



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR GDL: PASSENGER VEHICLES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

To obtain a licence to operate a passenger vehicle in NL, there are two GDL stages: Class 5 - Level I (Learner); and Class 5 - Level II (Novice).
 Effective date of program implementation: January 1, 1999.

LEARNER LICENCE: CLASS 5 LEVEL - I

NOVICE LICENCE: CLASS 5 – LEVEL II

AGE RESTRICTIONS

- Minimum entry age: 16 years
- Minimum exit age: 16 years, 8 months

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Vision test
- Knowledge test: Must score at least 85%
- Parental consent: By one parent/guardian, if driver is under 19 years
- Driver education: Voluntary

EXIT REQUIREMENTS

- Time completion: See Minimum duration section below
- Successfully pass test/course: Class 5 road test

STAGE DURATION

- Minimum duration: 12 months, may be reduced to 8 months if an approved driver education course is passed
- Maximum holding period: 2 years

SUPERVISORY DRIVER

- Age
- Licence held: Fully licensed
- Time licensed: At least 4 years
- BAC level while supervising: Zero
- Driver log
- Location while supervising: In front passenger seat

SUPERVISED DRIVING

- Minimum amount of supervised driving

DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS

- BAC level while driving: Zero
- Night driving: No driving between midnight and 5 a.m.
- Passenger restrictions: No passengers, except supervisor (exception for parents/guardians if driver is enrolled in driver education and is accompanied by a licensed instructor)
- Road restrictions
- Display "L" sign/plate when driving: Instead of an "L" sign, a "NOVICE DRIVER" sign must be displayed upon the rear of the motor vehicle being driven; lettering must be a minimum of 5 cm in height, in black lettering, on a white background
- Other restrictions

SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION

- Lower driver penalty point threshold: Licence suspensions are issued at 6 demerit points (instead of 12) accumulated over two years; the suspension periods are: 2 months for 1st offence; 4

AGE RESTRICTIONS

- Minimum entry age: 16 years, 8 months
- Minimum exit age: 17 years, 8 months

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Time completion: See Minimum duration section for Class 5 – Level I
- Successfully passed test/course: Class 5 road test
- Parental consent

EXIT REQUIREMENTS

- Time completion: 12 months in Class 5 – Level II
- Successfully pass test/course

STAGE DURATION

- Minimum duration: 12 months
- Maximum holding period

SUPERVISORY DRIVER

- Age
- Licence held: Fully licensed
- Time licensed: At least 4 years
- BAC level while supervising: Zero
- Driver log
- Location of the supervisor: In front passenger seat

SUPERVISED DRIVING

- Minimum amount of supervised driving

DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS

- BAC level while driving: Zero
- Night driving: Must be accompanied by a licensed driver with 4 years driving experience if driving between midnight and 5 a.m.; there is an exemption for work purposes and the Novice Driver must produce proof of working hours upon request of a peace officer
- Passenger restrictions: The number of passengers in vehicle are restricted to the number of seat belts
- Road restrictions
- Display "N" sign/plate when driving
- Other restrictions

SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION

- See SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION section for Class 5 - Level I

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS

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| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> months for 2nd offence; and 6 months for 3rd offence</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violation of zero-BAC restriction: Roadside suspensions issued by the police for exceeding 0 mg% BAC, begin immediately upon issuance of the notice by the officer; two suspensions will require the Novice Driver to complete an Alcohol Education Program; three or more suspensions will require the Novice Driver to undergo an alcohol dependency evaluation/treatment program</p> <p><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If demerit points are accumulated, the Novice Driver must complete a demerit points "Responsible Drivers Workshop" reinstatement course; if the Novice Driver has not reached suspension level, a points reduction course will permit the removal of up to four (4) points every five (5) years</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A suspension requires the Novice Driver to re-start at the level attained, however, credit is permitted for tests or education courses previously taken</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL CLASS 5 LEVEL I FEATURES</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the driver is a 16 year old driver presenting a valid driver's licence from another jurisdiction which has a graduated driver licensing program, they will be placed in Class 5, Level I. If they have taken an approved driver education course, they will be given a 4 month credit and upon reaching 16 years 8 months, will receive a Class 5, Level II driver's licence. If they have not taken a driver education course they will remain at Level I until their 17th birthday, at which time they will graduate to a Class 5, Level II licence. A road test is not required since they would have already passed a road test in another jurisdiction.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other licensed drivers taking up residence in the province will have their experience rated against the Newfoundland system and will be placed in the appropriate phase; age, driving experience and class of licence currently held will determine placement</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No upgrade to commercial class driver licence</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS section for Class 5 – Level I</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL CLASS 5 LEVEL II FEATURES</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See ADDITIONAL FEATURES section for Class 5 – Level I</p> |
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