

If you are convicted of driving after illegally consuming alcohol and your BAC was .08 percent or higher, you may face the same penalties as an adult.

Providing Alcoholic Beverages: If you provide or sell alcoholic beverages to a person under age 21 or someone who is intoxicated or ordered by a court to refrain from drinking alcohol, you are subject to a fine up to \$2,500, mandatory suspension of your driver's license for up to one year, and 12 months in jail.

Misrepresentation of Age: If you are under age 21 and you use or attempt to use a fake ID to establish a false age in an attempt to drink or purchase alcohol, you will:

- ▶ be fined at least \$500
- ▶ be required to perform at least 50 hours of community service
- ▶ face up to 12 months in jail, and
- ▶ face mandatory suspension of your driver's license for at least six months but not more than one year
- ▶ Virginia has a zero tolerance law against underage drinking

Section 6: License Types



In this section you'll learn about:

- ▶ Learner's Permit
- ▶ Driver's License
- ▶ Commercial Driver's License
- ▶ School Bus Driver's License
- ▶ Motorcycle Learner's Permit
- ▶ Motorcycle Driver's License
- ▶ International Driver's License

Whenever you drive, you must carry a valid driver's license or learner's permit with you. Any misuse of your driver's license or learner's permit is illegal. You could be fined, sentenced to jail, or your license may be suspended.

Learner's Permit

A learner's permit allows you to operate a motor vehicle when a licensed driver at least 21 years of age is seated in the front passenger seat. The driver with you must hold a valid driver's license, be alert and able to assist you while you are driving. The licensed driver with you may be age 18, 19, or 20 if he or she is your legal guardian, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, step brother or stepsister. If you are age 19 or older, you must hold a learner's permit for 60 days, or present a driver's education certificate of completion to apply for a driver's license. For more information about obtaining a learner's permit, refer to the Parents in the Driver's Seat (DMV 16) publication available at dmv.virginia.gov and DMV customer service centers.

Driver's License

A driver's license allows you to operate any vehicle or small truck less than 26,001 pounds that is exempt from commercial driver's license (CDL) requirements. For more information about obtaining a driver's license, refer to the publication *Obtaining a Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card (DMV 141)* available at dmv.virginia.gov or DMV customer service centers.

Commercial Driver's License

A commercial driver's license (CDL) allows you to operate tractor-trailers, passenger buses, tank vehicles, school buses for 16 or more occupants (including the driver), or vehicles carrying hazardous materials. For more information about CDL, refer to the *Commercial Driver License Manual (DMV 60V and DMV 60A)* available at dmv.virginia.gov under forms or any DMV customer service center.

School Bus Driver's License

If you wish to operate a school bus designed to carry 15 occupants (including the driver), you do not need to obtain a commercial driver's license. However, you will need to take the commercial driver and school bus tests to obtain the school bus endorsement on your driver's license. You will be restricted to driving a bus designed to carry 15 occupants (including the driver). This restriction will be printed on your license. For more information about licensing requirements to operate larger school buses, refer to *Commercial Driver License Manual (DMV 60V and DMV 60A)* available at dmv.virginia.gov under forms or any DMV customer service center.

International Driver's License

An international driver's license is not a valid driver's license and does not allow you to drive. It is only a foreign translation of your existing valid driver's license to be used when you are traveling outside of the U.S. These permits are issued by your local AAA, except to persons whose driving privilege is suspended or revoked.

If you are visiting the U.S. from a foreign country, you may drive using your driver's license issued by your home country. Your home country driver's license should be accompanied by a translation of the license.

International driver's licenses marketed by private sector businesses are not valid and do not allow you to legally operate a motor vehicle. Sale of any document claiming to be a driver's license is a Class 1 misdemeanor.