

# Young and New Driver RESOURCE CENTRE

## GDL – NEW DRIVERS Learner Stage (Stage 2) At a Glance

GDL Component		PROVINCE TERRITORY											
		BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	YK	NWT
Licence Class		7N	5	5	5L	G2	5 (probationary)	7 (level 2)	5N	5 (stage 2)	5 (level II)	5	5P (stage 2)
Age Restriction	Min. Entry Age	17	16	16	16	16 and 8 months	17	16 and 8 months	16	16 and 9 months	16 and 8 months	16	17
	Min. Exit Age	18 and 6 months	18	16 and 6 months	17 and 6 months	17 and 8 months	19	18		17	17 and 8 months	17 and 6 months	17
Entry Requirements	Time Completion	7L for 12 months	7 for 12 months	7 for 9 months	5L for 9 months	G1 for 8 to 12 months	5 for 24 months	7 (level 1) for 8 to 12 months	7 for 5 months	7 for 275 days to 12 months	5 (level I) for 8 to 12 months	7 for 6 months	7 for 12 months
	Past test/course	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (need 75% to pass)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Parental Consent: Age Applied							yes if under 18				yes if under 18	
Exit Requirements	Driver Education												



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	Time Completion	24 months <sup>1</sup>	24 months	6 months <sup>2</sup>	15 months	12 months	24 months	12 to 16 months <sup>3</sup>	24 months	12 months	12 months	18 months	12 months <sup>4</sup>	
	Pass Test/Course	class 5 road test	advanced road test			class G2 road test			defensive driving course <sup>5</sup>					
Stage Duration	Minimum Duration	24 months	24 months	6 months	15 months	12 months	24 months	12 to 16 months	24 months	12 months	12 months	18 months	12 months	
	Maximum Holding Period	no limit <sup>6</sup>	indefinite			can be extended 200 days <sup>7</sup>		16 months						
Super visory Driver	Age	25+												

<sup>1</sup> Held a Class 7 licence for 24 consecutive months without a driving prohibition - reduced by 6 months if an approved driver education course is successfully completed in the learner stage and drivers have no violations (tickets) or at-fault crashes (found to be 50% or more at fault) for the first 18 months of the Novice stage

<sup>2</sup> Without suspension

<sup>3</sup> 16 months if driver has successfully completed driver training course and entered Level 2 after 8 months

<sup>4</sup> Without suspension

<sup>5</sup> 6 hour Defensive Driving course or complete the full Driver Training Course (25 hours theory, 10 hours driving time)

<sup>6</sup> 5 year licence, can be renewed without re-qualifying/re-testing for licence

<sup>7</sup> This period can be extended through driver improvement action; maximum extension is 200 days at a hearing; should there be subsequent hearings, a further extension can be imposed at each hearing (max of 200 days per hearing)

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	Licence Held	valid class 1-5 licence			full licence			full licence for 3 years			full licence for 4 years		
	BAC Level While Supervising							0.08			0.0		
	Location While Supervising							passenger seat			passenger seat		
Supervised Driving	Minimum Amount				accompany driver at night (12 am to 5 am)			accompany driver at night (12 am to 5 am) and if under 21					
Driver Restrictions and Conditions	BAC Level While Driving	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Night Driving Restrictions							supervisor if under 21 or between 12 am and 5 am	restricted between 12 am and 5 am	restricted between 1 am and 5 am	need supervisor between 12 am and 5 am	need supervisor between 12 am and 5 am	

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Passenger Restrictions	Passenger Restrictions	1 passenger and supervisor	no more passengers than seat belts	only one non-family member <sup>8</sup>	only one passenger between 12 am and 5 am + supervisor	only one passenger between 12 am and 5 am		3 and under	no more passengers than seat belts	only one non-family member <sup>9</sup>	no more passengers than seat belts	9	no more passengers than seat belts
	Road Restrictions									yes <sup>10</sup>			
	Display "N" Sign/Plate	yes								yes			
Suspensions/ Prohibitions	Lower Driver Penalty Point Threshold	2 to 6 points instead of 15 to 19 points	7 points instead of 14 points, over 8 points is a suspension						6 points instead of 12 points	suspension if over 6 points		7 points instead of 15 points	

<sup>8</sup> Limited to number of working seatbelts, only one passenger can be a non-immediate family member, other passengers must be immediate family members

<sup>9</sup> Only one non-family member as a passenger; the other passengers must be members of the Stage 2 driver's immediate family

<sup>10</sup> 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

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Driver Improvement Actions	Suspensions	over 4 points <sup>11</sup>	violate BAC restriction: 30 days <sup>12</sup>	incidence based	violate BAC or GDL restrictions <sup>13</sup>	9 points and over: 60 day suspension		3 month suspension must start over GDL program	suspension for 6 months if over 6 points	suspension if there are seat belt fines <sup>14</sup>		1 month suspension if over 15 points	suspension if over 6 points	
		voluntary defensive driving	graduated drivers licencing improvement program <sup>15</sup>	driver improvement and control program	novice driver program						responsible driving workshop			

<sup>11</sup> If a driving prohibition is received, the driver goes back to the beginning of the novice stage after serving their prohibition time, losing all experience time

<sup>12</sup> Violation of the zero BAC limit: 30-day licence suspension, violation of the night driving restrictions: Learner could be fined up to \$115 and two demerit points, violation of the passenger restrictions: Learner will receive a \$115 fine and two demerit points on their licence, violation of the Supervisory Driver conditions: Learner could be fined \$230 and two demerit points

<sup>13</sup> Violation of the zero BAC limit: 24-hour roadside suspension, required to attend a Novice Driver hearing. If the driver's BAC is over .08 BAC or they refuse to provide a breath sample, the existing drinking and driving countermeasures will apply. Violation of any GDL restrictions: Drivers will be required to attend a Novice Driver Hearing with Driver Improvement and Control Section of Driver and Vehicle Licensing (see Drive Improvement Action section below for details) for further sanctions. As a result of the hearing, they may receive: a licence suspension, an extension of the Learner or Intermediate Stage, special driving courses (at their own expense), passenger restrictions, time of day restrictions, or other driving restrictions

<sup>14</sup> Violation of the passenger restrictions: 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

<sup>15</sup> Drivers in any stage who are found at fault for a collision, or who receive traffic convictions, will be placed in the Graduated Driver's Licensing Improvement Program