

An Explanation of TADRA

The Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act

What Is TADRA?

The Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TADRA) is proven to save lives. TADRA is a graduated driver's license program for drivers, ages 15-18. It is a three-step approach to grant young drivers full license privileges. To be effective, it's important for parents and teens to know the restrictions, requirements, as well as the penalties for violations under the law. According to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS), the law significantly changes the way young motorists earn and maintain driving privileges by: 1) providing a controlled means for new drivers to gain experience and 2) by reducing high-risk driving situations.

Know the Steps and the Rules!



STEP 1 - Instructional Permit (Class CP)





Instructional permits are granted to 15 year olds once they pass a written exam. While driving, the permit holder must be accompanied by a Class C licensed driver 21 years or older, who is seated in the front seat and capable of exercising control of the vehicle.



STEP 2 - Intermediate License (Class D)

Intermediate licenses are granted to drivers ages 16 to 18 who have held an instructional permit for twelve months and who have passed a road driving test. To obtain a Class D license, and adhere to Joshua's Law, a 16 year old must complete a Department of Driver Services approved driver education course, AND at least 40 hours of supervised driving, including 6 hours at night.

◆ RESTRICTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE (CLASS D) LICENSES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

-  No driving between the hours of 12:00AM and 5:00AM. NO EXCEPTIONS.
-  The 1st 6 months, NO passengers are allowed under 21 (except immediate family).
-  The 2nd 6 months, only 1 non-family passenger under 21 years is allowed.
-  After one year, no more than 3 non-family passengers who are less than 21 are allowed.



STEP 3 - Full License (Class C)

Class C licenses are granted to drivers 18 or older who hold a Class D license and who have had no major traffic violations for the previous 12 months (see violations below). Class D licenses must be upgraded to Class C or drivers will be held to Class D restrictions regardless of age.

◆ THE FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS MUST NOT OCCUR WHILE CARRYING A CLASS D LICENSE:

DUI, racing or reckless driving, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, hit and run/leaving the scene of a crash, any moving violation carrying 4 or more points.

Additional Information

Visit the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) at gahighwaysafety.org for information about TADRA, and other important GOHS programs and campaigns.

Visit the Department of Driver Services at dds.georgia.gov/teen-drivers for specific driver's education requirements.

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