

# 2025 Learner's Permit Cheat Sheet for Parents Powered by DetsCourse.com

The New Florida Driver's Ed Law – Everything Parents Need to Know

Welcome to your **Parents' Cheat Sheet!** The rules have changed – but we've made the process simpler than ever. This guide walks you through every step, from the newly required **6-hour DETS Course** to your teen receiving their official Florida Learner's Permit in **6 easy steps!**

## Part 1: Understanding the Big Change - The New 6-Hour DETS Course

**New Law Effective: July 1, 2025**

All teens **under 18** must complete the **6-hour Driver Education Traffic Safety (DETS) Course** to be eligible for a learner's permit.

**Grace Period:** The Florida DHSMV will continue accepting TLSAE certificates until **July 31, 2025**, to help families who were unaware of the change.

### What Is the DETS Course?

- A more comprehensive replacement for the old TLSAE course. It covers:
  - Florida road rules & traffic signs
  - Right-of-way, speed limits & school zones
  - Safe driving habits & defensive driving
  - Impaired driving (alcohol, drugs, medications)
  - Distracted driving (texting, music, social media)
  - Sharing the road & emergency situations
  - Step-by-step guide to earning your driver's license
  - Florida's Zero Tolerance law & insurance basics
- **Who needs it:** All **teens under 18** applying for a learner's permit **on or after July 1, 2025**.

### Why Choose DetsCourse.com:

- **100% State-Approved** DETS Provider
- **Powered by the National Safety Commission**
- **30+ years of leadership** in Florida driver education
- **5+ million students served**
- **225,000+ verified 5-star reviews**
- **Self-paced, mobile-friendly, 100% online**



## Part 2: Six-Step Permit Checklist

### Step 1: Check Your Eligibility

Your teen must be under 18 years old. Teens can take the DETS Course at age 14, but must be 15+ for a permit.

### Step 2: Complete the DETS Course

Start the course at DetsCourse.com. It's interactive, open-book, and can be completed in a day.

### Step 3: Pass the DMV Written Exam

Known as the **Class E Knowledge Exam**, it includes:

- 50 multiple-choice questions
- Covers road signs & traffic laws
- **Must score 80% or higher to pass**

**Pro-Tip:** Take it online at [DetsCourse.com](https://DetsCourse.com) to skip the DMV! No lines, no waiting, no pressure. Parental supervision required.

### Step 4: Gather Required Documents

Bring these to the DMV:

- **Proof of Identity (Bring one):**
  - U.S. Birth Certificate (certified copy)
  - Valid U.S. Passport
  - Certificate of Naturalization
- **Proof of Social Security Number (Bring one):**
  - Original Social Security Card
  - W-2 Form (not handwritten)
  - Paycheck stub that shows your full name and SSN
- **Proof of Florida Residential Address (Bring two from two different sources):**
  - Mail from a bank, utility company, or government agency
  - School transcript or report card from the current school year
  - Medical or health insurance card

**Note:** Documents must be in a **parent/guardian's name** with matching addresses.

- **Parental Consent Form (HSMV 71142):** Must be signed by a parent or guardian and presented at the DMV. [Parent Consent for a Driver Application of a Minor form](#). You can get this at the DHSMV office, but it's easier to [Download it here](#).

### Step 5: Schedule a DMV Appointment.

Use the DHSMV website to schedule an appointment for "Learner's Permit." Walk-ins are allowed but expect long wait times.

### Step 6: Go to the DMV

At your appointment, your teen will:

- Submit required documents
- Take a vision and hearing test
- Pay required fees
- **Take the written test** (if not taken online)
- Get their picture taken
- **Receive their Florida Learner's Permit!**

**That's It! You did it – and so did your teen.**