



SASKATCHEWAN DRIVER EDUCATION STANDARDS: PASSENGER VEHICLES

Overview

Regulating agency: Saskatchewan Safety Council

Effective date of regulations enacted:

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ Minimum enrolment age to driver education program: 15 if attending an SGI approved high school driver education program
- ☒ Minimum age of 16 for the 6 & 6 Commercial Program (6 hours in-car and 6 hours in-class training)

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ High School Program
 - ☒ Must be a high school student
 - ☒ Parent/guardian consent
 - ☒ SGI pays for the program
- ☒ 6 & 6 Commercial Program
 - ☒ Must hold a valid learner's licence
 - ☒ The driver pays for the program
 - ☒ All training must be complete before the learner may attempt a road test

COURSE STRUCTURE

In-classroom

- ☒ Minimum total number of hours: 30 hours of mandatory training through High School Driver Education Program; or 6 hours from a licensed driving instructor
- ☒ Number of sessions: Varies with each high school; some schools may administer the program throughout the whole school year (September to June), some may do the program over a semester, some may do the program in six weeks; schedules are determined to fit the needs of the students, school and educator. The commercial program has 6 hours in-class. Some educators teach all 6 hours in one day, three 2-hour sessions, two 3-hour sessions, or six 1-hour sessions.
- ☒ Length of each session: Varies, see above.
- ☐ 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: 6 hours
- ☐ Number of sessions
- ☒ Length of each session: Maximum of 2 hours a day, students are encouraged to practice the skills they've learned from their educator between sessions with a supervising driver.
- ☐ Additional lessons available

Driving simulator

- ☒ Minimum total number of hours: Simulator hours are not required, however, SGI will accept up to 8 hours of driver simulation, which is equal to 2 in-car hours. (4 hours simulation = 1 hour in-car driving)
- ☐ Number of sessions
- ☐ Length of each session

EDUCATIONAL SETTING

- ☒ High schools
- ☒ Private driving schools: classroom setting
- ☐ Home computer-based instruction
- ☐ Other

CURRICULUM CONTENT*

- ☒ Basic driving procedures and manoeuvres
- ☒ Acceleration, braking and steering
- ☒ Controls of the car
- ☒ Corners and curves
- ☒ Corner and intersection negotiation
- ☒ Counting time
- ☒ Crashes and injury prevention
- ☒ Defensive driving
- ☒ Driver communication skills
- ☒ Driver distractions
- ☒ Driver fitness to drive / driver condition
- ☒ Driver impairments
- ☒ Driver observation skills / visual tracking
- ☐ Driver psychology
- ☒ Driver responsibility
- ☒ Driving slowly
- ☒ Emergency situations / manoeuvres
- ☒ Estimating time
- ☒ Fuel efficient driving (optional)
- ☒ Graduated driver licensing system
- ☒ Grid roads
- ☒ Hazard perception and recognition (IPDE: Identify, Predict, Decide, Execute)
- ☒ Highway driving / City driving
- ☒ Insurance / Safe Driver Recognition Program / Buying a Vehicle
- ☒ Lane changes / Safe passing / Crossing Intersections
- ☒ Legal awareness
- ☒ Looking up and referencing down
- ☒ Night driving and restricted driving
- ☒ Parking
- ☒ Pre-driving checks and procedures
- ☒ Reading traffic
- ☒ 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 condition and operation
- ☒ Vehicle control
- ☒ Vehicle systems / parts and performance
- ☒ Visual Search Patterns
- ☒ Winter Driving and Rain

<input type="checkbox"/> Additional sessions available Parent / guardian session(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum total number of hours: SGI encourages parental involvement but does not mandate a certain amount of logged supervisory hours <input type="checkbox"/> Number of sessions <input type="checkbox"/> Length of each session <input type="checkbox"/> Additional sessions available	
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COMPETENCY MEASURES

Pre-assessment: <input type="checkbox"/> In-classroom <input type="checkbox"/> In-vehicle	Intermediate assessment: <input type="checkbox"/> In-classroom <input type="checkbox"/> In-vehicle	Final exam: <input type="checkbox"/> In-classroom <input type="checkbox"/> In-vehicle
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INSTRUCTOR REGULATIONS (IN-CLASS)

- ☒ As the high school program has a Ministry of Education High School Curriculum, a professional high school teacher may teach the 30hour In-class program. The school must contract a Driver Educator to conduct the in-car training.
- ☒ To teach the commercial 6 & 6 program and full high school program (30 & 6)
 - Educators must have a certificate from the Class 5 Instructor Course at SGI.
 - Hold a Class 4 driver licence
- ☒ All educators must:
 - Submit a Criminal Record Check
 - Have an acceptable driving record
 - Have held a class 5 licence or higher for the immediate preceding five years and provide proof of passing all necessary Class 4 examinations within 30 days prior to date of application.
 - Submit a current medical examination report to SGI.

TRAINING VEHICLE REGULATIONS

- ☒ Vehicle class used: Class 5
- ☒ Dual control brakes
- ☐ Automatic / manual transmission
- ☒ Required insurance: A certificate of bodily injury and property damage liability insurance on motor vehicles while used in driving instruction, insuring the liability of the driver training school, the driver instructors and any person taking instruction, in the amount of at least \$2,000,000 in excess of the amount required pursuant to The Automobile Accident Insurance Act for bodily injury or death and damage to property, in any one accident.
- ☒ Vehicle signage: Vehicle must display a sign at the rear of the vehicle that is conspicuously and clearly visible from a distance of 30m, and contains the words "Student Driver" in letters not less than 5cm in height.
- ☐ Passenger restrictions
- ☒ Additional vehicle requirements: Vehicle must have special rearview mirrors firmly affixed to the vehicle to allow a driving instructor a clear and unobstructed view of the highway to the rear of the vehicle

INSTRUCTOR REGULATIONS (IN-VEHICLE)

- ☒ Certifications/designations: Holds a driving instructor's certificate; educators must pass a Class 5 Instructor Course at SGI.
- ☐ Age
- ☒ Minimum licence held: Hold a Class 4 driver licence
- ☒ Minimum driving experience: Have held a class 5 licence or higher for the immediate preceding five years and provide proof of passing all necessary Class 4 examinations within 30 days prior to date of application.
- ☒ Driver/Criminal record check: Have an acceptable driving record; Applicants applying for a driver instructor's certificate must include a criminal record search, on a form provided by the administrator, signed by the Chief of Police or the Officer in Charge of the local R.C.M.P. detachment or the Town Constable.
- ☒ Location in vehicle while instructing: Front passenger seat with no one between instructor and student
- ☒ BAC level while supervising: Zero
- ☒ Additional regulations: Must be employed by a driving school, must submit a current medical examination report to SGI.

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
- ☒ Educators must submit class lists
- ☒ Educators must keep a copy of class records for 5 years

FOLLOWING PROGRAM COMPLETION

- ☒ Driver education certification issued to student: A Driver Education Certificate will be issued by the instructor upon completion of students' training and must be presented to the driver examiner prior to a road test.
- ☐ Time-reduction in GDL program (number of 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: optional
- ☒ Practicing is strongly encouraged but the above points are not mandated at this time.

SUPERVISOR (PARENT/GUARDIAN) REGULATIONS

- ☐ Minimum Age
- ☒ Licence held: Hold a minimum of a valid Class 5 driver's licence
- ☒ Time licensed: A minimum of 365 days in the preceding three years (but is not a novice driver).
- ☒ At all times, be capable of assuming operation of the vehicle (the learner driver cannot be the designated driver for an impaired supervisor driver)
- ☐ BAC level while supervising
- ☒ Location while supervising: Occupy the seat nearest to the driver and the vehicle controls
- ☐ Driver log

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

N/A

LIST OF APPROVED DRIVER EDUCATION SCHOOLS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Find a driver educator - www.sgi.sk.ca/cgi_pub/drivers_licences/drivereducators/drivereducators.htm

DRIVER EDUCATION REGULATORY INFORMATION**Regulating Agency:**

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Legislation:

The Driver Training Regulations, 1986 Being Chapter V2.1 Reg 4 (effective September 18, 1986) as amended by Saskatchewan Regulations 10/94, 43/96 and 53/2003 - <http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/English/Regulations/Regulations/V21R4.pdf>