



## NEW BRUNSWICK GDL: PASSENGER VEHICLES

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

To obtain a licence to operate a passenger vehicle in NB, there are two stages to the GDL program: Class 7 - Level 1 (Learner); and Class 7 - Level 2 (Novice).  
 First effective date of program implementation: January 1, 1996  
 Program update implemented: June 1, 2009

### LEARNER LICENCE: CLASS 7 – LEVEL 1

#### AGE RESTRICTIONS

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

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Vision test
- Knowledge test
- Parental consent: If driver is under 18 years of age
- Driver education: Voluntary

#### EXIT REQUIREMENTS

- Time completion: See Minimum duration section below
- Successfully pass test/course: Class 7 – Level 1 road test

#### STAGE DURATION

- Minimum duration: 12 months (can be reduced to 8 months if an approved driver education course is passed)\*\*
- Maximum holding period

#### SUPERVISORY DRIVER

- Age
- Licence held: Fully licensed
- Time licensed: minimum 3 years
- BAC level while supervising: Not exceeding 0.08
- Driver log
- Location while supervising: Seated in the passenger seat beside the driver and in a position to give assistance and advice

#### SUPERVISED DRIVING

- Minimum amount of supervised driving: No specified number of hours unless the Class 7 – Level 1 driver has completed a driver education course, in which case they would have a minimum of 10 hours of supervised driving

#### DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS

- BAC level while driving: Zero
- Night driving<sup>1</sup>
- Passenger restrictions: No passengers permitted except for one fully licensed driver, who is seated in the front passenger seat.
- Road restrictions
- Display "L" sign/plate when driving
- Other restrictions

#### SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION

- Lower driver penalty point threshold: Drivers start with 4 points on their driving record and they receive an additional 2 points on

### NOVICE LICENCE: CLASS 7 – LEVEL 2

#### AGE RESTRICTIONS

- Minimum entry age: 16 years, 8 months
- Minimum exit age: 18 years

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Time completion: See Minimum duration section for Class 7 – Level 1
- Successfully passed test/course: Class 7 - Level 1 road test
- Parental consent: If driver is under 18 years of age

#### EXIT REQUIREMENTS

- Time completion: See Minimum duration section below.
- Successfully passed test/course

#### STAGE DURATION

- Minimum duration: 12 months (16 months if driver has successfully completed driver training course and entered Level 2 after 8 months)\*\*
- Maximum holding period: 16 months

#### SUPERVISORY DRIVER

- Age
- Licence held: Fully licensed
- Time licensed: minimum 3 years
- BAC level while supervising: Not exceeding 0.08
- Driver log
- Location while supervising: Seated in the passenger seat beside the driver and in a position to give assistance and advice

#### SUPERVISED DRIVING

- Only for driving during night restriction, if younger than 21 years old.

#### DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS

- BAC level while driving: Zero
- Night restrictions<sup>2</sup>
- Passenger restrictions<sup>3</sup>
- Road restrictions
- Display "N" sign/plate when driving
- Other restrictions

#### SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION

- See SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION section for Class 7 - Level 1

the anniversary date of their first licence to a maximum of 10 points

- 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

**DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS**

N/A

**ADDITIONAL CLASS 7 LEVEL 1 FEATURES**

N/A

**NOTES**

\*\* Learner's licence without interruption for previous 24 months with at least 12 months in level 2 to advance in Class 5.

<sup>1</sup> Prohibited from driving between midnight and 5:00 a.m.

**DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS**

N/A

**ADDITIONAL CLASS 7 LEVEL 2 FEATURES**

N/A

**NOTES**

\*\* Learner's licence without interruption for previous 24 months with at least 12 months in level 2 to advance in Class 5

<sup>2</sup> If under 21, prohibited from driving between midnight and 5:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a licensed driver (Class 5 or better) with at least 3 years driving experience. No other passengers are permitted.

- Automatic exemption granted for work and education
- Written application to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles required for other purposeful activities to obtain exemption

<sup>3</sup> No more than 3 passengers, with only one in the front seat

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**Websites**

New Brunswick Driver's Handbook –  
[http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/public\\_safety/drivers\\_vehicles/content/new\\_brunswick\\_drivers\\_handbook.html](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/public_safety/drivers_vehicles/content/new_brunswick_drivers_handbook.html)

Government of New Brunswick, Department of Public Safety, Motor Vehicles -  
[http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/public\\_safety/drivers\\_vehicles/content/driving\\_rules/graduated\\_driverslicence.html](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/public_safety/drivers_vehicles/content/driving_rules/graduated_driverslicence.html)