

Missouri DOR

Permit Practice Test 2026

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Missouri permit test: quick facts

Questions on the real test	25
Test format	Besides the 25-question written test (20 correct to pass), there is a separate road sign test.
Passing score	80% (20 of 25 correct)
Wrong answers allowed	5
Minimum age	15
Testing agency	Department of Revenue (DOR)
Official permit name	Class F Instruction Permit (Operator's Instruction Permit)
Permit fee	\$10 (Class F instruction permit; DOR fee chart 08-2025 and Driver Guide revised August 2026)
If you fail	No wait - the written test may be taken up to two times per day until passed
Online testing	No - the knowledge test must be taken in person.
Driver's education	No - driver education is not required for the learner permit.
Supervised practice	40 hours incl. 10 at night (between sunset and sunrise), certified by a parent/guardian/qualified person
Permit holding period	182 days (beginning the day after issuance) before the intermediate license
Under-21 alcohol limit	0.02% BAC or higher

How to use this PDF

1. This test has 25 questions, the same number as the real Missouri DOR knowledge test.
2. Answer every question before you look at the answer key. To pass you need 80% (20 of 25 correct).
3. Time: We found no published time limit for the Missouri knowledge test.
4. Take it online, with every answer explained, at <https://permitpractice.us/missouri/> - the mock test there marks your answers only at the end, like the real test.

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Missouri Permit Practice Test: 25 Questions

Circle your answer. Answer key with explanations starts on the last pages.

1. What is the minimum fine for a first offense of speeding or passing in a Missouri work zone?

- A) \$500
- B) \$75
- C) \$100
- D) \$250

2. What does a blue traffic sign indicate?

- A) Recreation areas such as state parks
- B) Motorist services like gas and food
- C) Rules you must obey, such as limits
- D) Highway route information

3. Traffic is backed up just past a railroad crossing. When should you start across the tracks?

- A) Whenever the crossing lights are not flashing
- B) Only when there is room to get fully past the tracks
- C) When the car ahead of you has started to cross
- D) Right away, since no train is in sight now

4. What does the 'basic speed law' require?

- A) Never drive more than 10 mph below the posted limit
- B) You may always drive at the posted limit, whatever the conditions
- C) Drive no faster than is safe for current conditions
- D) Keep up with the flow of traffic, even above the limit

5. A motorcycle coming toward an intersection has its turn signal blinking. What should you do before pulling out in front of it?

- A) Go - a blinking signal means it will turn
- B) Flash your headlights and then pull out
- C) Wait until you are sure it is really turning
- D) Pull out quickly before it reaches you

6. What does a red traffic light mean?

- A) Stop, then go straight if the way is clear
- B) Prepare to stop - the light will change soon
- C) Stop completely before the intersection
- D) Slow down and yield to cross traffic

7. A red and white 'WRONG WAY' sign tells you:

- A) You are going against traffic
- B) A detour is ahead - follow it
- C) A one-way road begins ahead
- D) You must yield to oncoming cars

8. With a Missouri intermediate license, during which hours may you not drive alone (except for school, work or an emergency) unless a licensed driver age 21 or older is with you?

- A) 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- B) 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- C) Midnight to 6:00 a.m.
- D) 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

9. A flagger in a work zone turns the paddle so the word SLOW faces you. What should you do?

- A) Keep your speed - you have the right of way
- B) Proceed slowly and watch for workers
- C) Speed up to clear the work zone quickly
- D) Stop until the flagger waves you on

10. You reach an intersection where the traffic signals are dark and not working. How should you treat it?

- A) As a flashing yellow caution
- B) As an open road with no rules
- C) As a yield to cars on the left
- D) As a four-way stop

11. A yellow pennant-shaped sign (a long triangle pointing sideways) posted on the left side of the road means:

- A) No passing zone begins
- B) Divided highway ahead
- C) Passing lane ahead
- D) Road narrows ahead

12. In most states, you may not park within how many feet of a crosswalk at an intersection?

- A) 5 feet
- B) 50 feet
- C) 20 feet
- D) 10 feet

13. You are in the middle of an intersection when you hear a siren and see an emergency vehicle coming. What should you do?

- A) Back up out of the intersection and stop
- B) Stop right where you are in the intersection
- C) Drive through the intersection, then pull over
- D) Turn left at once to get out of the way

14. The fog becomes so thick that you can barely see beyond your hood. What is the safest choice?

- A) Pull off the road as far as you can and stop
- B) Follow the taillights ahead of you closely
- C) Stop in your lane and wait for it to clear
- D) Switch to high beams so you can see farther

15. Which of these is a warning sign that you are too drowsy to drive safely?

- A) Your passengers start talking more loudly
- B) You feel hungry and want to stop for a snack
- C) You cannot remember driving the last few miles
- D) You notice more traffic signs than usual

16. When driving in heavy rain, you should:

- A) Use cruise control to keep a steady, safe speed
- B) Use low beams and leave more following distance
- C) Turn on hazard lights and drive at normal speed
- D) Use high-beam headlights to see better

17. If a tire blows out while you are driving, the first thing you should do is:

- A) Steer hard toward the shoulder right away
- B) Brake hard to stop as quickly as you can
- C) Turn on hazard lights and stop in the lane
- D) Hold the wheel firmly and ease off the gas

18. A long train has just passed a crossing that has two sets of tracks. Before you cross, you should:

- A) Look for a second train on the other track
- B) Honk to warn any train and then cross quickly
- C) Cross as soon as the gates begin to rise
- D) Go at once, because the train has cleared the road

19. The single most effective way to avoid an alcohol-related crash is to:

- A) Not drive at all after drinking any alcohol
- B) Drink coffee and wait 30 minutes before driving
- C) Stay under 0.08% by counting your drinks
- D) Drive slowly and stay in the right lane

20. You are stopped at a steady red light and no sign prohibits turning. What must you do before you turn right?

- A) Stop fully, then yield to people and cross traffic
- B) Honk to warn others, then turn ahead of them
- C) Wait for the light to turn green before turning
- D) Slow to a crawl, then turn if the way looks clear

21. According to Missouri's Driver Guide, hydroplaning can happen at any speed above:

- A) 55 mph
- B) 20 mph
- C) 65 mph
- D) 35 mph

22. Your gas pedal is stuck and you switch off the engine to slow the car. What should you expect?

- A) The car will speed up for a few seconds
- B) Steering and braking will take more effort
- C) The car will come to a stop almost at once
- D) The brakes will stop working completely

23. Unless a sign shows a different limit, what is the speed limit in a Missouri city, town, or village?

- A) 30 mph
- B) 25 mph
- C) 20 mph
- D) 35 mph

24. If your headlights go out at night while driving, you should:

- A) Pull over immediately and turn on hazard lights
- B) Switch to parking lights and continue slowly
- C) Stop right in your lane and wait for help
- D) Keep driving slowly and follow the car ahead closely

25. What score do you need to pass the Missouri DOR written knowledge test?

- A) 70%
- B) 75%
- C) 83%
- D) 80%

Answer Key & Explanations

1. D - \$250

Missouri sets a minimum fine of \$250 for a first offense of speeding or passing in a construction or work zone, and at least \$300 for later offenses. Other fines can be added on top.

Source: dor.mo.gov - p.51 (PDF p.53), Work Zone Signs

2. B - Motorist services like gas and food

Blue signs provide information about motorist services: gas stations, food, lodging, hospitals, and rest areas. They help drivers find services along the route.

Source: dps.texas.gov - TX handbook - Chapter 5, sign colors

3. B - Only when there is room to get fully past the tracks

Never stop on railroad tracks. Wait behind the crossing until there is enough space on the other side for your whole vehicle.

Source: assets.dps.mn.gov - p.53 (PDF p.56), Railroad crossing safety

4. C - Drive no faster than is safe for current conditions

Every state has a basic speed rule: never drive faster than is reasonable and safe for traffic, weather, visibility and road conditions. You can be cited for driving too fast for conditions even while under the posted limit.

Source: dps.texas.gov - TX handbook - Basic speed law

5. C - Wait until you are sure it is really turning

Many motorcycle turn signals do not cancel by themselves, so a rider may have forgotten one. Wait until the motorcycle actually starts to turn.

Source: publicsafety.ohio.gov - Section 9 - Sharing the Road, Motorcyclists

6. C - Stop completely before the intersection

A red light means you must stop completely before the stop line, crosswalk, or before entering the intersection. You must remain stopped until the light turns green.

Source: dmv.ca.gov - CA handbook - Traffic Signals, Solid Red Light

7. A - You are going against traffic

A 'Wrong Way' sign means you are heading the wrong direction on a one-way road or ramp. Stop, check for traffic, and safely turn around immediately.

Source: mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov - MUTCD 11th ed. (Dec 2023) 2B.47

8. A - 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Intermediate license holders may not drive alone from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. unless going to or from a school activity, job or emergency, or a licensed driver 21 or older is along.

Source: dor.mo.gov - p.16 (PDF p.18), Intermediate License - Driving Restrictions

9. B - Proceed slowly and watch for workers

Flaggers use STOP/SLOW paddles to control traffic. SLOW means you may move ahead at a reduced speed with care; STOP means stop.

Source: in.gov - p.47 (PDF p.52), Flagger Signals

10. D - As a four-way stop

A traffic signal that is not working operates as a four-way stop. Stop fully, and the driver who arrived first goes first.

Source: dor.mo.gov - p.45 (PDF p.47), Traffic Signals

11. A - No passing zone begins

The no-passing zone sign is the only pennant-shaped sign: a yellow, sideways triangle pointing to the right. It is posted on the left side of the road at the start of a no-passing zone, where a solid yellow line also appears on your side of the centerline.

Source: ksrevenue.gov - Kansas Driving Handbook (Rev. Feb 2022), Passing - No Passing Zone sign; MUTCD 11th ed. Table 2A-1 (W14-3)

12. C - 20 feet

Most states prohibit parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection (and, separately, within 30 feet of a stop sign or traffic signal in many states). A few use other distances, such as 25 feet in New Jersey, so check your handbook.

Source: dps.texas.gov - TX handbook - Do Not Park

13. C - Drive through the intersection, then pull over

Clear the intersection first. Then pull to the right edge of the road and stay stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed.

Source: dor.mo.gov - p.23 (PDF p.25), Emergency Vehicles

14. A - Pull off the road as far as you can and stop

When visibility drops to near zero, get completely off the road and wait for the fog to lift. Stopping in a travel lane invites a rear-end crash.

Source: in.gov - p.44 (PDF p.49), Fog

15. C - You cannot remember driving the last few miles

Not remembering the last few miles, heavy eyelids, missing exits or signs, and drifting out of your lane all mean you should pull over and rest.

Source: dol.wa.gov - (PDF p.75), Fatigue

16. B - Use low beams and leave more following distance

In rain, use low-beam headlights (high beams reflect off rain), reduce speed, and increase following distance to at least 4-6 seconds. High beams can reduce visibility in rain.

Source: assets.dps.mn.gov - MN handbook - Weather: rain

17. D - Hold the wheel firmly and ease off the gas

During a blowout, hold the steering wheel firmly to keep the vehicle straight, ease your foot off the accelerator, and let the car slow gradually. Hard braking can cause a spin. Pull off the road only after you have control.

Source: ksrevenue.gov - KS handbook - Tire blowout

18. A - Look for a second train on the other track

One train can hide another coming from either direction on a second track. Wait until you can see clearly both ways and all signals have stopped.

Source: oregon.gov - p.64 (PDF p.72), Railroad Crossings

19. A - Not drive at all after drinking any alcohol

There is no safe way to drive after drinking. The only sure prevention is to not drive at all after consuming alcohol - arrange a designated sober driver, taxi, or rideshare instead.

Source: flhsmv.gov - FL handbook - Alcohol

20. A - Stop fully, then yield to people and cross traffic

A right turn on red is allowed only after a complete stop and only after yielding to pedestrians and all crossing traffic. A NO TURN ON RED sign takes this option away.

Source: publicsafety.ohio.gov - Section 5 - Learning to Drive, A driver must stop

21. D - 35 mph

Hydroplaning can start at any speed over 35 mph, and in a heavy rainstorm tires can lose all contact with the road at 55 mph. Slow down on wet pavement and do not use cruise control.

Source: dor.mo.gov - p.63 (PDF p.65), Hydroplaning

22. B - Steering and braking will take more effort

With the engine off you lose power steering and power brake assist, so the wheel and pedal feel much heavier. They still work - push harder and steer to a safe stop.

Source: alea.gov - p.75 (PDF p.77), Stuck accelerator pedal

23. B - 25 mph

The default speed limit in any Missouri city, town, or village is 25 mph. Posted signs can set a different limit.

Source: dor.mo.gov - p.50 (PDF p.52), Speed Limit

24. A - Pull over immediately and turn on hazard lights

If your headlights fail at night, immediately activate your hazard lights, signal, and safely pull completely off the road. Do not continue driving without headlights as it is extremely dangerous and illegal.

Source: portal.ct.gov - CT handbook - Headlight Failure

25. D - 80%

To pass the DOR test you need 80% (20 of 25 correct).

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Official Missouri driver's handbook: <https://dor.mo.gov/forms/Driver%20Guide.pdf>

