



Understand the Road to Safe Driving



Phases for Learning to Drive	DESCRIPTION						
	GDL Phase	Knowledge	Skill	Performance	Adaptability	Distractions	Supervised Practice
Novice (Beginner)	Driver's Education & supervised practice	Shows weak knowledge retrieval related to safely navigating roadways & interacting with other roadway users	Shows weak driving skills in safely navigating roadways & interacting with other roadway users	Shows very inconsistent driver performance in safely navigating roadways & interacting with other roadway users	Must use full concentration to safely navigate roadways & interact with other roadway users	Is easily distracted by both internal & external distractions	Practice is the only way to eventually gain mastery. It takes years of regular driving to become a competent driver. Meanwhile, novices MUST have regular supervised practice in order to assess progress toward safe driving & have any mistakes corrected before they become unsafe habits.
Nearing Proficient (Advanced Beginner)	Supervised practice & restricted independent driving	Shows improved knowledge retrieval related to safely navigating roadways & interacting with other roadway users	Shows improved driving skills in safely navigating roadways & interacting with other roadway users	Shows inconsistent driver performance in safely navigating roadways & interacting with other roadway users	Uses conscious effort to safely navigate roadways & interact with other roadway users	Is easily distracted by both internal & external distractions	Practice is the only way to eventually gain mastery. It takes years of regular driving to become a competent driver. Meanwhile, supervised practice is necessary in order to assess progress toward safe driving & have any mistakes corrected before they become unsafe habits.
Proficient (Nearing competent)	Restricted independent driving & full privilege license	Shows adequate knowledge retrieval related to safely navigating roadways & interacting with other roadway users	Shows adequate driving skills in safely navigating roadways & interacting with other roadway users	Shows more consistent driver performance in safely navigating roadways & interacting with other roadway users	Uses conscious effort to safely navigate roadways & interact with other roadway users	Can be distracted by both internal & external distractions	Practice is the only way to eventually gain mastery. It takes years of regular driving to become a competent driver. Periodically "spot check" to make sure that safe driving behaviors are maintained & unsafe driving behaviors are extinguished.
Competent	Full privilege license	Shows strong knowledge retrieval related to safely navigating roadways & interacting with other roadway users	Shows strong driving skills in safely navigating roadways & interacting with other roadway users	Shows consistent driver performance in safely navigating roadways & interacting with other roadway users	Behaviors to safely navigate roadways & interact with other roadway users are automatic	Less likely to be distracted by both internal & external distractions	Practice is the only way to eventually gain mastery. It takes years of regular driving to become a competent driver. Periodically "spot check" to make sure that safe driving behaviors are maintained & unsafe driving behaviors are extinguished.