





# 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 or road condition 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

## Maine signs you will see on the test

 <b>Merging traffic</b> Traffic entering from another road — allow space for drivers merging safely.	 <b>Steep hill</b> Steep grade ahead. Use lower gear; do not ride brakes.	 <b>Railroad (no signal)</b> Crossing with no signal ahead. Slow, look both ways, be ready to stop.	 <b>Speed limit 55</b> Maximum legal speed on this roadway is 55 mph.	 <b>Exit only</b> This lane exits the freeway — move left now or exit.	 <b>T-intersection</b> Road ends ahead; must turn left or right.
 <b>School zone</b> Pentagon shape. Children present — stop if any are in crosswalk.	 <b>Curve right</b> Yellow diamond with curving arrow — road curves to the right ahead. Slow before.	 <b>School speed zone</b> Near school — slow down, watch for children in crosswalk.	 <b>Sharp turn right</b> 90-degree right turn ahead. Slow significantly — this is sharper than a curve.	 <b>Lane ends — merge left</b> Right lane ends. Traffic must merge left when safe.	 <b>Railroad crossbuck</b> White X-shape posted AT the crossing. Stop if a train approaches.
 <b>Downgrade</b> Steep hill or downgrade ahead. Control speed.	 <b>Reverse curve</b> Road curves right then left. Slow before the first curve.	 <b>Traffic signal ahead</b> Signal light at the intersection ahead — be prepared to stop.	 <b>Workers on road</b> Orange = work zone. Workers on or near road — slow down.	 <b>Slippery when wet</b> Road surface may be slippery in wet conditions. Reduce speed.	 <b>Merge from right</b> Traffic merging from the right — watch and adjust speed.
 <b>Chevron — curve left</b> Road curves sharply to the left in the direction of the arrow.	 <b>No passing zone</b> Yellow pennant on LEFT = no passing zone begins here.	 <b>Do not pass</b> White rectangular regulatory sign. No passing for any reason.	 <b>Construction zone</b> Orange = roadwork ahead. Proceed with caution.	 <b>Low shoulder</b> Shoulder lower than road ahead — drifting off can cause loss of control.	 <b>Bicyclist left turn</b> Arm straight out to the left = bicyclist signaling a left turn.

# Rules of the road

## Right of way

**4-way stop — first arrives** — First vehicle to arrive goes first. (Q19899)

**4-way stop — tie** — Yield to the driver on your right. (Q19864, Q20026)

**Uncontrolled intersection** — Driver on the left yields to driver on the right. (Q19481)

**Left turn** — Yield to all oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

**Pedestrian in crosswalk** — Always yield — marked or unmarked crosswalk.

**Emergency vehicle** — Pull to right edge and stop. Never follow within 500 feet. (Q19544)

**School bus — 2-lane road** — Stop in both directions when red lights flash. (Q19866)

**School bus — divided highway** — Opposite-direction traffic on median-divided highway may continue. (Q19520)

**Bicyclist** — Bicycles are vehicles with full rights. Slow and give max space. (Q19803, Q19820)

**Merging onto highway** — Highway traffic has right-of-way. Match their speed.

## Maine speed limits

School zone (during school hours)	15 mph (Q19485)
Business or residential area	25 mph (Q20101)

Outside business/residential (default)	45 mph (Q20356)
Basic Speed Law	Never faster than safe for conditions

## Lane markings

**Double solid yellow** — No passing from either direction. (Q19685)

**Broken yellow centerline** — Passing permitted when way ahead is clear. (Q20227)

**Flashing yellow light** — Slow down and cross carefully. (Q19666)

**Solid white lines across lane** — Crosswalk boundary — yield to pedestrians. (Q19992)

**Flashing red light** — Treat as stop sign — full stop, then proceed when safe.

## Parking rules

**Distance from curb** — Park no more than 18 inches from the curb. (Q19470)

**Crosswalk** — Do not park within 15 feet of a crosswalk. (Q19476)

**Downhill — with or without curb** — Turn wheels RIGHT toward the road edge. (Q20249, Q20027)

**Uphill — with curb** — Turn wheels LEFT away from curb. (Q20234)

**Uphill — no curb** — Turn wheels RIGHT toward road edge. (Q20293)

**Passing on the right** — Only when vehicle ahead is in the left lane of a 2+ lane road. (Q19468)

# OUI, GDL & exam facts

## OUI / alcohol laws (Maine uses 'OUI' not 'DUI')

<b>Legal limit — 21 and older</b>	0.08% BAC = OUI charge (Q19467, Q19862)	<b>One drink</b>	Enough to affect driving ability (Q19974)
<b>Under 21</b>	Any detectable alcohol = license suspension (Q20144)	<b>Only time reduces BAC</b>	Coffee/food/exercise do not speed up sobering (Q19814)
<b>At 0.15% BAC</b>	Crash risk increases 25 times (Q19473)	<b>Chemical test refusal</b>	Automatic license suspension (Q20100)
<b>At 0.02% BAC</b>	Doubles chances of accident (Q20182)		

## Maine knowledge test

<b>Questions</b>	30	<b>Driver education (under 18)</b>	Required — must present completion certificate
<b>Passing score</b>	24 correct (80%)	<b>Questions you can miss</b>	Only 6 out of 30 — tighter than most states
<b>Application fee</b>	\$35		

## Maine GDL — graduated license rules

<b>Supervised hours (under 21)</b>	70 total (highest in New England), 10 at night	<b>Passenger restriction (under 18)</b>	Immediate family only (parents, siblings, grandparents, spouse, children)
<b>Permit hold minimum</b>	6 months before road test (under 21)	<b>Restrictions lift</b>	270 days from license issuance
<b>Supervisor age</b>	At least 20 years old (not 21) — licensed 2+ years, front seat	<b>Provisional period</b>	Full 2 years from issuance — any moving violation may suspend
<b>Night curfew (under 18)</b>	No driving midnight – 5 AM		

## Common test traps — Maine-specific

- OUI threshold** — Maine says OUI not DUI. Triggers at 0.08% for 21+.
- Supervisor age** — Age 20 is the minimum — lower than most states (21+).
- 70 supervised hours** — One of the highest in the nation. Log carefully.
- Restrictions: 270 days** — Not 12 months, not 1 year — exactly 270 days.
- Under-21 BAC** — 'Any amount' is the answer — not 0.02%, not 0.04%.

- School bus on divided highway** — Opposite direction may continue — 2-lane must stop both ways.
- 4-way stop tie** — Yield to the driver on your RIGHT — know both rules.
- Downhill parking (any curb situation)** — Wheels always RIGHT toward road edge when facing downhill.