









# Signs you must recognize

Shape and color tell you what to do before you read the text.

## Sign color decoder

 <b>Red</b> Stop, yield, or do not enter	 <b>Yellow</b> Warning of hazard ahead	 <b>Orange</b> Work zone, construction, or detour	 <b>Green</b> Permitted movement or directions
 <b>Blue</b> Driver services, hospitals, rest areas	 <b>Brown</b> Recreation, parks, scenic areas	 <b>White</b> Regulatory — must obey the posted rule	 <b>Yellow-green</b> Pedestrian, school, or bike crossing

## Louisiana signs you will see on the test

 <b>No left turn</b> Turning left is prohibited at this location.	 <b>Stop</b> Come to a full stop; check pedestrians and cross traffic before going.	 <b>Traffic signal ahead</b> A traffic light is approaching. Prepare to slow or stop.	 <b>Intersection ahead</b> A cross-road intersection is ahead. Be ready to yield.	 <b>Warning sign (diamond)</b> Diamond shape = road condition or hazard warning ahead.	 <b>Railroad crossing</b> Slow down, yield to trains. Stop between 15 and 50 ft of the nearest rail.
 <b>No passing zone</b> Passing other vehicles is prohibited here.	 <b>Workers ahead</b> Orange = work zone. Workers on or near road; slow and give space.	 <b>Do not enter</b> Prevents entry from the wrong direction on one-way streets and ramps.	 <b>Chevron alignment mark</b> Black chevron on yellow rectangle. Marks direction change on a curve — follow the arrow.	 <b>No-passing pennant</b> Yellow pennant on left side marks start of no-passing zone.	 <b>Curve ahead</b> Road curves ahead. Slow to a safe speed before entering.
 <b>Disabled parking</b> Reserved for vehicles with a valid disabled parking permit.	 <b>Stop sign (alternate)</b> Full stop required. Go only when intersection is clear and safe.				

## Sign shape shortcuts

- Octagon** — Always means STOP. The only 8-sided sign.
- Downward triangle** — Always means YIELD. Red and white edges.
- Diamond** — Warning of a road condition or hazard ahead.
- Vertical rectangle** — Regulatory — speed limits, turn restrictions, lane use.
- Horizontal rectangle** — Guidance — route markers, exit info, distance signs.
- Pennant** — Sideways triangle on LEFT side = start of no-passing zone.
- Round** — Yellow circle with X + R-R = railroad crossing advance warning.
- Pentagon** — School zone or school crossing — children present.

## Traffic signal quick guide

# Rules of the road

## Right of way

**Uncontrolled intersection (tie)** — Yield to the driver on your right.

**4-way stop (tie)** — Driver on the right has right-of-way.

**Left turn** — Yield to all oncoming vehicles and pedestrians before turning.

**Pedestrian** — Always yield in any crosswalk — marked or unmarked — even if they cross carelessly.

**Roundabout** — Yield to traffic already circulating before entering.

**Entering from driveway** — Yield to all traffic already on the public road.

**Emergency vehicle** — Pull to the right and stop, regardless of your direction of travel.

**Transit vehicle** — Yield when a bus or transit vehicle signals to re-enter the roadway.

## Louisiana speed limits

<b>Posted limit = maximum under ideal conditions</b>	Never exceed it	<b>Following an emergency vehicle</b>	4 seconds minimum
<b>Following distance — normal conditions</b>	3 seconds	<b>Lane-change gap in traffic</b>	4–5 second gap
<b>Following distance — bad weather or wet roads</b>	4 seconds	<b>Look ahead (scan the road)</b>	10–15 seconds ahead
<b>Following a motorcycle</b>	4 seconds	<b>Tractor-trailer stop at 55 mph</b>	Up to 400 feet

## Lane markings and passing

**Yellow lines** — Separate opposite-direction traffic. Solid = no passing on your side.

**Double solid yellow** — No passing in either direction. Illegal to cross.

**White lines** — Separate same-direction lanes. Broken = lane change OK.

**Solid white center** — Same-direction lanes; passing not permitted.

**Broken white center** — Same-direction lanes; passing permitted when safe.

**No-passing zone** — Do not pass. May never use the shoulder to pass another vehicle.

**Pass on the right** — Legal only if vehicle ahead is turning left and a passing lane exists.

**Railroad stop zone** — Stop 15–50 ft from nearest rail when train is approaching.

## Turning and signaling

**Signal — when** — Signal before turns, lane changes, and pulling away from curb. Required by law.

**Signal — how early** — Early enough for others to react — not just at the moment of turning.

**Hand signal — left** — Left arm straight out the window.

**Hand signal — right** — Left arm bent up at the elbow.

**Hand signal — stop/slow** — Left arm bent down at the elbow.

**Right turn position** — Be close to the right side of the street before turning.

**Left turn onto one-way** — Complete turn into the left lane of the one-way street.

**U-turn / 3-point turn** — Use only when road is too narrow for U-turn and you cannot go around the block.

## School bus and railroad rules

**School bus — flashing red** — Stop in both directions on a two-lane highway. Wait until children clear the road.

**School bus — stop distance** — Stop at least 30 feet from a school bus loading or unloading children.

**After bus unloads** — Watch for children walking along the road side before proceeding.

**Railroad — flashing signals** — Stop and look for a train. Do not follow the vehicle ahead through.

**Railroad — no signals** — Slow down and be prepared to stop.

**Railroad — crossing in line** — Do not enter tracks unless your vehicle can clear all the way across without stopping.

**Headlights — when required** — Between sunset and sunrise; use low beams within 500 ft of an oncoming vehicle.

**Blinding headlights** — Look toward the right side of the road to avoid glare.

# Safety, DUI, parking and test-day

## Louisiana DUI quick-facts

Adult BAC limit (21+)	0.08 %	Coffee after drinking	Does NOT lower BAC
Implied-consent refusal	License suspension	Fitness or body size	Does NOT affect BAC
Only way to lower BAC	Time — nothing else	Non-prescription drugs	Read the label before driving
Alcohol + drugs combined	Effects of both increase	Any impairing substance	Illegal if it impairs ability

## Hazardous conditions

### DO

- + Use low beams in fog, rain, snow — high beams reflect back
- + Increase following distance to 4+ seconds in rain, snow, or poor visibility
- + Steer in the direction of the skid and ease off the gas
- + Stop driving and rest if drowsy — exit the roadway and nap
- + Stop every two hours on long trips to reduce fatigue
- + Freeze bridges and overpasses first — treat with extra caution
- + Avoid road rage: avoid eye contact, slow down, and let aggressors pass

### DON'T

- Use cruise control on wet or icy roads
- Drive faster than conditions allow — posted limit is a maximum, not a target
- Follow an emergency vehicle closer than 4 seconds
- Stop in a travel lane for any reason — pull fully off the road
- Use a cell phone while driving during your 12-month restriction period
- Assume you are safe to drive because you are under the legal BAC limit
- Pass when a solid yellow line is on your side of the road

## Parking and curb-color rules

Red curb	Fire zone — no stopping or parking	Downhill with curb	Wheels TOWARD curb
From fire hydrant	Stay 15 ft away	Downhill no curb	Wheels TOWARD road edge
Yellow curb	Loading zone — short stop only	Uphill with curb	Wheels AWAY from curb
White curb	Short pickup / drop-off only	Parallel parking — max from curb	18 inches
Blue curb	Disabled placard only		

## Equipment and safety rules

**Seat belts** — Required for all occupants in Louisiana; buckle snugly across hip bones and lower abdomen.

**Children in vehicles** — Must never stand or be unrestrained while the vehicle is moving.

**Parking brake** — Use every time you park, not just on hills.

**Backing up** — Turn your head and look through the rear window; check behind the car before entering.

**Blind spots** — Turn your head and look over your shoulder — mirrors alone are not enough.

**Hit a parked vehicle** — Leave a written note with your name, address, and crash circumstances.

**Crash reporting** — Carry proof of registration, insurance, and license; produce when stopped by an officer.

**Headrest** — Adjust before driving — headrests prevent whiplash in rear-end crashes.

## Louisiana test-day cheat box

Exam length (all ages)	40 questions	Minimum permit hold	180 days (~6 months)
Permit fee	\$32.25	Night curfew (under 17)	11 PM – 5 AM
Passing score	32 of 40 (80%)	Intermediate passenger limit	≤1 non-family under 21 (6 PM–5 AM)
Supervised practice hours	50 hrs (15 at night)	Restrictions lift after	12 violation-free months

## Last-minute test-taking tips

Traffic laws make up 64% of the Louisiana bank — right-of-way and following distance are your highest-yield topics. Read every option before you pick: 'All of the above' appears often as both the correct answer and a distractor. When two options seem right, pick the more cautious one. Flashing red = stop sign, flashing yellow = slow and proceed with caution — the test repeats this. Signal early, not just at the moment of turning. One extra wrong answer beyond 8 is an automatic fail — do not rush.