



# Learner's Permit Exam Overview

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) requires Class D and M learner's permit applicants to prove their knowledge of the rules of the road by passing a learner's permit exam.

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## Where and When to Take the Permit Exam

Anyone may take their Class D or M permit exam at an RMV Service Center location. This may be done during your learner's permit appointment.

Customers can also choose to take the permit exam online within 60 days of visiting the Service Center.

## Online Learner's Permit Exam Requirements

Each of the following requirements must be met to take the learner's permit exam remotely:

- The computer must have a working camera that's enabled during the exam.
- Your web browser must be at least Google Chrome 97, Microsoft Edge 94, or Internet Explorer 11. If you don't have one of these browsers, we recommend downloading Google Chrome 97.
- You can't use a smartphone or tablet.
- You must consent to your photo being taken before, during, and at the end of the exam.

If your computer doesn't meet the requirements or you do not want to have your picture taken, you should take the exam at an RMV Service Center.

## Preparing for the Exam

To prepare for the learner's permit exam, the RMV recommends that you study the Class D Driver's Manual and take a practice exam on [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/rmv). Topics covered on the exam include rules of the road, identifying road signs, alcohol misuse, suspensions, and Junior Operator License (JOL) violations. To pass the exam, you must answer 18 questions correctly within the allotted time of 25 minutes.

The exam is available in 35 different languages.

## Taking the Exam — What You Need To Know

There are several reasons you will automatically fail the exam because they violate RMV system policies:

- **Inactivity:** If you have not clicked a button on a question for more than 2 minutes.
- **Time Out:** If you take longer than 25 minutes to complete the exam.
- **Lost Focus:** If you leave the browser during the exam.

All the above reasons count as an automatic exam failure. You can take the exam again, but you must visit your profile on myRMV to pay another \$30 fee first.

## Anti-Cheating Policies; Violations Penalties

If you're caught cheating or trying to cheat on the exam, you will fail and cannot hold any type of driver's license or permit for 60 days. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, having someone else take the exam for you or using the Driver's Manual or other reference materials during the test. In some cases, you may also be subject to further investigation.

## Next Steps After Passing Your Exam

Congratulations! You passed the permit exam and are one step closer to becoming a licensed driver.

You now will be issued your permit document, which must be carried with you while practicing driving with a licensed driver.