

Young and New Driver RESOURCE CENTRE

GDL – NEW DRIVERS Motorcycle Novice Stage (Stage 3) at a Glance

GDL Component		Province Territory												
		BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	YK	NWT	NU
Licence Class					6L		6A, 6B, or 6C		6 (regular)	6 (stage3)			full class 6	
Age Restriction	Minimum Entry Age				16 and 9 months		17		18 and 3 months	18			17	
	Minimum Exit Age				18		19							
Entry Requirements	Time Completion				6L for 9 months ¹				6N for 2 years	stage 2 for 1 year			6P licence for 12 months ²	
	Pass Course/Test				class 6 road test		road test (75%)		motorcycle improvement course ³					
	Parental Consent: Age Applied													
Exit Requirements	Driver Education													
	Time Completion				6L for 15 months		24 months			stage 3 for 1 year				
	Pass Test/Course													
Stage Duration	Minimum Duration				15 months		24 months			1 year				

¹ No suspensions.

² No suspensions.

³ An approved motorcycle improvement program; must provide the Department of Motor Vehicles with proof of successful completion.

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	Display "L" Sign/Plate									yes ⁴				
	Other Restrictions									no electronics				
Suspensions/Prohibitions	Lower Driver Penalty Point Threshold									9+ points: suspension and probation				
	Suspensions						must restart program if suspended for 3 months ⁵			must restart program if suspended ⁶			15+ points: 1 month suspension	
Driver Improvement Actions														
Additional GDL Features					yes ⁷		yes ⁸			yes ⁹				

⁴ Display "G" sign/plate when driving: A small yellow Graduated Decal which is to be placed on the back of the motorcycle operator's helmet; this is the same decal the driver received for Stage 2.

⁵ If the driver in the GDL program is suspended for a period of 3 months or greater, the suspension is followed by a return to the beginning of the GDL period with no credit given for previously passed tests or driver training actions.

⁶ If the license is suspended, cancelled, or disqualified, the driver will be required to restart the GDL Novice stage.

⁷ Credit for time served in the Intermediate Stage in Class 6 will be given for the Intermediate Stage in Class 5 and vice versa.

⁸ Cannot ride as an accompanying driver to assist a Learner.

⁹ No driver may apply for a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 driver's licence until they have successfully completed the GDL Program.