








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 5I licence (Intermediate Stage) or Class 5A licence (Authorized Instruction Stage) to obtain Authorized Instruction in Classes 1–4. Must pass 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. 	Class 1 Road Test \$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.	Class 2 Road Test \$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 kilogram (but does not include a semi-trailer truck). Includes all vehicles in Classes 4 and 5.
	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.
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.</p> <p>May operate Class 3 vehicles if registered as a farm truck and the driver holds a Class 5I licence (Intermediate Stage) or 5F licence (Full Stage).</p> <p>May operate a Moped³, if 16 years of age or older.</p> <p>Note: A person must hold a valid minimum Class 5I 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 1-800-665-2410.</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 knowledge and sign tests for Class 5L licence (minimum nine-month Learner Stage). (Must wait seven days for re-tests.) Requires supervising driver for a Class 5L licence or Authorized Instruction. Requires supervising driver for a Class 5I licence if carrying more than one passenger between the hours of 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.) 	Class 5 Road Test \$30	
	Knowledge Test \$10					
6 	Motorcycles.	16	<p>Medical report required when requested.</p> <p>Must meet vision standards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driver must hold a valid licence of any class and stage. Must pass knowledge test. (Must wait seven days for re-tests.) Must obtain Class 6M licence (Motorcycle Training Course Stage) in order to complete motorcycle training course. The course is required before Learner Stage licence is issued. (Contact Safety Services Manitoba for motorcycle course charges.) Minimum nine-month Learner Stage. Must pass road test to advance to the Intermediate Stage (minimum 15-month Intermediate Stage). (Must wait 14 days for re-test.) 	Class 6 Road Test \$30	
					Knowledge Test \$10	
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 licensed. 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 pass knowledge test. Must pass Air Brake practical test for “A” (Authorized) endorsement. Must pass adjustment of the manual slack adjusters for “S” (Slack Adjuster) endorsement. There is no additional charge for the Air Brake practical test if it is completed at the same time you are road-tested for a higher class of licence. 	Practical Test \$30	
					Knowledge Test \$10	

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, Training 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 Class 5 Licensing Requirements

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 that 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 convictions.
- Have had your licence suspended.
- Have a disease or disability that may affect your ability to drive safely.

Graduated Driver Licensing

Drivers who applied for their first Class 5 driver's licence on or after April 1, 2002 are in the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program and are subject to the GDL stages and restrictions.

Manitoba Class 5 driver's licence stages are:

- L** Learner Stage (minimum 9 months)*
- I** Intermediate Stage (minimum 15 months)**
- F** Full Stage

**Supervising driver must be a fully licensed driver for at least 36 months and have less than .05 blood alcohol concentration.*

***A driver is only required to complete the Intermediate Stage once. Therefore, time served in the Intermediate Stage in Class 6 will be applied to the Intermediate Stage in Class 5.*

Application and test requirements

An applicant for a Class 5L licence (Learner Stage) must be a minimum of 16 years of age. At age 15½, an applicant may apply for a Class 5L licence if enrolled in a high school driver education course.

Consent of either a parent or legal guardian is required if the applicant is under 18 years of age.

A) Knowledge Test

- i) For a Class 5 licence: Before taking the test, you must register as a Manitoba Public Insurance customer and provide proper identification documents. The most convenient way to register is through an Autopac agent. The test assesses your knowledge of traffic laws, safe driving practices and recognition of road signs. (It is not an open book test and cellular phones or electronic devices cannot be used during the test.) The test charge is \$10 per test.*

If an applicant is under 18 years of age, parent or legal guardian approval is required to take the knowledge test. (See *Forms* section.) Driver education students under the age of 16 must provide a completed driver education form before taking the knowledge test for a driver's licence.

- ii) After passing the knowledge test and meeting the visual and medical standards, in order to drive you will be required to purchase a licence for \$20 plus base driver premium charges of up to \$45, plus any applicable additional driver premium.

**Charges for the Driver Education Program include one knowledge test.*

B) Visual and Medical Requirements

Applicants who fail to meet minimum vision standards, with or without corrective lenses, cannot obtain a driver's licence. If corrective lenses are required for driving, this will be indicated on your licence. Applicants who fail to meet the minimum medical or vision standards may have their licence suspended until further information is filed. A vision and/or medical report may be required.

Before taking a knowledge test, an applicant for a driver's licence who has a disease or disability that may affect their ability to drive safely must inform Medical Compliance and Assessments, Box 6300, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 4A4, 204-985-1900 or toll-free at 1-866-617-6676.

If a medical report is required, it must be approved by Medical Compliance and Assessments before you can take the knowledge test or enrol in the driver education course.

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

C) Road Test

The Class 5 road test not only measures your ability to operate a Class 5 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 Manitoba Public Insurance employees may ride with you during the test.

Please ensure you check in 15 minutes before your appointment time.

You must supply a vehicle in good working order and a Vehicle Registration Certificate confirming the vehicle is properly registered and insured. The vehicle must have adequate seating for the driver examiner. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of the road test and no refund of the test charge. Road tests will not be conducted in heavy or agricultural equipment.

Applicants for a driver's licence who have not held a driver's licence any time prior to April 1, 2002, from any jurisdiction, are subject to a nine-month learning period before they are eligible to take a road test. Applicants who demonstrates dangerous driving during their road test may have to obtain permission from the registrar before attempting another road test.

The following process applies to applicants who currently hold an out-of-country licence:

1. You can hold an out-of-country licence and operate a vehicle under the conditions of that licence for the shorter of three months or until the home licence expires or until you receive your Manitoba Class 5 Learner's (5L) or Authorized Instruction (5A) Stage licence.
2. Once the 5L or 5A stage licence has been issued, you must surrender the out-of-country licence and drive according to the conditions of the Manitoba licence stage. This means you will require a supervising driver.

Change of name or address

You are required to report changes in your name or address within 15 days to your Autopac agent or any Manitoba Public Insurance Service Centre. A new photo will be taken to protect your identity. For more information, visit or call your Autopac agent or contact Manitoba Public Insurance at 204-985-7000 in the Winnipeg calling area, or toll-free 1-800-665-2410.

Website: mpi.mb.ca