

CHECKLIST FOR CHOOSING A DRIVER EDUCATION SCHOOL OR COURSE

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The following questions may be used to guide prospective students and their parents/guardians when choosing which driver education school/course to attend.

CREDENTIALS OF SCHOOL/COURSE:

- How many years has the school/course been in business?
- Is the school/course approved/endorsed by the licensing authority?

ARE THE FOLLOWING COURSE MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS:

- Course information package
- Current training materials
- Student workbooks
- Detailed course outline
- Audio-visual equipment

IN-CLASS INSTRUCTION:

- Are the in-class sessions held in a convenient and comfortable location?
- What is the total number of in-class instruction hours and how long are the classes?
- Is there flexibility in making up missed classes?
- What is the student/teacher ratio?

IN-VEHICLE INSTRUCTION:

- What is the total number of in-vehicle instruction hours and how long is each driving session?
- What is the total number of in-vehicle instruction hours *as the driver* and are student passengers allowed in the vehicle during instruction?
- Are the in-class topics integrated into the in-vehicle instructions?
- Is the program tailored to student needs?
- Are vehicles provided?
- Are day time/night time sessions available?
- Is there flexibility in making up missed sessions?
- Are the vehicles insured for the required amount?
- Is school/home/work student pick-up/drop-off available (without reducing in-vehicle instruction time)?
- Is any portion of the course sub-contracted?

INSTRUCTORS:

- What qualifications do instructors require to teach in-class and in-vehicle instructions?
- Are instructor qualifications regularly upgraded?
- Does the school have its own certification system for training its instructors that exceeds government standards?

COURSE CONTENT:

- What topics are covered in the curriculum and do they meet the minimum standards for your jurisdiction?

COMPETENCY MEASURES:

- Are student progress and evaluation reports administered throughout the program?

FOLLOWING PROGRAM COMPLETION:

- Is a driver education certificate issued to students?
- Will completion of driver education qualify students for time-reduction in the GDL program? [Applies in BC, ON, QC, PEI, and NL]

FEEDBACK ON SCHOOL/COURSE:

- Do schools provide feedback/opinion surveys to students/parents/guardians for program evaluation purposes?
- Are testimonials available from previous students/parents/guardians?

ADDITIONAL FEATURES:

- Does the school/course offer additional driver-related programs/training?
- Does the school/course offer a component/session(s) for parents/guardians?
- Does the school/course encourage parents/guardians to practice driving with the student, and are resource materials provided?
- Does the school/course have additional credentials?