

GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE PROGRAM AGRICULTURAL PERMITS

The NJ Department of Transportation – Motor Vehicle Services now offers the NJ Graduated Driver License (GDL) Program. It is a program teen and first time drivers must complete to get their unrestricted basic driver license. This GDL law became effective January 1, 2001.

The following is an outline of the agricultural licensing issues:

Step One – Agricultural Permit

16 year olds who are not yet 17 must meet the following requirements:

- \$10.00 Fee
- Obtain signature of parent/guardian for permit and to attest they have received a copy of Safe Driving. A Parent's Guide to Teaching Teens.
- Pass a vision and law-knowledge test.
- Provide proof of name and age. (See NJ driver's manual for acceptable proofs.)
- Have the permit validated, after passing the vision and law-knowledge test at an MVS driver-testing center and a minimum of 20 days of supervised driving. You may schedule a road test.

Step Two – Agricultural Permit Restrictions

- Agricultural license holders may not drive from 11:01 p.m. to 5:a.m. unless they have a written waiver from employer or religious authority. The waiver must be on the employer's or religious authority letterhead and identify a contact name and phone number.
- Passengers are limited to one person plus anyone sharing the same residence.
- All occupants of the vehicle must wear seat belts or child restraints. (Does not apply to farm tractors or traction equipment.)
- May not use any interactive wireless communication device while operating a moving vehicle except in the event of an emergency.
- A supervising driver is not required.

**There is a \$100.00 fine for a violation of each
condition of the agricultural license**

Other agricultural license restrictions:

May only operate vehicles registered under the provisions of R.S. 39:3-24 (farm tractors and traction equipment) and R.S. 39:3-25 (farmer trucks).

Step Three – Provisional License

Teens at least 17 years old who have successfully completed the agricultural permit and license stage (Step 1 and Step 2) will receive a provisional license and must meet the following requirements:

- Complete a minimum of one year unsupervised driving.

Step Four – Basic License (unrestricted)

Teens at least 18 years old who have successfully completed the agricultural permit; agricultural license and provisional license phases will receive a basic unrestricted photo license.

The NJ Department of Transportation – Motor Vehicle Services has a website for your information at <http://www.state.nj.us/mvs/gdl/agriculture.html>.