

GDL Component		PROVINCE TERRITORY												
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Licence Class		7L	7	7	5L	G1	5	7 (level 1)	7	7 (stage 1)	5 (level 1)	7	7 (stage 1)	7
Age Restriction	Minimum Entry Age	16	14	16, 15 with drivers ed.	16, 15 with drivers ed.	16	16	16	16	16	16	15	15	15
	Minimum Exit Age	17	16	16		16 and 18 months	17	16 and 8 months		17	16 and 8 months	16 or after 6 months if over 16	16	16
Entry Requirements	Vision Test	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Knowledge Test	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes, need 75% pass	yes	yes	yes	yes, need 85% pass	yes	yes	yes
	Parental Consent: Age Applied	yes if under 19	yes if under 18	yes if under 18	yes if under 18	no	yes if under 18	yes if under 18	yes if under 18	no	yes if under 19	yes if under 18	no	no
Exit Requirements	Driver Education	voluntary	voluntary	mandatory <sup>1</sup>	voluntary	voluntary	mandatory <sup>2</sup>	voluntary	voluntary	voluntary	voluntary	voluntary	voluntary	voluntary
	Time Completion	12 months	12 months	9 months	9 months	8 to 12 months <sup>3</sup>	12 months	8 to 12 months <sup>4</sup>	3 to 6 months <sup>5</sup>	275 days to 12 months <sup>6</sup>	8 to 12 months <sup>7</sup>	6 months	12 months	4 weeks
	Pass Test/Course	class 7 road test	Alberta basic road test	class 5 road test	class 5 road test	class G1 road test	class 5 road test	class 7 – level 1 road test	class 5 road test	class 5 road test	class 5 road test	class 5 road test	practical road rest	class 5 road test

<sup>1</sup> Required high school driver training education (30 hours in class, 6 hours in car) or commercial training (six hours in-class and six hours in-car)

<sup>2</sup> It comprises four phases of learning in which theory and practice alternate. The program totals 24 hours of theoretical training and 15 hours of practical training

<sup>3</sup> Can be reduced to 8 months if a Ministry approved driver education course is successfully completed

<sup>4</sup> Can be reduced to 8 months if an approved driver education course is passed

<sup>5</sup> Can be reduced to 3 months if a recognized driver education or training program is taken

<sup>6</sup> Drivers must wait one year before first road test, or if enrolled in a driver education program, 275 days.

<sup>7</sup> May be reduced to 8 months if an approved driver education course is passed

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Stage Duration	Minimum Duration	12 months	12 months	9 months	9 months	8 to 12 months	12 months	12 months	3 to 6 months	275 days to 12 months	8 to 12 months	6 months	12 months	4 weeks
	Maximum Holding Period	2 years <sup>8</sup>	indefinite renewal			5 years <sup>9</sup>			1 year		2 years			
Supervisory Driver	Age	25+	18+									18+	18+	
	Licence Held	valid licence (class 1-5)	full licence <sup>10</sup>	experienced	full licence for 3 years	full licence for 4 years	valid class 5 driver's licence	full licence	full licence	full licence	full licence for 4 years	full licence	full licence	full licence
	BAC Level While Supervising		under 0.08		under 0.05	0.0	under 0.08	under 0.08	0.0	under 0.05	0.0	0.0	0.0 <sup>11</sup>	
	Location While Supervising		front passenger	front passenger	front passenger	front passenger	front passenger	front passenger	front passenger	front passenger	front passenger	front passenger	front passenger	front passenger

<sup>8</sup> 2 years before having to re-qualify for the licence (by taking the vision and knowledge tests again)

<sup>9</sup> 5 years for exiting combined G1/G2 Graduated Licensing System

<sup>10</sup> Non-probationary

<sup>11</sup> No alcohol or drugs in supervisory driver's system

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Supervised Driving	Minimum Amount		60 hours	36 hours	9 months	12 months		10 hours with drivers ed.				50 hours <sup>12</sup>		
	BAC Level While Driving	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Driver Restrictions and Conditions	Nighttime Driving Restrictions	12 am- 5 am	12 am- 5 am	12 am- 5 am		12 am- 5 am		12 am- 5 am	none allowed	1 am- 5 am <sup>13</sup>	12 am- 5 am	12 am- 5 am	11 pm- 6 am	
	Passenger Restrictions	2 including supervisor	# of working seat belts	family and # of working seat belts	supervisor and seat belts	supervisor and # of working seat belts		supervisor only	no passengers	family and supervisor	supervisor only	1 and supervisor	supervisor only	
	Road Restrictions			no farm truck/ off-road <sup>14</sup>		no 400 series roads								
	"L" Sign/Plate	yes								yes	yes	yes		

<sup>12</sup> Must be a Declaration stating that the minimum number of driving hours were completed and the parent/guardian/co-driver who taught the learner must sign the document well

<sup>13</sup> Does not apply to individuals who are 21+ years of age

<sup>14</sup> Not permitted to operate Class 3 vehicle (farm truck) or off-road vehicle along or across highways

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Suspensions/ Prohibitions	Other Restrictions	no electronics								no electronics				
	Lower Driver Penalty Point Threshold	2 to 6 points <sup>15</sup> instead of 15 to 19 points	7 points instead of 14 points <sup>16</sup>			9 points instead of 15 points	4 points instead of 15 points	Begin with 4 points, 2 added, up to 10 points <sup>17</sup>	4 points instead of 12 points	any amount of points leads to suspension	6 points instead of 12 points	7 points instead of 15 points	6 points	
	Suspensions	must restart program after violations <sup>18</sup>	after 8 points, suspension is given <sup>19</sup>		must attend hearing after any violations	after 9 points, 60-day suspension	after four points, 3 month suspension <sup>20</sup>	after 3 months suspension must re-start program	after four points, 6 month suspension	after any suspension re-start program	suspension if BAC is over 0.0	after 7 points, 1 to 2 month suspension	after 6 points suspension is given	

<sup>15</sup> General rules: four penalty points (usually 2 tickets) leads to one month prohibition. More points could lead to a longer prohibition

<sup>16</sup> Any time spent suspended will have to be made up before moving on to the next stage

<sup>17</sup> Drivers start with 4 points on their driving record and they receive an additional 2 points on the anniversary date of their first licence to a maximum of 10 points

<sup>18</sup> If license is suspended, cancelled, or disqualified, the driver will be required to restart the GDL Novice stage; the time the GDL Novice licence has been held will not be counted toward the total time required to qualify to be eligible to obtain a full privilege Class 5 or Class 6 licence; when the Novice license is reinstated, the driver must again meet the time requirement for the Novice stage and will not be eligible to progress out of the Novice stage for at least another 18 months

<sup>19</sup> Violation of the zero BAC limit: 30-day licence suspension, violation of the night driving restrictions: Learner could be fined up to \$115 and two demerit points, violation of the passenger restrictions: Learner will receive a \$115 fine and two demerit points on their licence, violation of the Supervisory Driver conditions: Learner could be fined \$230 and two demerit points

<sup>20</sup> New: Immediate seizure and impoundment of the vehicle if the blood-alcohol level is above 160mg/100ml, or for a refusal to provide a breath or blood sample, a refusal to submit to physical coordination tests, or any other repeat offence Violation of the zero BAC limit: A new driver who consumes alcohol and drives will have their learner's licence suspended; if an offence is committed, 90 days of immediate suspension...resulting in a licence revocation of at least 3 months

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Driver Improvement Actions		voluntary	GDL improvement program	must attend hearing for violations <sup>21</sup>	novice drivers escalating sanction program						responsible driver work shop			

<sup>21</sup> New drivers will be required to attend a Novice Driver Hearing with Driver Improvement and Control Section of Driver and Vehicle Licensing (see Drive Improvement Action section below for details); and may also be required to attend a Novice Driver Hearing as a result of convictions or accident involvement