








The Class Licence System

Manitoba Licence Class	Allows the Licence Holder to Operate	Minimum Age	Medical Requirements	Requirements	Test Charges
1 	Semi-trailer trucks including all vehicles in Classes 2, 3, 4, and 5.	18	Must meet medical and vision standards. Medical report required on initial application and periodically thereafter based on the age of the driver.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must hold a minimum Class 5 Intermediate or Class 5 Authorized Instruction licence to obtain authorized instruction in Classes 1–4. • Must pass written or oral knowledge test. • Requires supervising driver for Authorized Instruction. • Must pass road test. For Classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 (buses and trucks only), the test includes a pre-trip inspection of vehicle (and air brake system if applicable) by the applicant. 	In Class 1 Vehicle Charges: \$50
2 	Buses ¹ having a seating capacity of over 24 passengers (while carrying passengers), school buses ² having a seating capacity over 36 passengers (while carrying passengers). Includes all vehicles in Classes 3, 4 and 5.				In Class 2 Vehicle Charges: \$45
3 	Trucks with more than two axles, including any combination of vehicles, OR a truck with two axles towing a vehicle with a registered gross vehicle weight of more than 4,540 kg (but does not include a semi-trailer truck). Includes all vehicles in Classes 4 and 5.				In Class 3 Vehicle Charges: \$45
4 	Taxis, ambulances, and other emergency vehicles, buses ¹ with a seating capacity between 10 and 24 passengers (while carrying passengers) and school buses ² with a seating capacity between 10 and 36 passengers (while carrying passengers). Includes all vehicles in Class 5.				In Class 4 Vehicle Charges: \$35
5 	<p>Passenger cars, a bus while not carrying passengers, trucks with two axles, and any combination of vehicles consisting of a truck with two axles and a towed vehicle with a registered gross vehicle weight of up to 4,540 kg. May operate Class 3 vehicles if registered as farm truck and the driver holds a Class 5 Intermediate or Full Stage Licence.</p> <p>May operate a Moped³, if 16 years of age or older.</p> <p>May operate heavy and agricultural equipment.</p> <p><i>Note: Effective November 1, 2003, a person must hold a valid minimum Class 5 Intermediate Stage driver's licence to operate a special mobile machine, implement of husbandry or tractor on a provincial highway, or a highway within the municipal boundaries of a city, town, village or urban municipality. For further information please call 204-985-1100.</i></p>	16 or 15½ if enrolled in high school driver education course	<p>Medical report required when requested.</p> <p>Must meet vision standards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass written or oral knowledge and sign tests for Class 5 Learner licence (minimum nine-month Learner Stage). (Must wait seven days for re-tests.) • Requires supervising driver for a Class 5 Learner Stage or Authorized Instruction. • Requires supervising driver for a Class 5 Intermediate if carrying more than one passenger between the hours of 12 midnight and 5 a.m. • Must pass road test to advance to the Intermediate Stage (minimum 15-month Intermediate Stage). (Must wait 14 days for re-test.) 	In Class 5 Vehicle Charges: \$30
6 	Motorcycles.	16	<p>Medical report required when requested.</p> <p>Must meet prescribed vision standards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver must hold a valid licence of any class and stage. • Must pass written or oral knowledge test. (Must wait seven days for re-tests.) • Must obtain Class 6 M Stage licence in order to complete motorcycle training course. The course is required before Learner Stage Licence is issued. • Minimum nine-month Learner Stage. • Must pass road test to advance to the Intermediate Stage (minimum 15-months Intermediate Stage). (Must wait 14 days for re-test.) 	In Class 6 Vehicle Charges: \$30
Air Brake Endorsement 	Air Brake Endorsement—permits the holder to drive vehicles equipped with Air Brakes in the class of vehicle for which the person is licenced. Drivers of a Class 3 truck registered as a farm truck equipped with air brakes are exempt from this requirement.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must complete written or oral test. • Must complete Air Brake practical test for "A" (Authorized) endorsement. • Must complete adjustment of the manual slack adjusters for "S" (Slack Adjuster) endorsement. • There is no additional fee for the Air Brake practical test if it is completed at the same time you are road-tested for a higher class of licence. 	Charges: \$30

1. A bus is any vehicle with a seating capacity of at least 11 persons (including the driver) used primarily to carry passengers. It excludes vehicles used for personal transportation by the owner or with the owner's permission.

2. School bus certificate is required. For further information contact Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth, Pupil Transportation at 204-945-6900.

3. Mopeds are not allowed to be driven on highways with a speed limit exceeding 80 km/h, but may cross these highways.

Basic Licensing Requirements

The Manitoba Class Licence System

Manitoba's Class Driver's Licence System recognizes the professional from the non-professional driver. To promote safety for all road users, drivers must meet vision, medical, knowledge and skill standards in order to operate a particular class of vehicle.

Who Must Take a Driver Test?

You must take a driver test for the class of vehicle you wish to drive if you:

- have never been licensed for the class of vehicle
- have not held a Manitoba licence within the past four years
- hold a licence from outside Canada, the United States or other jurisdictions whose licences are not exchangeable

You may be required to be re-tested if you:

- have been involved in traffic accidents or have convictions
- have had your licence suspended
- have a disease or disability that may affect your ability to drive safely

Authorized Instruction

To learn to drive Class 1 to 4 vehicles, drivers must apply for Authorized Instruction in the class of vehicle they want to drive. To obtain Authorized Instruction in classes 1 to 4 a driver must hold a minimum Class 5 Intermediate Stage (I) or Class 5 Authorized Instruction Stage (A) driver's licence, meet medical standards, pass the knowledge test and pay any charges required. To take a road test, the driver must hold a Full Class 5 driver's licence.

Holders of Authorized Instruction for Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 must be accompanied by a person who holds a valid licence and has held a minimum Full Class 5 licence for at least three years, of which two years are the same class of licence being sought. This person is known as the supervising driver and must sit in the seat nearest the driver.

Note: Effective November 1, 2003, a person must hold a valid minimum Class 5 Intermediate Stage driver's licence to operate a special mobile machine, implement of husbandry or tractor on a provincial highway, or a highway within the municipal boundaries of a city, town, village or urban municipality. For further information please call 204-985-7000 or toll free at 1-800-665-2410.

Application and Test Requirements

A) Age Limits and Licence Requirements

Any person 18 years of age or over who holds a minimum Class 5 Intermediate Stage or Class 5 Authorized Instruction driver's licence and meet the required knowledge, visual and medical standards for that class may apply for Authorized Instruction in Class 1, 2, 3 or 4.

B) Visual and Medical Requirements

All applicants for a Class 1 – 4 driver's licence must file a medical report approved by Manitoba Public Insurance before taking a knowledge test. Applicants who fail to meet the minimum medical standards will be denied a Class 1 to 4 licence.

In addition, a medical report must be filed based on the age of the driver. Drivers with certain medical conditions may have to file more often.

The applicant must also meet the minimum Class 1 to 4 vision standards. Applicants who fail to meet the minimum vision standards, with or without corrective lenses cannot obtain a Class 1 to 4 licence. If corrective lenses are required for driving, this will be indicated on your licence. A vision report may be needed.

Manitoba Health will NOT pay for third party requests for a medical report including related examinations, tests or telephone calls to the physician. Applicants are responsible for these costs.

C) Knowledge Test

For a **Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 licence and for airbrake and school bus knowledge tests**, applicants must pass the knowledge test for the class of licence they are applying for. This is not an open book test and cellular phones or electronic devices cannot be used during the test. The knowledge test charge is \$10 (subject to change) per test. Only one knowledge test per class of licence (Class 1 to 4) is allowed per day. You may repeat a Class 1 to 4 Air Brake or School Bus knowledge test on the next working day.

D) Road Test

Applicants for either a Class 1, 2 or 3 driver's licence, who have never held that class of driver's licence from any jurisdiction must wait at least two weeks after they are issued Authorized Instruction in that class before taking a road test. Drivers must also hold a minimum Full (F) Class 5 driver's licence.

The road test not only measures your ability to operate a specific class of vehicle, it also identifies errors that need to be corrected. You will be required to operate your vehicle in typical traffic situations in a safe and legal manner. You will be judged on your driving skills. Only authorized Driver and Vehicle Licensing employees may ride with you during the test.

A pre-trip inspection of the vehicle will also be needed for Class 1, 2, 3 and School Bus tests.

Charges for road tests are as follows (subject to change):

Class 1...\$50 Class 2 or 3... \$45 Class 4...\$35
Class 5 or 6...\$30 Air Brake Practical Test...\$30

Senior drivers (65 or over) are exempt from knowledge and road test charges.

Please make sure you check-in 15 minutes before your appointment time. You must bring a vehicle in good working order and produce a Vehicle Registration Certificate confirming the vehicle is properly registered and insured. License plates must be properly stickered to confirm registration and insurance as well as the display of any other required stickers (i.e. vehicle inspection stickers). Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of the road test.

Only one road test per class of licence (Class 1 to 4) is allowed per day. You may repeat a road test (Class 1 to 4) on the next working day. An applicant who demonstrates dangerous driving during their road test may have to get permission from the Manager of Driver Testing before attempting another road test.

To find out how to set-up your test appointments, see pages 3 and 4.

New Resident

New residents to Manitoba may operate a motor vehicle in Manitoba with their valid out-of-province licence for up to three months before getting a Manitoba driver's licence. Testing requirements may be waived if you surrender a valid and equivalent class driver's licence from another jurisdiction. For further information on new resident drivers, please call 204-985-7000 or toll free at 1-800-665-2410.

Change of Address or Name

You must notify your Autopac agent or Manitoba Public Insurance within 15 days of any change in your name or address.

For more information:

Talk to your Autopac agent
In Winnipeg, call us at 204-985-7000
Outside Winnipeg, call us toll free at 1-800-665-2410