

NOVA SCOTIA GDL: MOTORCYCLES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

To obtain a motorcycle licence in NS, there are two GDL stages: Class 7 or 8 (Learner); and Class 6 (Novice). Initially, riders have to qualify for a Class 7 Learner's licence because it covers the basic tests everyone must pass, i.e. vision, road signs, traffic and safety rules. NS riders can then get a separate motorcycle licence or get a motorcycle endorsement added on to their passenger vehicle licence.
Effective date of program implementation: Oct.1, 1994

| DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE A NS DRIVER'S LICENCE (CLASS 1-5) | | | ALREADY HAS A NS DRIVER'S LICENCE (CLASS 1-5) | |
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| <u>LEARNER LICENCE:</u> CLASS LM | <u>NOVICE LICENCE:</u> CLASS 6N | <u>REGULAR LICENCE:</u> CLASS 6 | <u>LEARNER LICENCE:</u> LM STAMP | <u>ENDORSEMENT:</u> A or D |
| <p><u>AGE RESTRICTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum entry age: 16 years <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum exit age: 16 years, 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 years of age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balance test <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: See Minimum duration section below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass test/course: Practical skills motorcycle test; then following the probationary period, pass the advanced road test <p><u>STAGE DURATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration: 6 months and successfully completing an advanced skills test, or after 3 months if an approved motorcycle course is successfully completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maximum holding period: 1 year | <p><u>AGE RESTRICTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum entry age: 16 years, 3 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum exit age: 18 years, 3 months <p><u>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time completion: Held Class LM licence for 6 months (or 3 if approved motorcycle course was completed) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully passed test/course: Class 6 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 a Class 6N licence for 2 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass test/course <p><u>STAGE DURATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration: 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum holding period <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Age <input type="checkbox"/> Licence held <input type="checkbox"/> Time licensed <input type="checkbox"/> BAC level while supervising <input type="checkbox"/> Location while supervising <p><u>SUPERVISED DRIVING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum amount of supervised | <p><u>AGE RESTRICTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum entry age: 18 years, 3 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 Class 6N licence for 2 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully passed test/course: An approved motorcycle improvement program; must provide the Department of Motor Vehicles with proof of successful completion <input type="checkbox"/> Parental consent <p><u>EXIT REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Time completion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass test/course <p><u>STAGE DURATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum holding period <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Age <input type="checkbox"/> Licence held <input type="checkbox"/> Time licensed <input type="checkbox"/> BAC level while supervising <input type="checkbox"/> Location while supervising <p><u>SUPERVISED DRIVING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum amount of supervised driving | <p><u>AGE RESTRICTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum entry age: 18 years <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum exit age <p><u>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vision test <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge test: Motorcycle safety values <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balance test <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parental consent: If driver is under 18 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: See Minimum duration section below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass test/course: Practical skills motorcycle test <input type="checkbox"/> Parental consent <p><u>STAGE DURATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration: 3 months, reduced to 1 month if an approved motorcycle training course was completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maximum holding period: 1 year <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Age <input type="checkbox"/> Licence held <input type="checkbox"/> Time licensed <input type="checkbox"/> BAC level while supervising <input type="checkbox"/> Location while | <p><u>AGE RESTRICTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum entry age: 18 years <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 Learner licence for 3 months, 1 month if approved motorcycle training course was completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass test/course: Practical skills motorcycle 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 Learner licence for 3 months, 1 month if approved motorcycle training course was completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass test/course: Advanced skills road test <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If drivers complete the requirements, they will have the following endorsements added to their driver's licence: <p>A – Valid for the operation of any motor vehicle</p> <p>Or</p> <p>D – Valid for motorcycles with</p> |

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| <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Age <input type="checkbox"/> Licence held <input type="checkbox"/> Time licensed <input type="checkbox"/> BAC level while supervising <input type="checkbox"/> Location while supervising <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 Driving: Can only drive only within the half hour before sunrise to the half hour after sunset <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passenger restrictions: No passengers <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lower driver penalty point threshold: 4 instead of 12. If Learner drivers get 4+ demerit points, their licence will be suspended for 6 months. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspensions will affect your ability to take the road test and more <p><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL CLASS LM FEATURES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drivers with a valid licence from Class 1-5 may obtain a motorcycle learner's licence by successfully completing a rules test and a practical skills test. Operating conditions are the same as the | <p>driving</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. unless the driver has a written exemption from the Registry of Motor Vehicles <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"/> Lower driver penalty point threshold: 6 instead of 12; if Learner drivers get 6+ demerit points, their licence will be suspended for 6 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Licence suspensions will delay graduation to the regular driver stage by 2 years from the date the licence is reinstated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must be suspension-free for 24 consecutive months to graduated to a full Class 5 licence <p><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL CLASS 6N FEATURES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must remain at this level for two years or may choose to get a 5(N) with the Motorcycle endorsement (A) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Class 6N motorcycle licence is also valid as a Learner's licence for passenger vehicles | <p><u>DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAC level while driving: 0.08 <input type="checkbox"/> Night driving <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> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL CLASS 6 FEATURES</u></p> <p>N/A</p> | <p>supervising</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: Zero <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night Driving: Can only drive during daylight hours <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passenger restrictions: No passengers <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lower driver penalty point threshold <p><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL LEARNER FEATURES</u></p> <p>N/A</p> | <p>engines of 100 cc's or less</p> <p><u>STAGE DURATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum holding period <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Age <input type="checkbox"/> Licence held <input type="checkbox"/> Time licensed <input type="checkbox"/> BAC level while supervising <input type="checkbox"/> Location while supervising <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 type="checkbox"/> Night driving <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger restrictions <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lower driver penalty point threshold <p><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL LEARNER FEATURES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If driver completes an approved motorcycle training course, the chief instructor will stamp their licence with "LM"; the driver will not be examined by a driver enhancement officer because both practical tests were included in the training program |
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| <p>motorcycle learner (Initial licence).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The driver may upgrade to a motorcycle endorsement on a valid driver's licence (Class 1-5) after 3 months and by successfully completing an advanced skills test, or 1 month if an approved motorcycle course has been successfully completed. After obtaining a motorcycle endorsement, the remaining operating conditions under the graduated driver licensing system do not apply.</p> | | | | |
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Contact Form

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Registry of Motor Vehicles - Graduated Drivers Licence System <http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/rmv/licence/gradlic.asp>

Nova Scotia Driver's Handbook - <http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/rmv/handbook/>

