

QUEBEC DRIVER EDUCATION STANDARDS: PASSENGER VEHICLES

Overview

Regulating agency: Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ)

Effective date of regulations enacted:

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ Minimum enrolment age to driver education program: 16 years

EDUCATIONAL SETTING

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

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Highschool student status
- ☒ Must hold valid Learner's permit
- ☒ Registration/enrolment fee
- ☐ Course fees subsidized for students
- ☒ Parent/guardian consent
- ☐ Additional requirements

COURSE STRUCTURE

In-classroom

- ☐ Minimum total number of hours
- ☐ Number of sessions
- ☐ Length of each 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: 12 hours
- ☐ Number of sessions
- ☐ Length of each session
- ☒ 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

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
- ☒ Minimum age: 21 years old
- ☐ Licence held
- ☒ Driver / criminal record check
- ☒ Minimum driving experience

TRAINING VEHICLE

- ☐ Vehicle class used
- ☒ Dual control brakes
- ☒ Automatic / manual transmission
- ☒ Required insurance
- ☒ Vehicle signage
- ☒ Passenger restrictions
- ☐ Additional vehicle requirements

INSTRUCTOR REGULATIONS (IN-VEHICLE)

- ☒ Certifications/designations
- ☒ Minimum age: 21 years old
- ☒ Licence held
- ☒ Minimum driving experience
- ☒ Driver/Criminal record check
- ☐ Location in vehicle while instructing
- ☒ BAC level while supervising

- ☐ 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)
- ☒ 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 QUEBEC

CAA Quebec – Approved driving schools: <http://www.caaquebec.com/Automobile/EcoleConduiteRecommandes/?lang=en>

Association Québécois de transport est des routes – Écoles de conduite:
<http://www.aqtr.qc.ca/cgi-cs/cs.waframe.content?topic=25474&lang=1>

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Legislation: