

# NEW LEVEL 2 LICENSE RESTRICTIONS

Graduated Driver License Level 2 restrictions have changed. Michigan Public Act 124 of 2011 amends the changes that were made in March 2011 and makes these new restrictions effective **July 20, 2011**. Under the recent changes, GDL Level 2 licensed drivers:

1. Shall not operate a motor vehicle between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. except when:
  - driving to or from or in the course of employment;
  - driving to or from an authorized activity; or
  - accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or a licensed driver 21 years of age or older designated by the parent or legal guardian.
2. Shall not operate a motor vehicle at any time with more than 1 passenger in the vehicle who is less than 21 years of age except:
  - when the additional passengers are immediate family members;
  - when driving to or from or in the course of employment;
  - while going to or from an authorized activity; or
  - when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or a licensed driver 21 years of age or older designated by the parent or legal guardian.

Authorized activity means any of the following:

- (a) A school or a school-sanctioned event or activity. School means a public or private school, including a home school.
- (b) A sporting event or activity, or extracurricular event or activity, that is not school-sanctioned but that is part of an official sports league or association or an official extracurricular club, or that is paid for as a service offered by a business specializing in those events or activities or training for those events or activities.
- (c) A class or program of vocational instruction offered by a college, community college, nonprofit association, or unit of government or by a business specializing in vocational training.
- (d) An event or activity sponsored by a religious organization that is tax-exempt under federal law.
- (e) Transporting an individual in need of immediate emergency care or personal protection to a health care professional, hospital, police station, domestic violence shelter, or public safety location.

Both of these restrictions remain for the duration of the Level 2 graduated driver's license. The sanctions for violating these new provisions are:

- A civil infraction is entered and 2 points are added to the driving record.
- Notice of the civil infraction shall be sent to a designated parent or guardian.
- GDL Level 2 period is extended for 12 months.
- A driver reexamination will be scheduled with possible license suspension and/or additional restrictions imposed.

Here are a couple of frequently asked questions.

**Question:**

My Level 2 teen driver and two other under 21-year-old friends all work at the same location. If their job necessitates travel between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., can they all ride in one car under the employment exception without a parent, legal guardian, or licensed adult over 21 years old?

**Answer:**

Yes. A Level 2 driver may drive between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. and they may also have more than 1 passenger in the vehicle who is less than 21 years of age when the person is operating the vehicle in the course of his or her employment or while going to or from employment.

**Question:**

My Level 2 teen driver has a school-sanctioned event that will necessitate travel after 10 p.m. Can he/she drive unaccompanied under the school-sanctioned event exception?

**Answer:**

Yes. Level 2 drivers may drive between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. while going to or from authorized activities. A school or a school-sanctioned event or activity is included in the list of authorized activities. School means a public or private school, including a home school.