

## **What is Graduated Licensing?**

It is a process by which driver license applicants 15 years of age can start getting their Driver License. This program took effect on December, 1997. It requires that a licensee hold valid learners permit violation free for at least 12 months before being eligible for an unrestricted license or be 18 years old.

There are several levels in the process and strict requirements that need to be met. The end result being you will have the on-the-road experience to comfortably drive with no supervision and minimal restrictions.

## **How to get your Graduated License:**

Successfully complete a Driver Education Class and receive a Driving Eligibility Certificate.

Take the certificate along with proper identification documents (a list is on the NC Driver License Link)

Pass the DMV written, sign and vision tests.

## **Summary of the Graduated Driver Licensing Law**

### **Level 1 – Limited Learner's Permit**

Must be 15 or older, complete driver's education course and receive a Driving Eligibility Certificate

For at least 12 months, the level 1 driver must be supervised by parent, guardian or other approved licensed driver

All people in vehicle driven by level 1 driver must wear a seat belt and only supervisor can ride in front seat

For the first 6 months, a level 1 driver may only drive from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. with supervisor

For the second 6 months, a level 1 driver may drive at any time with supervisor

The level 1 driver must have no violations to graduate to the next level

### **Level 2 – Limited Provisional License**

Unsupervised driving is allowed between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. or when driving to or from work

Supervised driving is allowed at any time

The level 2 driver must have six months of violation free driving to graduate to next level

When the provisional license holder is driving and is not accompanied by supervising driver, there may be no more than one passenger under 21 in the vehicle unless member of same household as driver

Every person occupying the vehicle driven by the provisional license holder must wear seatbelt or be in child safety seat.

### Level 3 – Full Provisional License

Unsupervised driving is allowed at any time

Level 3 driver is subject to all other conditions of provisional license