



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND GDL: PASSENGER VEHICLES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

To obtain a licence to operate a passenger vehicle in PEI, there are three GDL stages: Stage 1 begins with a Class 7 Instruction permit, followed by a restricted Class 5 Novice licence in Stages 2 and 3.
 Effective date of program implementation: Modified Apr. 1, 2007

LEARNER LICENCE: STAGE 1 – CLASS 7 INSTRUCTION PERMIT	NOVICE LICENCE: STAGE 2 – CLASS 5	NOVICE LICENCE: STAGE 3 – CLASS 5
<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 type="checkbox"/> Parental consent <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: Class 5 road test <p><u>STAGE DURATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration: > Applicants who received their Instruction Permit after March 31, 2007 must wait 1 year before they have their first road test, or if enrolled in a driver education program, 275 days > Applicants who received their Instruction Permit before April 1, 2007 have a minimum waiting period before their first road test of 180 days under the old Novice Driver Program rules <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum holding period <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Licence held: Fully licensed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time licensed: At least 4 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAC level while supervising: Not exceeding 0.05 <input type="checkbox"/> Driver log <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location while supervising: Seated in the front passenger seat <input type="checkbox"/> Other <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: 16.75 years with driver education course <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"/> Time completion: See Minimum duration section for Class 7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass 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: 1 year in Stage 2 <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: 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum holding period <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See Night restrictions section below <p><u>SUPERVISED DRIVING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See Night restrictions section below <p><u>DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAC level while driving: Zero <p>The following rules apply to those who received their Instruction Permit for Stage 1 after April 20, 2007, and after the appropriate waiting time, they entered Stage 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night restrictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Stage 2 drivers are prohibited from operating motor vehicles between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. > Stage 2 drivers may apply for an exemption from the driving curfew for work purposes; and may also operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. if they are accompanied by a licensed driver who has held a Driver's Licence for 	<p><u>AGE RESTRICTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum entry age: 17.75 years with driver education course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum exit age: 19 years <p><u>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time completion: 1 year in Stage 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass test/course <input type="checkbox"/> Parental consent <p><u>EXIT REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time completion: 1 year in Stage 3 <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: 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum holding period <p><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u> N/A</p> <p><u>SUPERVISED DRIVING</u> N/A</p> <p><u>DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAC level while driving: Zero <p>The following rules apply to those who received their Instruction Permit for Stage 1 after April 20, 2007, then completed Stage 2 and have entered Stage 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Night restrictions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passenger restrictions: No more passengers in the vehicle than the number of available seatbelts <input type="checkbox"/> Road restrictions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Display "G" sign/plate when driving: Stage 3 drivers are required to have a Graduated Decal displayed on any motor vehicle they operate; this is the same decal the driver received for Stage 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other restrictions: No Stage 3 driver shall use a hand-held cellular telephone, headphones, mp3 player or any other hand-held electronic

<p><u>DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAC level while driving: Zero</p> <p>The following rules apply to those who received their Instruction Permit for Stage 1 after April 20, 2007:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night driving: Prohibited from operating motor vehicles between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.; there are no exemptions for the driving curfew in Stage 1, however, this does not apply to individuals who are 21+ years of age</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passenger restrictions: The only other passengers allowed in the vehicle are the immediate family* of the accompanying driver who is giving instruction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Road restrictions</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Display "L" sign/plate when driving: Stage 1 drivers are required to display a Learner's Decal on any motor vehicle they operate, on the inside of the windshield just above the motor vehicle inspection sticker; drivers will receive this decal at the time their photo is taken for their Instruction Permit</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other restrictions: No Stage 1 driver shall use a hand-held cellular telephone, headphones, mp3 player or any other hand-held electronic device while operating or having care and control of a motor vehicle</p> <p><u>SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lower driver penalty point threshold: Any violations that carry demerit points will suspend the Instruction Permit of the Stage 1 driver for a minimum of 30 days</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any suspension times will be added to the waiting period to exit Stage 1 (i.e. a 30-day suspension will keep the driver in Stage 1 for an additional 30 days)</p> <p><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL STAGE 1 FEATURES</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No driver may apply for a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 driver's Licence until they have successfully completed the GDL Program</p>	<p>at least 4 years, and does not have a BAC level of .05 or more</p> <p>> This does not apply to individuals who are 21 years of age or older</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passenger restrictions: Only one non-family member as a passenger; the other passengers must be members of the Stage 2 driver's immediate* family</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Road restrictions</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Display "G" sign/plate when driving: Stage 2 drivers are required to have a Graduated Decal displayed on any motor vehicle they operate; drivers will receive this decal at the time their photo is taken for their Class 5 driver's licence</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other restrictions: No Stage 2 driver shall use a hand-held cellular telephone, headphones, mp3 player or any other hand-held electronic device while operating or having care and control of a motor vehicle</p> <p><u>SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lower driver penalty point threshold: An accumulation of 6 or more demerit points will result in the suspension of the Stage 2 Driver's Licence, followed by a 1-year probation period; if the driver receives any fines that carry demerit points during the probation period, their Stage 2 driver's licence will be suspended</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violation of passenger condition: Stage 2 drivers will be suspended for any seatbelt fines they receive: 30 days for 1st offence, and 90 days for 2nd offence; any suspension times will be added to the waiting period to exit Stage 2</p> <p><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL STAGE 2 FEATURES</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No driver may apply for a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 driver's Licence until they have successfully completed the GDL Program</p>	<p>device while operating or having care and control of a motor vehicle</p> <p><u>SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lower driver penalty point threshold: An accumulation of 9 or more demerit points will result in the suspension of the Stage 3 Driver's Licence, followed by a one-year probation period; if the driver receives any fines that carry demerit points during the probation period, the Stage 3 driver's licence will be suspended</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any suspension times will be added to the waiting period to exit Stage 3</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violation of passenger restrictions: The Stage 3 driver will be suspended for any seatbelt fines they receive: 1st offence - 30 days and 2nd offence - 90 days</p> <p><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL STAGE 3 FEATURES</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No driver may apply for a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 driver's Licence until they have successfully completed the GDL Program</p>
<p>*PEI's <i>Highway Traffic Act</i> defines immediate family as the following:</p> <p>92.1 (1) In this section, "immediate family member" means, in respect of a newly licensed driver,</p> <p>(a) the spouse or common-law partner of the newly licensed driver;</p> <p>(b) the father and mother of the newly licensed driver and the spouse or common-law partner of the father or mother of the newly licensed driver;</p> <p>(c) the children of the newly licensed driver and the children of the newly licensed driver's spouse or common-law partner;</p>		

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- (d) the grandchildren of the newly licensed driver;
- (e) the brothers and sisters of the newly licensed driver;
- (f) the grandfather and grandmother of the newly licensed driver;
- (g) the father and mother of the spouse or common-law partner of the newly licensed driver and the spouse or common-law partner of the father or mother; and
- (h) any relative of the newly licensed driver who resides permanently with the newly licensed driver or with whom the newly licensed driver permanently resides.

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