Operator License Restrictions

If a student is under 18, for the first six months of holding the youth operator license, the student may drive but with the following restrictions:

- 1. From 1am to 4am;** students are not allowed to drive for any reason.
- 2. For the first six months,** students may drive with one unrelated passenger under the age of 25 unless accompanied by a licensed, responsible adult who is at least 25 years of age.
- 3. If you are under the age of 21 years old and are convicted of a motor vehicle violation, your license will be suspended for the following time periods:** [This updated 2025](#)
 - 20 days for the first offense. [but not more than 40 days](#)
 - 45 days for the second offense. [but not more than 90 days](#)
 - 90 days for the third or subsequent offense. [but not more than 180 days](#)

Note: If you get two or more speeding tickets as a youth operator driver in the first two years of having the license, you be required to obtain an SR-22 Insurance policy for three years from the date of your second hearing.

If you have questions about the New Hampshire Youth Operator License, check out the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles website, or call (603) 227-4075.

[A condition of license reinstatement for a person convicted of a third or subsequent offense is the successful completion of an approved in-person driver program in accordance with Saf-C 212.08, regardless of the speeds traveled for each offense. \(Driver Attitude Program\)](#)

[RSA 265-A : Alcohol and Drug Impairment](#)

[RSA 265:79: Reckless Driving](#)

[RSA 265:60 – In excess of 30 MPH above the posted speed limit.](#)