

# Cheat Sheet

SOUTH CAROLINA · KNOWLEDGE TEST

## 1 · Passing Score & Test Length

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| PASSING SCORE (%) | 80 |
|-------------------|----|

## 3 · BAC Limits & DUI Consequences

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| BAC LIMIT: MINOR (UNDER 21) | 0.02 |
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## 2 · License & Test Fees

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| LEARNER PERMIT FEE | \$2.50          |
| KNOWLEDGE TEST FEE | \$2             |
| RETAKES FEE        | \$2 per attempt |

## 4 · Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL)

|                                   |                                             |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| EARLIEST PERMIT AGE               | 15                                          |
| PERMIT HOLDING PERIOD (MONTHS)    | 6                                           |
| SUPERVISED DRIVING HOURS REQUIRED | 40                                          |
| OF WHICH, NIGHT HOURS             | 10                                          |
| EARLIEST INTERMEDIATE LICENSE AGE | 15½                                         |
| INTERMEDIATE CURFEW: START TIME   | 6 p.m. (8 p.m. during daylight saving time) |
| INTERMEDIATE CURFEW: END TIME     | 6 a.m.                                      |
| EARLIEST FULL LICENSE AGE         | 17                                          |

## 5 · Phone & Distracted Driving Laws

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| HANDHELD PHONE: BANNED FOR ALL DRIVERS? | yes |
| TEXTING: BANNED FOR ALL DRIVERS?        | yes |

## 6 · Default Speed Limits

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| TURNING RIGHT (AND LEFT) ON A RED LIGHT | yes |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|

## 7 · Following-Distance & Headlight Rules

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| DIM HIGH BEAMS WITHIN (FT): ONCOMING  | 500 |
| DIM HIGH BEAMS WITHIN (FT): FOLLOWING | 200 |

## 8 · Seatbelt & Child Seat Laws

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| SEATBELT LAW ENFORCEMENT  | primary   |
| SEATS REQUIRED TO BELT    | all seats |
| CHILD SEAT: AGE THRESHOLD | 8         |

## 9 · Required Identification Documents

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| VISION TEST REQUIRED AT ISSUANCE | yes |
|----------------------------------|-----|

## Signs to know cold

Federal standard signs, the same in every state. The full set is at [roadready.press/signs](https://roadready.press/signs)



### Stop

Come to a complete stop at the line, crosswalk, or intersection, then proceed only when safe.



### Yield

Slow down, give the right-of-way to cross traffic and pedestrians, and stop if needed.



### Do Not Enter

Do not enter the roadway from this direction; you are facing one-way traffic or a restricted entrance.



### Wrong Way

You are traveling against the legal flow of traffic; stop and turn around immediately.



### Speed Limit 50

Maximum legal speed on this roadway is 50 mph.



#### No Left Turn

Left turns are prohibited at this intersection or driveway.



#### No U-Turn

U-turns are prohibited at this location.



#### Keep Right (Symbol)

Pass to the right of an upcoming island, divider, or obstruction.



#### Stop Ahead

A stop sign is ahead; prepare to come to a complete stop.



#### Signal Ahead Symbol

A traffic light is ahead; prepare to stop if the light is red or changes.



#### Merge Right

Traffic from the right merges into your lane ahead.



#### Slippery When Wet

The road surface ahead becomes slippery when wet; reduce speed and avoid sudden moves.



#### No Passing Zone

Marks the start of a no-passing zone on a two-lane highway; do not cross to pass.



#### School Advance Warning

Warns that a school zone is ahead; be prepared for children and reduced speeds.

## Pavement markings to know

Also federal, and also the same in every state.



#### Broken Yellow Center Line

A single broken yellow line separates opposing traffic and permits passing when the way is clear.



#### Broken-and-Solid Yellow Center Line

Pass only from the broken-line side; the side with the solid line may not pass.



#### Double Broken Yellow Line (Reversible Lane)

Two broken yellow lines mark a reversible lane whose direction of travel changes at certain times; obey the lane-control signals overhead.



#### Double Solid Yellow Center Line

Two solid yellow lines separating opposing traffic; passing is prohibited from either direction.



#### Solid Yellow Center Line

A solid yellow line separates lanes of traffic moving in opposite directions; do not cross it to pass.



#### Yellow Diagonal Crosshatch (Neutral Median Area)

Yellow diagonal stripes inside a yellow border mark a painted median or neutral area between opposing-direction lanes that drivers must not enter.



#### Broken White Edge Line

A broken white line along the right edge of the roadway shows where through lanes separate from an auxiliary lane such as an exit, entrance, or right-turn lane.



#### Solid White Right Edge Line

Solid white line marks the right edge of the travel lane and the start of the shoulder.



#### Solid Yellow Left Edge Line

Solid yellow line marks the left edge of the roadway on a divided highway or one-way street.



#### Wide Solid White Edge Line

Extra-wide solid white edge line emphasizes the right edge of the travel lane.



#### Broken White Lane Line

Broken white line between same-direction lanes; lane changes are permitted when safe.



#### Dotted White Extension Line

Short white dots extend a lane line through a merge, exit, or intersection area.



**Double Solid White Lane Line**

Two solid white lines forbid lane changes; drivers must remain in their current lane.



**Green-Colored Bike Lane**

Solid green pavement bordered by white lines marks a bicycle lane, especially through conflict zones with motor vehicles.

*The last thing to review before the test. Keep it in sight while you study, not while you drive.*

## **Road Ready Press**

Free practice questions: [roadready.press/south-carolina](https://roadready.press/south-carolina)

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Verify rules with the South Carolina driver handbook before testing.