



New York Pre-Licensing Course

Module 1 Review: Introduction to Safe Driving

In this module, you covered the mission and goals of this course. You should now be able to list the requirements for pre-licensing courses under New York State law and describe the rules you will need to follow as a new driver. You should also be able to name and define the stages of New York State's graduated driver licensing program.

Some important takeaways from this module include:

- The mission of this course is to educate new drivers in New York State by promoting safe, courteous, defensive, and alcohol- and drug-free driving.
- The specific goals of this course are to help you avoid crashes and traffic violations, avoid driving while impaired, always use safety belts and child safety seats, remember and follow the rules of the road, and become a responsible and courteous driver prepared to fit safely into the transportation system.
- New York State Vehicle & Traffic Law requires approved pre-licensing courses to cover certain topics including alcohol and drug education, road rage awareness, work zone safety awareness, dangers to people operating motorcycles, and how to drive safely around emergency and hazard vehicles.
- When driving with a learner permit, you must be supervised by a validly licensed driver who is at least 21 years old and may not drive in certain areas.
- Because younger and less experienced drivers are at a greater risk of injury on the roads, New York State follows a graduated driver licensing (GDL) program with three stages: learner permit, junior driver license, and unrestricted license.
- All new driver licenses (except junior licenses) include a six-month probationary period from the date on which they are issued. Special rules apply to violations committed during that six-month period.