



Graduated Driver Licensing

Your Guide

Working with drivers to make our roads safer.



- Three licence stages
- Novice and supervising drivers
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- Questions and answers



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This guide is for general information only. For specific information see *The Highway Traffic Act* and/or *The Drivers and Vehicles Act* and regulations. All charges, additional premiums and fines in this guide are subject to change.

Purpose of this Guide

This booklet outlines the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program for novice and supervising drivers. It is a handy reference for understanding the driving restrictions and other important information in the GDL program.

What is GDL?

GDL is a three-stage program designed to help new Class 5 and 6 drivers, regardless of age, acquire the knowledge and skills needed to safely operate a motor vehicle. Whether 16 or 60 years old, GDL enables new drivers to gain experience under driving conditions where the risk of having a collision is lower.

The three licence stages of GDL are:

- L → Learner Stage** — Minimum of nine months
- I → Intermediate Stage** — Minimum of 15 months
- F → Full Stage** — For the first three years

Each stage has specific restrictions for new drivers that reduces the opportunity and likelihood for risky driving behaviour.

Why GDL?

While GDL does not discriminate by age, gender or geographic location, statistics show that new drivers are three times more likely to be involved in collisions than experienced drivers. GDL's goal is to reduce accidents among new drivers by allowing them to gain valuable driving experience under controlled conditions, thereby lowering the risk of vehicle collisions.



Who is included in GDL?

GDL applies to all new applicants who are entering the driver licensing system and who are applying for a:

- Class 5 licence and have never held any class of driver's licence before.
- Class 6 licence and have never held a Class 6 licence before.

GDL will not apply to:

- Drivers who held a licence of any class (1 to 6) or stage before April 1, 2002.
- Drivers who held a Motorcycle Instruction Permit before April 1, 2002.
- Experienced drivers whose licence is changed to a Learner Stage due to a test failure.
- Experienced out-of-province drivers who are required to take full driver examinations when transferring to a Manitoba driver's licence.
- Drivers who have held a Class 5F licence (Full Stage) for over three years and want to learn to drive Class 1 to 4 vehicles.



GDL Stages for Class 5 Drivers

(Passenger Vehicles and Light Trucks)

The Class 5 driver licence stages are:

L → **Learner Stage**

I → **Intermediate Stage**

F → **Full Stage**



Time within the Learner and Intermediate Stages is only earned if the driver holds a valid licence. Drivers in the Learner and Intermediate Stage will not earn credit for time served in the Class 5 driver licence stage if their licence is invalid, cancelled, prohibited or suspended.

Class 5L Licence (Learner Stage) (minimum nine months)

To apply for a Class 5L licence, you must:

- Be at least 16 years of age or a minimum of 15 ½ years of age and enrolled in a high school driver education course.
- Have parental consent if you are under 18 years of age.
- Pass a knowledge test and meet the vision and medical standards. If you fail the knowledge test, you must wait a minimum of seven days before you may take another knowledge test.
- Pay the required licence charges and insurance premiums.

During the Learner Stage, you must follow these restrictions:

- Maintain zero blood alcohol concentration.
- Be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver who is the only front seat passenger (see page 9 for supervising driver requirements).
- Limit other passengers in the back seat(s) up to the number of functioning seatbelts.

While in the Learner Stage, you are **not** allowed to:

- Tow vehicles.
- Operate Class 3 motor vehicles registered as a farm truck.
- Operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway—unless you hold a minimum Class 6I licence (Intermediate Stage).

You may apply for a motorcycle Class 6L licence (Learner Stage), however you may not apply for Authorized Instruction in Classes 1 to 4 (Commercial).

You may operate a moped providing you are at least 16 years of age.

Class 5I Licence (Intermediate Stage) (minimum 15 months)

To graduate to this stage, you must pass the Class 5 road test. If you fail the road test, you must wait at least 14 days before taking another road test.

During the Intermediate Stage, you must follow these restrictions:

- Maintain zero blood alcohol concentration.
- Limit passengers:
 - From 5 a.m. to midnight — to one passenger in the front seat and limit the number of passengers in the back seat(s) up to the number of functioning seatbelts.
 - From midnight to 5 a.m. — to either one passenger or when accompanied by a qualified supervising driver in the front seat you may have additional passengers up to the number of functioning seatbelts in the back seat(s).

During the Class 5I licence stage, you may:

- Tow vehicles.
- Operate a Class 3 motor vehicle registered as a farm truck.
- Operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway.
- Apply for Authorized Instruction in licence Classes 1 to 4 if you are 18 years of age or older and meet the vision and medical standards.

Drivers are only required to complete the Intermediate Stage once. Credit for time served in the Intermediate Stage in Class 5 will be given for the Intermediate Stage in Class 6 and vice versa.

Class 5F Licence (Full Stage)

On completion of the Intermediate Stage, you will graduate to a Full Stage licence. Drivers in the Full Stage:

- Must maintain zero blood alcohol concentration for the first 36 months.
- May upgrade to Class 1F to 4F licences after passing the appropriate tests.
- May supervise novice drivers after three years in the Full Stage.





GDL Stages for Class 6 Drivers (Motorcycles)

The Class 6 motorcycle driver licence stages are:

- M** → **Motorcycle Training Course Stage** — permits operation of a motorcycle while taking the motorcycle training course only
- L** → **Learner Stage**
- I** → **Intermediate Stage**
- F** → **Full Stage**

Each stage has specific restrictions imposed on new drivers that will reduce the opportunity and likelihood for them to engage in risky driving behaviour. Time within the Learner and Intermediate Stages is only earned if the driver holds a valid licence. Drivers will not earn credit for time served in the stage if their licence is invalid, cancelled, prohibited or suspended.

To apply for a Class 6 (Motorcycle) licence, you must:

- Hold a valid licence of any other class and be at least 16 years of age.
- Pass a knowledge test and meet the vision and medical standards. If you fail the knowledge test, you must wait a minimum of seven days before taking another knowledge test. All applicants must first obtain the Motorcycle Training Course Stage licence before they will be admitted to the Motorcycle Training Course.
- Successfully complete an approved Motorcycle Training Course.

Motorcycle Training Course Stage

The Motorcycle Training Course is an approved practical course that will provide the new motorcyclist with the basic skills required to operate a motorcycle. It is a user-pay course offered at designated locations throughout the province. Contact your nearest Autopac agent or Manitoba Public Insurance Service Centre for further information on the recognized Motorcycle Training Course or visit mpi.mb.ca.

Time spent in the Motorcycle Training Stage **does not** count toward the nine-month Learner Stage.

Class 6L Licence (Learner Stage) (minimum nine months)

On successful completion of the Motorcycle Training Course you will be issued a certificate that you must present to your Autopac agent or Manitoba Public Insurance Service Centre, before the Class 6L licence will be issued.

Once you have your Class 6L licence, you may operate a motorcycle following these restrictions:

- Maintain zero blood alcohol concentration while operating a motorcycle.
- Carry no passengers.

While in the Class 6L Stage, you are **not** allowed to:

- Drive at night (half an hour before sunset to half an hour after sunrise).
- Tow vehicles.
- Operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway (unless you hold a minimum Class 5I licence).



Class 6I Licence (Intermediate Stage) (minimum 15 months)

To graduate to this stage, you must pass the Class 6 road test. If you fail the road test, you must wait at least 14 days before taking another road test.

During the Class 6I Stage, you:

- Must maintain zero blood alcohol concentration.
- May carry a passenger.
- May tow a vehicle.
- May operate off-road vehicles along or across highways.

Drivers are only required to complete the Intermediate Stage once.

Credit for your time in the Intermediate Stage in Class 6 will be given for the Intermediate Stage in Class 5 and vice versa.

Class 6F Licence (Full Stage)

On completion of the Intermediate Stage, you will graduate to the Class 6F licence.

For the first 36 months, you must continue to maintain zero blood alcohol concentration while operating a motorcycle.



Authorized Instruction

Learner drivers who are not in GDL will be issued an Authorized Instruction licence (A Stage).

This includes:

- Class 5 drivers who held a Learner licence (Class 7 with Authorized Instruction in Classes 1 to 5) before April 1, 2002.
- Class 6 drivers who held a Motorcycle Instruction Permit before April 1, 2002.
- Experienced drivers whose licence is de-classified to a Learner's licence due to a test failure.
- Experienced drivers from out-of-province who are required to take driver examinations upon transferring to a Manitoba driver's licence.
- Learner drivers in Classes 1 to 4.

Class 5A licence (Authorized Instruction Stage) drivers must:

- Maintain a zero blood alcohol concentration.
- Be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver as the only front seat passenger (see page 9 for supervising driver requirements).
- Not operate a Class 3 vehicle registered as a farm truck.
- Not operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway (unless the driver holds a minimum Class 6I licence).

Class 6A licence drivers must:

- Maintain zero blood alcohol concentration.
- Not carry a passenger.
- Not operate off-road vehicles along or across highways (unless the driver holds a minimum Class 5I licence).

Class 1A–4A Stage drivers must be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver.



Supervising Driver

Supervising drivers must accompany Class 5L Stage drivers and drivers with Authorized Instruction in Classes 1 to 5. The supervising drivers provide on-road training and monitoring while new drivers are practising their driving and should be prepared to assume control of the vehicle if necessary.

The supervising driver must:

- Hold a valid and continuous driver's licence in the class of vehicle being operated by the learner.
- Have held a minimum Class 5F licence for at least three years.
- Have held a licence in the class being operated for at least two years if a Class 1 to 4 vehicle is being operated.
- Be the only front seat passenger if supervising in a Class 5 vehicle.
- Occupy the seat nearest the driver if supervising in Class 1 to 4 vehicles.
- Have less than .05 blood alcohol concentration.

Zero Blood Alcohol Concentration

Zero Blood Alcohol Concentration

New drivers must have zero blood alcohol concentration while operating a vehicle. Driving is a complex task that requires full attention and alcohol impairs skill and judgment. For new drivers, who may have difficulty with relatively simple driving tasks, consuming even a small amount of alcohol could be extremely dangerous. The best way for drivers to ensure that they are alert is to avoid driving after drinking any alcohol.

The zero blood alcohol content applies to all drivers with a:

- Class 5L or 5I licence.
- Class 5A licence.
- Class 6L or 6I licence (while operating a motorcycle).
- Class 6A licence (while operating a motorcycle).
- Class 5F and/or Class 6F licence for the first 36 months in the Full Stage.

Consequences of Violating the Zero Blood Alcohol Concentration or GDL Restrictions

Anyone in the GDL program that violates the no-alcohol requirement or other GDL restrictions will face interventions and possible sanctions depending on the circumstances.

Impaired Driving Violations

Novice drivers **found with a blood alcohol concentration of up to .05 will:**

- Receive an immediate 24-hour roadside suspension and be required to attend a hearing with Driver Improvement and Control to determine further sanctions.
- Be required to pay a licence reinstatement charge.

Novice drivers found with a **blood alcohol concentration between .05 and .08 or who fail a physical coordination test** are subject to an immediate Tiered Administrative Licence Suspension. In addition, drivers are required to attend a Show Cause Hearing to consider a further driver licence suspension.

Tiered Administrative Licence Suspensions are progressively longer suspensions ranging from 24 hours to 60 days depending on how many previous suspensions have been issued to the driver within a 10-year period:

- 24-hour driver's licence suspension for a first occurrence.
- 15-day driver's licence suspension for a second occurrence.
- 30-day driver's licence suspension for a third occurrence.
- 60-day driver's licence suspension for fourth and subsequent occurrences.

Tiered Administrative Licence Suspensions also apply to situations where a person operates a vessel, an aircraft or railway equipment under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Drivers receiving two or more suspensions within a 10-year period are also required to complete an *Impaired Driver Assessment* at the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba at their own expense.

If the novice driver is **over .08 blood alcohol concentration or refuses to provide a breath or blood sample or refuses to perform a physical coordination test or follow a police officer's instructions regarding the test**, Manitoba's existing tough drinking and driving countermeasures will apply. These may include:

- An automatic vehicle impoundment for a minimum period of 30 days (depending on the blood alcohol concentration level or repeat offences).
- An immediate three-month Administrative Licence Suspension.
- A mandatory *Impaired Driver Assessment* at the driver's expense.
- A mandatory minimum one-year court-imposed licence prohibition.
- A mandatory minimum one-year licence suspension upon conviction* of a *Criminal Code* offence.
- A licence reinstatement charge.
- Possibly being required to participate in Manitoba's Ignition Interlock Program
- A minimum fine of \$1,000 for a first offence.
- An additional driver's licence premium.

*A discharge under the *Criminal Code of Canada* for certain driving-related offences may be treated as a conviction under the *Highway Traffic Act*.



GDL Restriction Violation

New drivers who violate any GDL restriction will be required to attend a Novice Driver Hearing with Manitoba Public Insurance's Driver Improvement and Control Section. New drivers may also be required to attend a Show Cause Hearing because of convictions or accident involvement.

At the hearing, a Reviewing Officer will review the nature and circumstances of the incidents with the driver. The result of a hearing may include one or more of the following:

- A licence suspension.
- A special driving course (at the driver's expense).
- Additional licence restrictions.

Drivers may appeal the licence suspension to the Licence Suspension Appeal Board on the grounds of hardship.

Insurance Coverage

If you violate the zero blood alcohol concentration requirement or other GDL restrictions, you may be denied insurance coverage.

Driver Distractions

Distractions can be dangerous because they reduce your ability to respond as quickly as you should.

According to police-reported data from Manitoba, 22 people are killed each year in collisions where at least one driver was distracted.

Studies show that there is a direct connection between cell phones and dangerous driving. Drivers who talk on cell phones are four times more likely to get into a collision, while drivers who text are 23 times more likely to get into a collision.

That's why in Manitoba it is illegal for drivers to use hand-held cell phones when they are behind the wheel of a vehicle.

Distracted driving occurs whenever a driver's attention is occupied by an activity unrelated to operating the vehicle. Other forms of driver distraction that also are known to increase the likelihood of collisions include: adjusting the radio or MP3 player or changing CDs while driving; communicating with people in other vehicles and gawking at roadside accidents; and eating, grooming, smoking and interacting with passengers while at the wheel.



First Driver's Licence

When you are issued a new Manitoba driver's licence, you will be provided with a temporary driver's licence certificate (valid for up to 45 days). You must carry your temporary driver's licence certificate with you at all times until you receive your permanent, one piece driver's licence in the mail.



When you get your first driver's licence, you will be photographed at your Autopac agent or Manitoba Public Insurance Service Centre. You'll need a new photo every five years.

Please note: The Manitoba one-piece driver's licence **cannot** be used to cross the U.S. border. If you

are seeking a licence to drive that you can also use to cross the U.S. border (by land or water only), you will require the Manitoba Enhanced Driver's Licence. Information is available on our website at mpi.mb.ca.

Your driver's licence must be in your possession at all times while driving and must be produced, along with the Vehicle Registration Card, when requested by a peace officer.

Note: Drivers under the age of 18 years are issued Photo Cards that show the exact date of their 18th birthday.

Renewals Last Five Years

Your licence and Autopac are now valid for up to five years. However, you still pay for your driver's licence and vehicle insurance each year.

In non-renewal years, you will receive an annual Statement of Account to tell you how much you owe for that year. You don't need to go to an Autopac agent to pay your Statement of Account. Payment can be set up with your bank or handled by telephone through your Autopac agent.

You will receive a Renewal Notice once every five years, when it's time to renew your driver's licence and Autopac. You must visit an Autopac agent to handle this transaction.



If you need to end your licence and Autopac early – before five years is up – you must go to an Autopac agency and cancel them. Otherwise, they'll stay valid and you'll be charged for them – your licence and Autopac can also be subsequently suspended if payments are outstanding.

Keep Your Licence Valid

Your licence expiry date is printed on the front of your licence. It is your responsibility to know when your licence expires and to renew it.

Each year your licence will be reassessed. You will be required to pay for your driver's licence every year on your anniversary date, which is four months less a day after your birthday. For example, if your birthday is Sept. 21, your anniversary date is Jan. 20.

If you do not pay the assessed charges for your licence by the anniversary date, your licence can be suspended. You also will not earn credit in the Learner or Intermediate Stage for the period of time you are not licensed.

New Residents to Manitoba

When exchanging your out-of-province driver's licence for a Manitoba licence, you will receive credit for the time you held your licence in your home jurisdiction.

Testing requirements may be waived if you exchange a valid and equivalent class driver's licence from a reciprocal jurisdiction. For further information on drivers new to Manitoba, please call 204-985-7000, toll-free 1-800-665-2410 or visit mpi.mb.ca.

Learner Stage

If you held a Learner licence in your previous home jurisdiction, you must take knowledge and vision tests before a Manitoba Learner Stage licence will be issued. You will then receive credit toward the nine-month learning period for the time you held a Learner licence in your previous home jurisdiction.

For example, if you held a Learner licence for five months in the other jurisdiction, you'll receive five months credit towards the Manitoba nine-month learning period. If you held a Learner licence for more than nine months, you may take the road test immediately.

Unless you are enrolled in a high school driver education course, you must be at least 16 years of age.





Intermediate Stage

If you held an Intermediate Stage licence for less than 15 months in your previous home jurisdiction when transferring to a Manitoba licence, you will be issued an Intermediate Stage licence. Credit will then be given toward the 15-month Intermediate Stage for the period you held the Intermediate Stage licence in your previous home jurisdiction.

For example, if you held an Intermediate Stage licence for 10 months in your previous home jurisdiction, 10 months would be credited to the Manitoba 15-month Intermediate Stage.

If you held an Intermediate Stage licence for more than 15 months in your previous licence jurisdiction, on transfer to the Manitoba licence, you will be issued a Manitoba Full Stage licence.

Full Stage

If you held a Full Stage licence in your previous home jurisdiction, you will be issued a Manitoba Full Stage licence. If you held a Full Stage licence for less than three years, you will be subject to the zero blood alcohol concentration restriction. You may supervise a novice driver only if you have held a Full Stage licence for more than three years.

Questions & Answers

What age groups are affected by GDL?

Manitoba's GDL program applies to all new drivers regardless of age, gender or geographic location. New drivers have the highest risk for collisions and the GDL program increases the opportunity to learn safe driving skills.

How do I obtain a Class 5L licence?

First, buy a *Driver's Handbook* from your Autopac agent or a Manitoba Public Insurance Service Centre. Or, you can get a copy from mpi.mb.ca. Once you have read the book and fully understand it, you are ready to take the knowledge test. The test charge is \$10 (subject to change). The minimum age to obtain a Class 5L licence is 16 years of age, or 15 1/2 years of age if you are enrolled in a high school driver education course. If you are under 18 years of age, you require a parent or legal guardian's written approval.



Should you fail the knowledge test, you must wait seven days before you rewrite the test.

After passing the knowledge test, you must purchase a Learner Stage licence for \$20 plus applicable driver premiums to drive.

Why have a zero blood alcohol concentration restriction for new drivers?

Driving is a complex task that requires full attention and alcohol impairs skill and judgment. For new drivers, consuming even a small amount of alcohol can be extremely dangerous. The best way for drivers to ensure that they are alert is to avoid driving after drinking any alcohol.

Why is there a nine-month learning period before taking a road test?

Manitobans experience every kind of driving condition. The nine-month learning period exposes new, inexperienced drivers to a wider variety of driving situations and weather conditions over a longer learning period of time.

On completion of the nine-month learning period, the applicant may apply for a road test.

Who is allowed to supervise me while I drive a Class 5 vehicle?

Any experienced driver who has held a Class 5F licence for at least three years and currently holds a valid licence can supervise a Learner driver in Class 5. The supervising driver must be the only front seat passenger. To supervise in Classes 1 to 4, the supervising driver must have also held a class of licence in the vehicle being driven for at least two years.

If I hold a Class 5 Learner licence, can I also obtain Authorized Instruction in Classes 1 to 4?

No. All new applicants who are subject to the nine-month learning period must pass a Class 5 road test (and must be at least 18 years of age) before they can obtain Authorized Instruction in Classes 1 to 4.

Once you pass the Class 5 road test and hold a Class 5I licence, you may apply for Authorized Instruction for Classes 1 to 4. Drivers who hold a Class 5 licence with Authorized Instruction (they held a minimum Class 5L licence before April 1, 2002) may also apply for Authorized Instruction in Classes 1 to 4.

Can teenagers drive a Class 3 truck registered as a farm truck to help with farm operations?

Any driver, regardless of age, with a minimum Class 5I licence may operate a Class 3 vehicle registered as a farm truck. Therefore, teenage drivers with a Class 5I or 5F licence may operate a Class 3 vehicle registered as a farm truck. The GDL restrictions (such as zero blood alcohol concentration) will still apply while operating the farm truck.





Can a new driver operate an off-road vehicle (for example a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle) on a highway?

To operate an off-road vehicle along or across a highway, a driver must hold at least a Class 5I or 6I licence and adhere to the licence restrictions in that stage. This also applies to off-road vehicles with more than two wheels that are being used for agricultural purposes, when operated on the shoulder.

Are there different requirements to obtain a Class 6L licence (Motorcycle)?

Yes. In addition to passing the knowledge and vision test, all applicants must successfully complete the Motorcycle Training Course before a Class 6L licence will be issued. To apply for the Class 6L licence, the applicant must be at least 16 years of age and hold a valid driver's licence of any other class.

I wish to obtain a Class 6 (Motorcycle) licence and I already hold a Class 5F licence. Do I have to take the Motorcycle Training Course?

Yes. If you are applying for your first Class 6L licence you will be required to complete the motorcycle knowledge test and the Motorcycle Training Course prior to being issued a Class 6L licence.

Upon issuance of the Class 6L licence, you will be subject to the GDL restrictions while operating a motorcycle.



As you already have a Class 5F licence, you will not be required to complete the Intermediate Stage of the motorcycle licence.

Once you successfully pass the motorcycle road test, you will automatically progress to the Full Stage of the motorcycle licence with a three-year zero blood alcohol concentration restriction while operating the motorcycle.

What happens if I violate the GDL restrictions?

If you violate the zero blood alcohol concentration restriction, you will:

- Receive an immediate 24-hour roadside suspension.
- Be required to attend a Show Cause Hearing.

Novice drivers found with a blood alcohol concentration between .05 and .08 or who fail a physical coordination test are subject to an immediate Tiered Administrative Licence Suspension. In addition, you will be required to attend a Show Cause Hearing to consider a further driver licence suspension.



If you are over .08 blood alcohol concentration or refuse to provide a breath or blood sample or refuse to perform a physical coordination test or follow a police officer's instructions regarding the test, Manitoba's tough drinking and driving countermeasures will apply. These include:

- An immediate three-month Administrative Licence Suspension.
- Being charged under the *Criminal Code of Canada*.
- Vehicle impoundment (except special mobile machines).
- A mandatory *Impaired Driver Assessment* at the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba at your expense.
- A driver's licence reinstatement charge.
- Possibly being required to participate in Manitoba's Ignition Interlock Program.

If you are found in violation of other GDL restrictions, you will be requested to attend a Show Cause Hearing. As a result of the hearing, you may receive:

- A licence suspension.
- Special driving courses (at your own expense).
- Passenger restrictions.
- Time of day restrictions.
- Other driving restrictions.

For further information, visit our web site at mpi.mb.ca.

Test Appointments

How to Book Your Knowledge or Road Test

- Visit any Autopac agent* to pay for your test and to schedule your test appointment.
- The agent can provide you details of available appointments at any testing location.
- You can schedule your test appointment up to eight weeks in advance.

Both knowledge and road tests are conducted during weekdays only (with the exception of holidays) at most locations. **Saturday appointments are available in Winnipeg at Barnes Street, Lexington Park and Main Street locations.**

Test Locations—Winnipeg

- 15 Barnes Street (*at Bison Drive*)
- 40 Lexington Park (*at Gateway Road*)
- 1284 Main Street
- 930 St. Mary's Road (*French Language Services available*)
- 125 King Edward Street East
- 1103 Pacific Avenue
- 420 Pembina Highway

Test Hours

- Barnes Street, Lexington Park and Main Street:
 - Monday–Friday 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
 - Saturday 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
- All other locations:
 - Monday–Thursday 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
 - Friday 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.(Close at 4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday during June, July and August.)

Test Locations—Outside Winnipeg

- Arborg | 323 Sunset Boulevard
- Beausejour | 848 Park Avenue
- Brandon | 731–1st Street
- Dauphin | 217 Industrial Road
- Portage la Prairie | 25 Tupper Street
- Selkirk | 1008 Manitoba Avenue
- Steinbach | 165 Park Road West, Unit 2, Clearspring Village Mall
- The Pas | 424 Fischer Avenue
- Thompson | 53 Commercial Place
- Winkler | 355 Boundary Trail

*For a list of Autopac agents, see mpi.mb.ca.

Test Hours

- All locations:
 - Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Mobile Test Units

Mobile Test Units serve rural customers living outside the above locations. Mobile Test Unit locations and schedules are available from any Autopac agent.

Key Points About Your Tests

Cost*

- A knowledge test costs \$10.
- Costs for road tests:
 - Class 1 licence: \$50
 - Class 2 or 3 licence: \$45
 - Class 4 licence: \$35
 - Class 5 licence: \$30
 - Class 6 licence: \$30
 - Air Brake: \$30**

*Cost may change.

**There is no additional charge for the air brake test if you are taking a road test for a Class 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 licence and the vehicle you are using for the test is equipped with air brakes.

General Testing Information

- There is a 30-minute time limit to complete a knowledge test.
- Only one knowledge or road test of the same class may be completed per day.
- There is a waiting period between the knowledge and road test for some classes of licences.
- If you are in the GDL program and are not successful on your knowledge test, there is a seven-day waiting period before you may take the test again.
- If you are in the GDL program and are not successful on your road test, there is a 14-day waiting period before you may take the test again.
- The knowledge test is not an open book test. Cellular phones and electronic devices are not allowed in the test area.
- Please check-in 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time.

Once you've made your test appointment at an Autopac agent, you can call your agent or the following numbers for additional information or assistance:

- In Winnipeg call 204-985-7000
- Outside Winnipeg call 1-800-665-2410

Graduated Driver Licensing Class 5

Zero Blood Alcohol Concentration Restricted		
Class 5L Licence (Learner Stage) Minimum 9 months Pass knowledge test →	Class 5I Licence (Intermediate Stage) Minimum 15 months Pass road test → Graduate to Full Stage →	Class 5F Licence (Full Stage) 36 months
Learner Stage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum age 16 (1½ if in a high school driver education course). • Must pass knowledge test. • Minimum nine months in this stage, excluding licence interruptions. • Zero blood alcohol concentration. • Only supervising driver as front seat passenger. • The supervising driver must be a fully licensed driver for at least three years and have less than .05 blood alcohol concentration. • May carry passengers up to the number of functioning seatbelts in the rear of the vehicle. • No towing permitted. • May not operate a Class 3 motor vehicle registered as a farm truck. • May not operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway. • May not obtain Authorized Instruction in Classes 1–4. • May operate heavy and agricultural equipment while accompanied by a supervising driver. 	Intermediate Stage* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass Class 5 road test to enter this stage. • Minimum 15 months in this stage, excluding licence interruptions. • Zero blood alcohol concentration. • Passenger limits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 5 a.m. to midnight one passenger in the front seat and restricted to the number of functioning seatbelts in the rear of the vehicle. • From midnight to 5 a.m. one passenger, or if any additional passengers, a supervising driver in the front seat and restricted to the number of functioning seatbelts in the rear of the vehicle. • Towing permitted. • May operate heavy and agricultural equipment. • May operate a Class 3 motor vehicle registered as a farm truck. • May operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway. • May apply for Authorized Instruction in Classes 1–4 if at least 18 years of age, and meet medical standards. <p><small>* Time served in the Intermediate Stage in Class 6 will be applied to the Class 5 Intermediate Stage. Therefore a driver is only required to complete the Intermediate Stage once.</small></p>	Full Stage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero blood alcohol concentration restriction for first 36 months. • May upgrade to Class 1F–4F licence after passing appropriate tests. • May supervise after three years in Full stage.



Keep your licence valid!

The Manitoba driver's licence is valid for up to 5 years. The driver's licence charge and base driver premium are assessed annually and due for payment on your anniversary date which is four months less one day after your birthday — e.g. if your birthday is Sept. 21, your anniversary date is Jan. 20.

If drivers in the Learner or Intermediate Stage do not keep their licence active, they will not earn credit for the period of time they are not licensed. If you own a vehicle, your Autopac will be renewed and expire at the same time as your driver's licence.

Graduated Driver Licensing Class 6

Zero Blood Alcohol Concentration Restricted	
Class 6 Motorcycle Training Course Prerequisite Pass knowledge →	Class 6F Licence (Full Stage) 36 months
Class 6L Licence (Learner Stage) Minimum 9 months Complete an approved motorcycle training course →	Class 6I Licence (Intermediate Stage) Minimum 15 months Pass road test → Graduate to Full Stage →
Motorcycle Training Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum age 16. Must complete an approved motorcycle training course. Minimum nine months in this stage, excluding licence interruptions. Zero blood alcohol concentration. No passengers. No towing permitted. No night-time driving ($\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunset to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sunrise). 	Intermediate Stage* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must pass motorcycle road test. Minimum 15 months in this stage, excluding licence interruptions. Zero blood alcohol concentration. May carry a passenger. Towing permitted. May operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway. <p><small>*Time served in the Intermediate Stage in Class 5 will be applied to the Class 6 Intermediate Stage. Therefore a driver is only required to complete the Intermediate Stage once.</small></p>
Motorcycle Training Course	Full Stage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zero blood alcohol concentration restriction for first 36 months.



Keep your licence valid!

The Manitoba driver's licence is valid for up to 5 years. The driver's licence charge and base driver premium are assessed annually and due for payment on your anniversary date which is four months less one day after your birthday — e.g. if your birthday is Sept. 21, your anniversary date is Jan. 20.

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