

NEW BRUNSWICK DRIVER EDUCATION STANDARDS: PASSENGER VEHICLES

Overview

Regulating agency: Motor Vehicle Branch – Department of Public Safety

Effective date of regulations enacted: 1995

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum enrolment age to driver education program

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: 25 hours, or any other method of theoretical instruction approved by the Registrar
- 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: 10 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
- Licence held
- Driver / criminal record check
- Minimum driving experience

TRAINING VEHICLE

- Vehicle used: Class 5
- Dual control brakes
- Automatic / manual transmission
- Required insurance: No motor vehicle provided by a driving school or an instructor shall be used for the purpose of providing instruction in the operation of a motor vehicle unless there is in force in respect to such vehicle a motor vehicle liability insurance policy in an amount not less than \$500,000.00)
- Vehicle signage: A motor vehicle provided by a driving school for the purpose of providing instruction in the operation of motor vehicles shall be clearly marked on both sides and at the rear of the motor vehicle with the words "Driver Training" in letters at least 100mm in height in a manner approved by the Director
- Passenger restrictions
- Additional vehicle requirements: Vehicle must have a second rear view mirror for the instructor

INSTRUCTOR REGULATIONS (IN-VEHICLE)

- Certifications/designations: Holds a driving instructor's certificate; passed a driver training course
- Minimum Age
- Licence held: Hold a N.B. operator's license in the Class in which instructions will be given, valid for the year in which the application for an instructor's licence is made

- Minimum driving experience: Have been licensed as an operator in a Canadian jurisdiction for at least 5 years
- Driver/Criminal record check: The Director may refuse to issue a license to any person who within 5 years previous to the date of the application:
 - has been convicted of any offence under sections 68, 81, 82(3) 91, 176, 231, 232 or 239 of the Act;
 - whose driver's license has been suspended, cancelled or revoked under the provisions of sections 261, 262 or 264 of the Act, the Demerit Point System Regulations or these regulations; or
 - has been prohibited from driving or whose driver's license or privilege of obtaining a driver's license has been suspended or revoked pursuant to the provisions of the Act or the *Criminal Code* (Canada) (EC810/84)
- 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)
- Credits towards highschool graduation
- 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 NEW BRUNSWICK

DRIVER EDUCATION REGULATORY INFORMATION

Regulating Agency:

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Legislation:

Driver Training Course Regulation - Motor Vehicle Act.98-97; 99-11 - <http://www.gnb.ca/0062/regs/95-164.htm>
Motor Vehicle Act – Chapter M-17 - <http://www.gnb.ca/0062/acts/acts/m-17.htm>