

Long Island Restrictions (Nassau & Suffolk Counties) - Junior License

After you have held a permit in valid status for six months you may take a road test. When you pass the road test, DMV will issue you a junior license (Class DJ or MJ).

With your Junior License

You may drive:

Between the hours of **5 AM and 9 PM** you may drive without a supervising driver only ***directly*** between your home and:

- Your **employment** (you must carry appropriate proof of employment), or
- A **work-study program, or a course at a college, university, or registered evening high school,** or
- A **driver education course,** or
- While engaged in farm **employment** (you must carry appropriate proof of employment).

Other than when you are allowed to drive alone in a situation listed above, you may drive between the hours of **5 am and 9 pm** ***only under the direct supervision of:***

- Your parent, **guardian,** or a person "**in loco parentis,**" or
- A driver education teacher or a driving school instructor.
- The person who supervises your driving ***must be at least age 21*** and have a license valid for the vehicle you are driving.
- The only passenger allowed in the front seat is your supervising driver.

Between the hours of **9 PM and 5 AM** you may drive without a supervising driver only ***directly*** between your home and:

- A **work-study program, a course at a college, university, or a registered evening high school,** or
- A **driver education course,** or
- While engaged in farm **employment** (you must carry appropriate proof of employment).

With no more than one passenger under age 21 unless the passengers are members of your immediate family.

- You can have more than one passenger under age 21 if your supervising driver is your licensed parent, **guardian,** person "**in loco parentis,**" driver education teacher or driving school instructor.

Only when you and every passenger wears a seat belt, one seat belt per person. All children under age four must ride in federally-approved child safety seats.

- If the child is more than 40 pounds in weight, they must use a proper child restraint system such as a booster seat.
- Until their 8th birthday children must use a proper child restraint system.
- Children more than four feet nine inches tall are allowed to use a seat belt and shoulder harness.

Penalties for Traffic Violations as a Junior Driver

Your junior permit, license, or privileges will be **suspended for 60 days** if you are convicted of one serious traffic violation or two other violations that were committed while you held a junior permit or license.

Your junior permit, license, or privileges will be **revoked for 60 days** if you are convicted of one serious traffic violation or two other violations within the first six months after your permit, license or privileges are restored after a suspension or revocation.

A "serious traffic violation" is normally a violation that carries three or more **driver violation points**.

Long Island Restrictions (Nassau & Suffolk Counties) - Senior License

When you are age 18, the DMV will issue you a senior license (Class D or Class M). If you have a valid junior license (Class DJ or MJ) you will automatically receive your senior license in the mail. If you pass your road test when you are age 18 you will automatically receive a senior license.

If you are age 17, you are eligible for a senior driver license if you have a junior driver license and have completed a state-approved high school or college driver education course. To change your junior license to a senior license, bring your junior license and the **form MV-285 driver education certificate** that you received from your instructor to any motor vehicle office. You must give the DMV office your certificate and junior license to receive a senior license. If you do not change your junior license to a senior license, you still must obey the restrictions for junior drivers until you are age 18, even if you carry the completion certificate with you.

With a senior license you are allowed to drive without any restrictions.