

# BRITISH COLUMBIA DRIVER EDUCATION STANDARDS: PASSENGER VEHICLES

## Overview

Regulating agency: The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia's (ICBC) Driver Training & Assessment Standards

Effective date of regulations enacted: Modified Mar.31, 2007

## AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum enrolment age: Normally 16, however, students may enrol in and begin the first classroom session prior to getting their learner's licence

## EDUCATIONAL SETTING

- High schools
- Private driving schools
- Home computer-based instruction
- Other

## ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- High school student status
- Must hold a valid Learner's licence prior to any practical training
- Registration/enrolment fee
- Course fees subsidized for students
- Parent/guardian consent
- Other requirements

## COURSE STRUCTURE

### In-classroom

- Minimum total number of hours: 16 hours
- Number of sessions
- Length of each session: Maximum of 6 hours per day
- Additional sessions available

### In-vehicle, on range/track

- Minimum total number of hours
- Number of sessions
- Length of each session
- Additional sessions available

### In-vehicle, on road

- Minimum total number of hours: 12 hours, which does not include the road test time
- Number of sessions
- Length of each session: Maximum of 4 hours per day
- Additional lessons available

### Driving simulator

- Minimum total number of hours
- Number of sessions
- Length of each session
- Additional sessions available

### Parent / guardian session(s)

- Minimum total number of hours
- Number of sessions
- Length of each session
- Additional sessions available

## CURRICULUM CONTENT\*

- Basic driving procedures and manoeuvres
- Braking
- Crashes and injury prevention
- Defensive driving

- Driver communication skills
- Driver distractions
- Driver fitness to drive
- Driver impairments
- Driver observation skills / visual tracking
- Driver psychology
- Driver responsibility
- Emergency situations / manoeuvres
- Fuel efficient driving
- Graduated driver licensing system
- Hazard perception and recognition
- Highway driving
- Insurance
- Lane changes / Safe passing
- Legal awareness
- Night driving
- Parking
- Pre-driving checks and procedures
- Risk perception / management
- Rules of the road
- Sharing the road
- Signs, signals, and road markings
- Space management
- Standard transmission
- Traffic and roadway conditions / environmental conditions
- Turns and U-Turns
- Vehicle control
- Vehicle systems / parts and performance

\*These are general topics and some jurisdictions may contain curriculum components that are more in specific, i.e. 2- or 3-points turns, parallel parking, etc.

### **COMPETENCY MEASURES**

Pre-assessment:

- In-classroom
- In-vehicle

Intermediate assessment: Using a Competency Checklist, students must score 14/14 (100%) of the Beginning Competencies prior to the end of the course

- In-classroom
- In-vehicle

Final exam: Using a Competency Checklist, students must score 20/25 (80%) of the Exit Competencies

- In-classroom
- In-vehicle

### **INSTRUCTOR REGULATIONS (IN-CLASS)**

- Certifications / designations
  - British Columbia GLP Instructor designation on his/her instructor's licence to teach GLP-approved course
  - Practical and/or Theory Instructor designation on his/her instructor's licence to deliver classroom instruction other than GLP
- Minimum age: 19+
- Licence held: Hold British Columbia Class 5 (for instructions on Class 5 or 7 licences), or Class 6 (for instructions on Class 6 or 8 licenses)
- Driver / criminal record check: Applicants of a driver training instructor's licence must have less than 10 demerit points within the past 2 years, and no convictions under the *Criminal Code* concerning driving of a motor vehicle or convictions in any other jurisdiction for offences analogous to those under the *Criminal Code* concerning driving of a motor vehicle for 3 years before the application; applications for a driver training instructor's licence may be rejected if a police check indicates a conviction for an offence involving dishonesty, violence or indecency within the past 5 years
- Minimum driving experience: 3 years

### **TRAINING VEHICLE**

- Vehicle class used: Any vehicle driven by licensed Class 5 driver
- Dual control brakes: Dual clutch pedals for manual transmission vehicles
- Automatic / manual transmission

- Required insurance: Ensure that vehicle conforms to current statutes and regulations and bear valid licence plates, registration and insurance forms, and mechanical inspection certificates as required. Vehicles must be mechanically inspected once per year at an approved commercial vehicle inspection facility.
- Vehicle signage: Display the words "student driver" in legible printed upper case letters not less than 50 mm high with the lettering and background colours in contrasting shades displayed on the top or rear of the vehicle and visible to the rear
- Passenger restrictions
- Additional vehicle requirements: A rear view mirror firmly mounted so as to give the instructor a clear and unobstructed view of the highway to the rear of the vehicle and separate from mirrors that the vehicle was originally equipped with when manufactured

#### **INSTRUCTOR REGULATIONS (IN-VEHICLE)**

- Certifications/designations:
  - British Columbia GLP Instructor designation on his/her instructor's licence;
  - Practical Instructor designation on his/her instructor's licence to deliver practical instruction (Non-GLP only)
- Minimum age: 19+
- Licence held: Hold British Columbia Class 5 (for instructions on Class 5 or 7 licences), or Class 6 (for instructions on Class 6 or 8 licenses)
- Minimum driving experience: 3 years
- Driver / criminal record check: Same regulations as in-class instructors
- Location in vehicle while instructing
- BAC level while instructing

#### **COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS**

- Successfully complete minimum in-classroom instruction hours: 16
- Successfully complete in-classroom evaluation: 14/14 Beginning Competencies and 20/25 Exit Competencies
- Successfully complete minimum in-vehicle instruction hours: 12
- Successfully complete in-vehicle evaluation: 14/14 Beginning Competencies and 20/25 Exit Competencies
- Successfully complete 4 hours of discretionary time (several options as to how discretionary time may be used)

#### **FOLLOWING PROGRAM COMPLETION**

- Driver education certification issued to student: Once the above requirements have been met, a completed *Declaration of Completion* form will be issued by the Driver Training School
- Time-reduction in GDL program: New drivers who successfully complete an ICBC-Approved Driver Education Course will receive a 6 month reduction in their novice stage if the driver remains violation and at-fault crash-free for the first 18 months of their novice stage
- Insurance discount

#### **PRACTICE DRIVING (WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN)**

- Minimum practice driving hours: 60 hours (which includes the 12 hours of in-car training)
- Maximum period to complete the practice hours: 365 days
- Practice hours recorded on a log sheet: Driver Experience Log

#### **SUPERVISOR (PARENT/GUARDIAN) REGULATIONS**

- Minimum Age: 25
- Licence held: Class 5 or better
- Time licensed
- BAC level while supervising
- Location while supervising
- Driver log: Supervisor requested to fill in the log; driving school is responsible to ensure 60 hours are recorded

#### **ADDITIONAL FEATURES**

- Discretionary allocation of instructional time: A minimum of 4 hours can be used as the instructor determines necessary; the time can be spent in the classroom, the vehicle, or both
- Credits towards high school graduation: 2 credits towards high school graduation may be awarded upon successful completion of an ICBC-Approved Driver Education Course

#### **LIST OF APPROVED DRIVER EDUCATION SCHOOLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

ICBC-approved driver education schools - [http://www.dtcbc.com/resource/glp\\_sch.htm](http://www.dtcbc.com/resource/glp_sch.htm)

**DRIVER EDUCATION REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**Regulating Agency:**

Driver Training & Assessment Standards  
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ICBC: [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com)  
ICBC - Driver Training in British Columbia: <http://www.dtcbc.com>

**Legislation:**

Motor Vehicle Act Regulations - Division 27: Driver Training  
[http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/reg/M/MotorVehicle/26\\_58/09\\_26\\_58-08.htm#division27](http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/reg/M/MotorVehicle/26_58/09_26_58-08.htm#division27)