

GDL – New Drivers Motorcycle Novice Stages (Stage 2) at a Glance

GDL Component		Province/Territory												
		BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	YK	NWT	NU
Licence Class		8	6 (Novice)	6, or 1-5 with endorsement "M"	6L (Novice)	M2	6A	6 (Level 2)	6N (Novice)	6 (Stage 2)	6II (Level II)	6 (Novice)	6 (Stage 2)	
Age Restrictions	Minimum entry age	17 yrs	16 yrs	16 yrs, 9 months	16 yrs	16 yrs	16 yrs	16 yrs	16 yrs, 3 months	17 yrs	16 yrs	16 yrs ⁱ	16 yrs	
	Minimum exit age	19 yrs	18 yrs		16 yrs, 9 months	17.75 yrs	16 yrs, 8 months		18 yrs, 3 months			17.5 yrs	17 yrs	
Entry Requirements	Time completion	12 months, Class 8L	12 months, Class 6 (Learner)	9 months, Class 7 with endorsement "6"		60 days, Class M1	1 month, Class 6R	12 months, Class 9 (Level 1) ⁱⁱ	6 months, Class LM ⁱⁱⁱ	Varies ^{iv}	12 months, Class 6 (Level 1) ^v	12 months, Class 6 (Learner)	12 months ^{vi}	
	Pass test / course	Class 8 road test		Practical on-road skills test	Approved motorcycle training course	Yes ^{vii}	Closed track test	Class 9 road test	Class 6 road test	Class 6 road test	Class 6 road test	Class 6 road test	Class 6 road test	On-lot, on-road test
	Parental consent, age applied						Yes, >18 yrs	Yes, >18 yrs					Yes, >18 yrs	
Exit Requirements	Time completion	24 months, Class 8 ^{viii}	24 months, Class 6 (Novice)		9 months, Class 6L	22 months, Class M2 ^{ix}	7 months, Class 6A	12 months, Class 6 (Level 2) ^x	24 months, Class 6N	12 months, Class 6 (Stage 2)	12 months, Class 6II (Level II)	18 months, Class 6 (Novice)	12 months, Class 6 (Stage 2) ^{xi}	
	Pass test / course	Class 6 road test	Class 6 advances road test		Class 6 road test	Class M road test	Road test ^{xii}							

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	Display "N" sign/plate	Yes ^{xx}								Yes ^{xxi}				
	Other restrictions				Yes ^{xxii}			Yes ^{xxiii}		Yes ^{xxiv}				
Suspensions / Prohibitions	Lower driver penalty point threshold	2-6 instead if 15-19	8 instead of 15			9 instead of 15	9 instead of 15	4 instead of 10	6 instead of 12	6 instead of 12	6 instead of 12	7 instead of 15	6 instead of 15	
	Suspensions	Yes ^{xxv}	Yes ^{xxvi}			Yes ^{xxvii}	Yes ^{xxviii}	Yes ^{xxix}	Yes ^{xxx}	Yes ^{xxxi}	Yes ^{xxxii}	Yes ^{xxxiii}	Yes ^{xxxiv}	
Driver Improvement Actions											Yes ^{xxxv}			
Additional GDL features			Yes ^{xxxvi}			Yes ^{xxxvii}	Yes ^{xxxviii}	Yes ^{xxxix}		Yes ^{xl}		Yes		

ⁱ 16 years, or 6 continuous months if over 16

ⁱⁱ Held Class 9 licence for 12 months (or 4 if an approved driver education course is completed)

ⁱⁱⁱ Held Class LM licence for 6 months (or 3 if approved motorcycle course was completed)

^{iv} 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

^v 12 months as a Level 1 driver before taking a road test; this may be reduced to 8 months with successful completion of a motorcycle driver education program, approved by the Minister of Government Services in Class 6 driving

^{vi} Held a Class 7 or valid operator's licence for 12 months suspension free

^{vii} M1 road test or complete an approved motorcycle safety course

^{viii} Hold a Class 8 licence for 24 consecutive months without a driving prohibition

^{ix} Hold a M2 licence for 22 months (or 18 if an approved safety course was completed)

^x 12 months (20 months if driver has successfully completed a driver training course and entered Level 2 after 4 months)

^{xi} Hold a Class 6 Stage 2 licence for 12 months suspension free

^{xii} After passing the road test (with at least 75%), drivers will be issued a probationary licence if they are aged 16-24, unless they already hold a Class 5 licence, in which case the authorization to operate a motorcycle will be added to their licence

^{xiii} 0.08 (0.04 for administrative suspension)

^{xiv} Stage 2 drivers may apply for an exemption for work purposes, and may also operate a motor vehicle during this time if they are accompanied by a licensed driver

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- ^{xv} If driving between midnight and 5 a.m., must be accompanied by a qualified co-driver
- ^{xvi} No driving between midnight and 5 a.m. unless the driver has a written exemption from the Registry of Motor Vehicles
- ^{xvii} Passenger restrictions: Only 1 non-family member as a passenger; the other passengers must be members of the Stage 2 driver's immediate family*
- ^{xviii} May not operate the Motorcycle with a passenger who is under 13 years of age
- ^{xix} If the road test was taken on a moped or three-wheeled motorcycle: Restriction J – Motorcycles under 50 cc's only in Class 6 or Endorsement M. Larger motorcycles as a learner only; Restriction H – operation of three-wheeled motorcycles only in Class 6 or Endorsement M – operation of two-wheeled motorcycles as a learner only
- ^{xx} A green N (Novice) sign replaces the red L sign; when riding, the N sign must be displayed on the back of the rider's motorbike or clothing so that drivers behind can see it
- ^{xxi} A small yellow Learner's Decal which is to be placed on the back of the motorcycle operator's helmet
- ^{xxii} Cannot tow vehicles; cannot operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway (unless driver holds a minimum Class 5 Intermediate Stage licence)
- ^{xxiii} Must wear adequate protective headgear
- ^{xxiv} 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
- ^{xxv} See Suspension/Prohibition section for Class 8L drivers
- ^{xxvi} Violation of the zero-blood alcohol limit results in a 30-day licence suspension; must have no licence suspensions during the last year of this stage; any time spent suspended will have to be made up before moving on to the next stage
- ^{xxvii} See Class M1 SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION section in ON's GDL profile for details
- ^{xxviii} See Class 6R SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION section of QC's GDL profile
- ^{xxix} See Class 9 (Level 1) SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION section in NB's GDL profile for details
- ^{xxx} If Learner drivers get 6+ demerit points, their licence will be suspended for 6 months; licence suspensions will delay graduation to the regular driver stage by 2 years from the date the licence is reinstated; must be suspension-free for 24 consecutive months to graduated to a full Class 5 licence
- ^{xxxi} 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
- ^{xxxii} Licence suspensions are issued at 6 demerit points accumulated over two years; the suspension periods are: 2 months for 1st offence; 4 months for 2nd offence; and 6 months for 3rd offence. Violation of zero-BAC restriction results in: roadside suspensions being issued by the police for exceeding 0 mg% BAC, which begin immediately upon issuance of the notice by the officer; 2 suspensions will require the Novice Driver to complete an Alcohol Education Program; 3 or more suspensions will require the Novice Driver to undergo an alcohol dependency evaluation/treatment program.
- ^{xxxiii} See Class 6 (Learner) SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION section of YK's GDL profile; also, if license is suspended, cancelled, or disqualified, the driver will be required to restart the GDL Novice stage; the time the GDL Novice licence has been held will not be counted toward the total time required to qualify to be eligible to obtain a full privilege Class 5 or Class 6 licence; when the Novice license is reinstated, the driver must again meet the time requirement for the Novice stage and will not be eligible to progress out of the Novice stage for at least another 18 months
- ^{xxxiv} After an accumulation of 6 or more demerit points, the Registrar shall suspend the driver's licence
- ^{xxxv} 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; a suspension requires the Novice Driver to re-start at the level attained, however, credit is permitted for tests or education courses previously taken
- ^{xxxvi} Novice cannot serve as an accompanying rider to a Learner; cannot upgrade to a commercial licence
- ^{xxxvii} Class M2 and Class M licence holders may also drive Class G vehicles under the conditions that apply to a Class G1 licence holder; with a Class M2 licence, the operator can drive a moped, limited-speed motorcycle and a motorcycle
- ^{xxxviii} Novice cannot ride as an accompanying driver to assist a Learner
- ^{xxxix} The Class 6 licence permits the holder to operate a motorcycle and all vehicles included in Classes 6D and 9 on a street or highway
- ^{xl} No Stage 2 driver may apply for a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 driver's Licence until they have successfully completed the GDL Program