



BRITISH COLUMBIA GDL: PASSENGER VEHICLES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

To obtain a licence in BC to drive a passenger vehicle, BC's Graduated Licensing Program (GLP) includes two stages: the Class 7L Learner stage, which precedes the Class 7N Novice stage.

Effective date of program implementation: August, 1998; modified October 6, 2003 and March 31, 2007

<u>LEARNER LICENCE: CLASS 7L</u>	<u>NOVICE (INTERMEDIATE) LICENCE: CLASS 7N¹</u>
<p><u>AGE RESTRICTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum entry age: 16 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum exit age: 17 years <p><u>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vision test <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge test <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parental consent: If driver is under 19 years of age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driver education: Voluntary <p><u>EXIT REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time completion: 12 months with a Class 7L licence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass test/course: Class 7 road test <p><u>STAGE DURATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration: 12 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maximum holding period: 2 years before having to re-qualify for the licence (by taking the vision and knowledge tests again) <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age: 25+ years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Licence class held: Valid class 1-5 licence <input type="checkbox"/> Time licensed <input type="checkbox"/> BAC level while supervising <input type="checkbox"/> Driver log <p><u>SUPERVISED DRIVING</u></p> <p><u>DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAC level while driving: Zero <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night driving: No driving between midnight and 5 a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passenger restrictions: Limit of 2 passengers, including supervisor <input type="checkbox"/> Road restrictions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Display "L" sign/plate when driving: Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Other restrictions – no electronic devices <p><u>SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lower driver penalty point threshold: 2-6 (discretionary, instead of 15-19). General rules: four penalty points (usually 2 tickets) leads to one month prohibition. More points could lead to a longer prohibition. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum penalty for violating GLP restrictions: A fine of \$109 plus 3 driver penalty points <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violation of the zero BAC limit: 1) An immediate 12-hour 	<p><u>AGE RESTRICTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum entry age: 17 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum exit age: 18 years and 6 months <p><u>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time completion: Held a Class 7L Learner licence for 12 cumulative months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully passed test/course: Class 7 road test <input type="checkbox"/> Parental consent <p><u>EXIT REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time completion: Held a Class 7 licence for 24 consecutive months without a driving prohibition - reduced by 6 months if an approved driver education course is successfully completed in the learner stage and drivers have no violations (tickets) or at-fault crashes (found to be 50% or more at fault) for the first 18 months of the Novice stage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully passed test/course: Class 5 road test <input type="checkbox"/> Parental consent <p><u>STAGE DURATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration: See above for time completion requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maximum holding period: No limit (5 year licence, can be renewed without re-qualifying/re-testing for licence) <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See passenger restrictions below <p><u>SUPERVISED DRIVING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See passenger restrictions below <p><u>DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAC level while driving: Zero <input type="checkbox"/> Night restrictions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passenger restrictions: Limit of 1 passenger, unless accompanied by a supervisor who is 25 years or older with a valid Class 1-5 licence (immediate family allowed with no supervisor) <input type="checkbox"/> Road restrictions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must display "N" sign/plate when driving: Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Other restrictions <p><u>SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lower driver penalty point threshold: 2-6 (discretionary,

<p>suspension or 24-hour prohibition and 2) a 1 month driving prohibition (first violation) or 3) extended prohibition for repeat violations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drivers in GLP are also subject to the regular penalties that apply to all drivers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If a driver receives a driving prohibition during the learner stage, it will extend the learner stage, as time will not accumulate toward graduating to the novice stage until the prohibition is served and the licence reinstated <p><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u> N/A</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL CLASS 7L GLP FEATURES</u> N/A</p>	<p>instead of 15-19). If a driving prohibition is received, the driver goes back to the beginning of the novice stage after serving their prohibition time, losing all experience time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See Suspension/Prohibition section for Class 7L drivers <p><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u> N/A</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL CLASS 7N GLP FEATURES</u> N/A</p> <p>¹ Due to BC's licensing rule that an individual can only hold either GLP or non-GLP licences at the same time, it is possible for someone to exit the GLP class 7N and 8N stage and enter the class 6L stage earlier than identified above. If a GLP driver held both passenger vehicle and motorcycle licences at the same time and completed the GLP exit test with one, the other licence would automatically be converted to a non-GLP licence. This licensing scenario is relatively rare due to the limited number of GLP drivers who are applying for 2 licence classes at the same time.</p>
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