

# NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR DRIVER EDUCATION STANDARDS: PASSENGER VEHICLES

## Overview

Regulating agency: Department of Government Services, Motor Registration Division

Effective date of regulations enacted: January 1, 2000

## AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum enrolment age to driver education program: Must be 16 years old

## EDUCATIONAL SETTING

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

## ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Highschool student status
- Must hold valid Learner's permit: For in-car lessons
- Registration/enrolment fee
- Course fees subsidized for students
- Parent/guardian consent: To obtain learners permit if under 19 years old
- Additional requirements

## COURSE STRUCTURE

### In-classroom

- Minimum total number of hours: 25 hrs in-class
- Number of sessions
- Length of each session: Cannot exceed 6.25 hrs per session
- 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: 10 hrs for auto transmission vehicles, 12 hrs for standard shift
- Number of sessions
- Length of each session: Maximum daily limit of 3 hrs
- 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:

- In-classroom
- In-vehicle

Final exam:

- In-classroom
- In-vehicle

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

- Certifications / designations: Must be approved instructor as per Motor Registration Division guidelines
- Minimum age
- Licence held: Must hold driver licence for class of licence they will be providing instruction for
- Driver / criminal record check
- Minimum driving experience: Must have held a valid licence for 5 yrs

### **TRAINING VEHICLE**

- Vehicle class used
- Dual control brakes
- Automatic / manual transmission...manual transmission optional
- Required insurance: Minimum of \$1,000,000.00 public liability with endorsement S.E.F. 6 (d) (driver training)
- Vehicle signage
- Passenger restrictions: Up to 3 additional students
- Additional vehicle requirements: Vehicle with 2 inside rearview mirrors (one for the instructor)

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- Driver/Criminal record check
- Location in vehicle while instructing: Must be in front seat beside student
- BAC level while supervising: Cannot be in excess of .05 BAC
- Additional regulations

#### **COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS**

- Successfully complete minimum in-classroom instruction hours
- Successfully complete in-classroom evaluation
- Successfully complete minimum in-vehicle instruction hours
- Successfully complete in-vehicle evaluation

#### **FOLLOWING PROGRAM COMPLETION**

- Driver education certification issued to student
- Time-reduction in GDL program (number of months): 4 months
- Insurance discount

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

- Minimum practice driving hours
- Maximum period to complete the practice hours
- Practice hours recorded on a log sheet

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

- Minimum Age
- Licence held
- Time licensed
- BAC level while supervising
- Location while supervising
- Driver log

#### **ADDITIONAL FEATURES**

#### **LIST OF APPROVED DRIVER EDUCATION SCHOOLS IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

Attached File

#### **DRIVER EDUCATION REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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##### **Legislation:**

*Highway Traffic Driver Regulations, 1999* under the *Highway Traffic Act* (O.C. 98-729)  
PART III DRIVER EDUCATION AND UPGRADING  
<http://assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/regulations/rc980110.htm#23>