

MANITOBA GDL: PASSENGER VEHICLES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

To obtain a licence to operate a passenger vehicle in MB, there are three GDL stages: Learner Licence (Class 5L); Novice Licence (Class 5I); and Full Licence (Class 5F).

Effective date of program implementation: January 1, 2003

<u>LEARNER LICENCE: CLASS 5L</u>	<u>NOVICE LICENCE: CLASS 5I</u>	<u>FULL LICENCE: CLASS 5F</u>
<p><u>AGE RESTRICTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum entry age: 16 years, 15 yrs and 6 months if enrolled in high school driver education course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum exit age: 16 years and 3 months <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 18 <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: Hold Class 5L licence for 9 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass test/course: Class 5 road test <p><u>STAGE DURATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration: 9 months <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum holding period: No maximum time periods for Learner stage as long as licence remains valid; if licence allowed to lapse for >4 years, then driver must re-write the knowledge exam <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Licence held: Minimum Class 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time licensed: At least 3 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAC level while supervising: <0.05 <input type="checkbox"/> Driver log <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location while supervising: Seated in the front seat <p><u>SUPERVISED DRIVING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum amount of supervised driving: 9 months <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: Limited to one supervising driver in the front seat, and number of working seatbelts in backseat only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Road restrictions: Not permitted to operate Class 3 vehicle (farm truck) or off-road vehicle along or across highways <input type="checkbox"/> Display "L" sign/plate when driving <input type="checkbox"/> Other restrictions 	<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 and 6 months <p><u>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time completion: Held a Class 5L licence for at least 9 months without suspensions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully passed test/course: Class 5 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: Hold Class 5I licence for 15 months <input type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass test/course <p><u>STAGE DURATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration: 15 months <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum holding period <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See Passenger restrictions section below <p><u>SUPERVISED DRIVING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum amount of supervised driving <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 restrictions: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passenger restrictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 5 a.m. to midnight – one passenger in the front seat; up to the number of functioning seatbelts in the back seat(s) > Midnight to 5 a.m. – either one passenger, or when accompanied by a qualified supervising driver in the front seat, additional passengers up to the number of functioning seatbelts in the back seat(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Road restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Display "L" sign/plate when driving <input type="checkbox"/> Other restrictions <p><u>SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lower driver penalty point threshold <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violation of the zero-BAC restriction: 24-hour roadside suspension, required to attend a Novice Driver hearing. If the driver's BAC is over .08 	<p><u>AGE RESTRICTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum entry age: 17 years and 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum exit age <p><u>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time completion: Held a Class 5I licence for 15 months <input type="checkbox"/> Successfully passed test/course <input type="checkbox"/> Parental consent <p><u>EXIT REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See BAC restrictions below <p><u>STAGE DURATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration of program: 36 months, see BAC restrictions below <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum holding period <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p> <p><u>SUPERVISED DRIVING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum amount of supervised driving <p><u>DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAC level while driving: Must maintain zero BAC for first 36 months <input type="checkbox"/> Night restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Road Restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Display "N" sign/plate when driving <input type="checkbox"/> Other restrictions <p><u>SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION section for Class 5I drivers <p><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS section for Class 5I drivers <p><u>ADDITIONAL CLASS 5F FEATURES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> May upgrade to full Class 1-4 licence after passing the appropriate tests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> May supervise after three years in full stage

SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION

- Lower driver penalty point threshold
- Violation of the zero-BAC restriction: Any driver in the GDL program who violates the zero-BAC requirement or any other GDL restrictions will be faced with interventions and possible sanctions depending on the circumstances
- Violation of any GDL restrictions: 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 (see DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS section)

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS

- Novice Driver Hearing: At the hearing, the Reviewing Officer will review the nature and circumstances of the incidences with the driver. Results of the Hearing may include:
 - > A licence suspension
 - > An extension of the learner or novice stage
 - > A special driving course
 - > Passenger restrictions
 - > Time of day restrictions
 - > Other driving restrictions

Drivers may appeal the licence suspension, restricted or stage extension to the Licence Suspension Appeal Board on the grounds of hardship.

- Novice Driver Program is three-tiered:
 - > 1st intervention – Novice Warning letter
 - > 2nd intervention – Novice Driver Course
 - > 3rd intervention – Novice Driver Hearing

ADDITIONAL CLASS 5L FEATURES

- Not allowed to: tow vehicles; operate Class 3 motor vehicles registered as a farm truck; operate off-road vehicles along or across highways (unless driver holds a Minimum Class 6 Intermediate Stage Licence)
- Drivers may apply for a motorcycle Class 6 Learner licence, but may not apply for authorized instruction in Classes 1-4 (commercial)
- May operate a moped if the driver is at least 16 years of age

BAC or they refuse to provide a breath sample, the existing drinking and driving countermeasures will apply, including:

- > An immediate 24-hour roadside suspension
- > An automatic vehicle impoundment for a minimum period of 30 days (depending on the BAC level or repeat offences)
- > A 3-month Administrative Licence Suspension
- > A mandatory alcohol assessment
- > A mandatory minimum 1-year court-imposed licence prohibition
- > A mandatory 1-year licence suspension upon conviction of a criminal code offence
- > A licence reinstatement fee

- Violation of other GDL restrictions: 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) for further sanctions. As a result of the hearing, they may receive: a licence suspension, an extension of the Learner or Intermediate Stage, special driving courses (at their own expense), passenger restrictions, time of day restrictions, or other driving restrictions.

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS

- The Driver Improvement and Control program: Different interventions may apply for novice or experienced drivers, depending on how serious the unsafe driving was and how often it occurred. For novice drivers, the interventions begin earlier than experienced drivers. Interventions include:
 - > Sending the driver an advisory letter about their driving
 - > Sending the driver a warning letter about their driving
 - > Requiring the driver to complete a driver course
 - > Requiring the driver to attend a Show Cause Hearing, with possible outcomes including: a driver licence suspension, required completion of a driver course or driver examinations, further restrictions on their licence, or no action.

Drivers who do not complete a required course or exam will have their driver's licence cancelled and their driver's licence fees refunded.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ADDITIONAL CLASS 5I FEATURES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Novice drivers may: tow vehicles, operate a Class 3 motor vehicle registered as a farm truck, operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway, apply for authorized instruction in licence Classes 1-4 if 18+ years of age and meet the vision/medical standards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Novice drivers are only required to complete the novice stage once; credit for time served in the novice stage in Class 5 will be given for the novice stage in Class 6 and vice versa 	
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Websites

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 MPI – GDL Program: Passenger Vehicles and Light Trucks - http://www.mpi.mb.ca/english/dr_licensing/GDLClass5.html
 MPI - GDL Overview - http://www.mpi.mb.ca/english/dr_licensing/GDLProgram.html
 Driver Handbook - http://www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/leg/gdl/gdl_guide.pdf

