GEORGIA ALCOHOL, DRUGS & DRIVING CONDITIONS

THE ULTIMATE STUDY BLUEPRINT FOR THE KNOWLEDGE TEST

Georgia's DUI law isn't a suggestion. It is a ladder of numbers. Blood-alcohol limits by age, suspension lengths by conviction count, deadlines measured in days.
The exam tests every rung.

The Golden Rule of the Georgia Test

A DUI conviction in Georgia carries NO license points. Its consequence is suspension.

TEST TRAP: If a test answer prices a DUI in points (e.g., “DUI is worth 6 points”), it is importing another state’s rules. It is a trap.

MEMORY AID: In Georgia, the price is time, not points.

What Counts as DUI?



Less Safe

You do not need a breath number to be charged. Driving or being in actual physical control while visibly less safe due to alcohol, any drug, or toxic vapors is enough.



Prescriptions

Being legally entitled to use a drug is no defense if the drug renders you incapable of driving safely.

Legal to take is not legal to drive on.



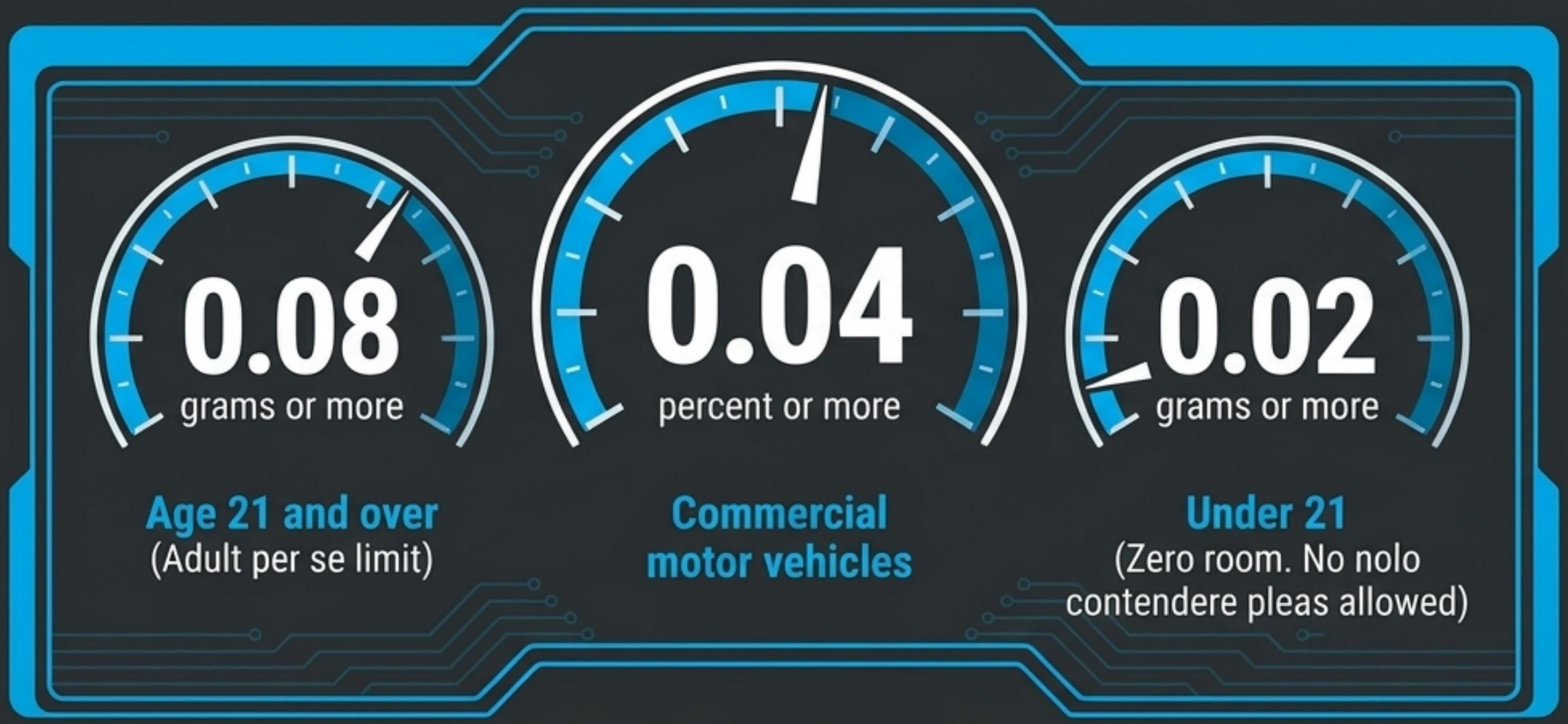
Children Under 14

Transporting a child under 14 while DUI is a separate offense (endangering a child by DUI). It does not merge.

One stop = two convictions.

MEMORY AID: Less safe is enough. A legal prescription is no defense. A child under 14 aboard makes it two offenses.

The BAC Thresholds



Age 21 and over
(Adult per se limit)

Commercial motor vehicles

Under 21
(Zero room. No nolo contendere pleas allowed)

The 3-Hour Window



The limit applies to alcohol concentration reached at any time within 3 hours after driving ends.

MEMORY AID: Point-oh-eight for grown-ups, point-oh-two under 21, point-oh-four behind a commercial wheel.

Implied Consent & The Clock

EXCEPTION: Electing an ignition interlock limited permit waives the hearing.

The Arrest

Refusal

Lose your license for 1 year on the refusal alone.

Blood/urine refusals used as evidence.

At Arrest

License taken. Issued a 45-day temporary permit.

The Deadline

Send a written hearing request + $150 fee within 30 days, or the right is waived.

MEMORY AID: Refuse: one year gone. License taken, 45 days on paper. Hearing: $150, inside 30 days.

The First Conviction (No priors in 10 years)

FINE
$300 to $1,000 (generally cannot be suspended).

JAIL
10 days to 12 months.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Minimum 40 hours.

SCHOOL
Risk Reduction Program within 120 days.

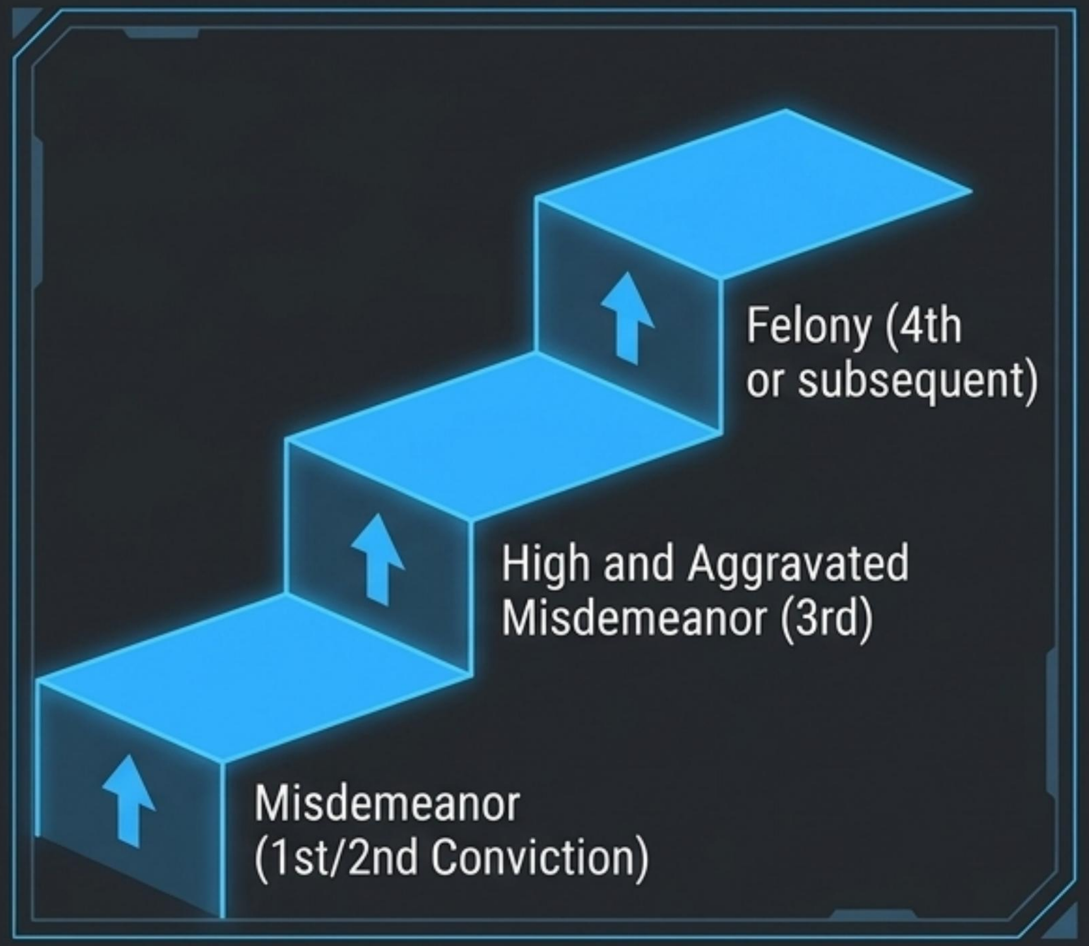
TEST TRAP: If BAC is 0.08+, all but 24 hours of jail may be suspended. There is a floor of one real day you cannot escape.

UNDER 21
Below 0.08, community service drops to 20 hours.

EVALUATION
Clinical evaluation required.

PROBATION
12 months (less jail time served).

Classifications & The Surprise Rule



The Publicity Rule (2nd Conviction in 5 years)



- The court clerk must publish a notice of your conviction in the county legal organ.

- It must include your photograph, name, and address.

- You are assessed $25 for the publication cost.

The Suspension Ladder (Adults)

1st Conviction

12-month suspension.

Escape Hatch: Early reinstatement after 120 days (Requires Risk Reduction + $210, or $200 by mail).

2nd Conviction within 5 yrs

3-year suspension.

Hard line: No reinstatement application before 18 months + 1 year of ignition interlock.

3rd Conviction within 5 yrs

Habitual violator. License revoked.

MEMORY AID: Twelve months, three years, revoked.

The Under-21 Matrix: Zero Room

Under 21 (1st Conviction)

- Under 0.08
  - 6-month suspension (if no prior young-driver suspension).
- 0.08 or higher
  - 12-month suspension.

2nd Conviction (within 5 yrs): 18-month suspension.

3rd Conviction: Habitual violator.

⚠ TEST TRAP: A young driver at 0.02 is guilty of DUI, but their first suspension doubles to 12 months if they hit that 0.08 mark.

MEMORY AID: Under 21: six or twelve, then eighteen.

The Ultimate Trap: Points vs. License



Open Container

Possessing an open container of alcohol while driving.

Consequence = 2 Points



DUI

Driving less safe due to alcohol/drugs.

Consequence = License Suspension (Sub-text: No points)

MEMORY AID: The open bottle is 2 points; the DUI is the license.

3-Question Self-Check

1

State the three Georgia per se limits, who each applies to, and the time window in which they are measured.

2

A driver refuses the state test. What happens to her license, what is she handed at arrest, and what must she file (with what fee/deadline) to challenge it?

3

How many points does a Georgia DUI conviction add to a driving record, and what is the penalty for possessing an open container while driving?

Answer Key

1. 0.08 (21+), 0.02 (<21), 0.04 (Commercial). Measured within 3 hours.
2. Suspended 1 year. Given 45-day temporary permit. Must file hearing request + $150 within 30 days.
3. ZERO points for DUI (1st offense = 12 mos suspension). Open container = 2 points.

The Ultimate Data Log

Exam Structure: Road Signs (20 Qs) + Road Rules (20 Qs)	**1st DUI Community Service:** 40 hrs (20 if <21 & <0.08)
Passing Score: Pass each part separately at 15 of 20 (75%)	**Early Reinstatement (1st):** 120 days + Risk Reduction + $210
Jail Floor (0.08+): 24 real hours	**2nd DUI Pub Cost:** $25

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