



**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DRIVER EDUCATION STANDARDS: PASSENGER VEHICLES**

**Overview**

Regulating agency: Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal  
 Effective date of regulations enacted: April 2007

**AGE REQUIREMENTS**

- Minimum enrolment age to driver education program: 16 years

**ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS**

- High school 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
- Number of sessions: 30
- Length of each session: 1 hour
- Additional sessions available: Yes

**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: 16 hours
- Number of sessions: 20
- Length of each session: 30 mins
- Additional lessons available: Yes

**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: Handout material

**EDUCATIONAL SETTING**

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

**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 (optional)
- Traffic and roadway conditions / environmental conditions
- Turns and U-Turns
- Vehicle control
- Vehicle systems / parts and performance

\*These general topics and some jurisdictions may contain curriculum components that are more in specific, i.e. 2- or 3-points turns, parallel parking, vehicle restraint systems, 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 pass recognized driver training course and obtain driver training licence
- Age
- Licence held: Holds a PEI operator's license valid for the year in which the application to give instruction is made; and holds a valid license for the class of vehicle for which they offer instruction
- Driver/Criminal record check: The Director may refuse to issue a license to any person who within five 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)
- Minimum driving experience: Has been licensed as a vehicle operator in a Canadian jurisdiction for at least 5 years

**TRAINING VEHICLE REGULATIONS**

- Vehicle class used
- Dual control brakes
- Automatic / manual transmission
- Required insurance: Motor vehicles provided by a driving school or an must have a motor vehicle liability insurance policy in an amount not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00)
- Vehicle signage: The words "Driver Training" must be marked in letters at least 100mm in height in a manner approved by the Director, on both sides and at the rear of the vehicle
- Passenger restrictions
- Additional vehicle requirements

**INSTRUCTOR REGULATIONS (IN-VEHICLE)**

- Certifications/designations: Must pass recognized driver training course and obtain driver training licence
- Age
- Licence held: Same as in-class instructors
- Minimum driving experience: 5 years, same as in-class instructors
- Driver/Criminal record check: Same as in-class instructors; see above
- Location in vehicle while instructing
- BAC level while supervising: Zero
- 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): 3 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: Licence of class being learned
- Time licensed: 4 years
- BAC level while supervising: 0.05
- Location while supervising
- Driver log

**ADDITIONAL FEATURES**

N/A

## **LIST OF APPROVED DRIVER EDUCATION SCHOOLS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

InfoPEI - Driving instruction programs: <http://www.gov.pe.ca/infopei/index.php3?number=797&lang=E>

## **DRIVER EDUCATION REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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### **Legislation:**

CHAPTER H-5

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT

DRIVING SCHOOLS REGULATIONS

Pursuant to section 312 of the *Highway Traffic Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap.

H-5, the Lieutenant Governor in Council made the following regulations:

Link: <http://www.gov.pe.ca/law/regulations/pdf/H&05-18.pdf>