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The Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program is a three-stage licensing process that is designed to help new drivers, regardless of age, acquire the knowledge and skill needed to safely operate a motor vehicle.

Whether you are 16 or 60 years old, GDL enables new drivers to gain experience under conditions where the risk of having a collision is lower.

The three stages of GDL are the Learner Stage, the Intermediate Stage and the Full Stage. Each stage has specific restrictions for new drivers that reduce the opportunity and likelihood for risky driving behaviour.

Class 5L Licence (Learner Stage) (minimum 9 months)

The first licence for a new driver is a Learner Stage licence. To be eligible to apply for a Learner licence, you must be at least 16 years of age, or a minimum of 15½ years of age and enrolled in a high school driver education course. Parental consent is required if you are under 18 years of age. You must pass a knowledge test and meet the vision and medical standards.

Learner drivers must follow these restrictions:

- Maintain zero blood alcohol concentration.
- Be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver as the only front seat passenger. The supervising driver must hold a valid licence and have held a Class 5F licence for at least three years. The supervising driver must have less than .05 blood alcohol concentration.
- Restrict other passengers to the back seat(s) up to the number of functioning seatbelts in the back seat of the vehicle.
- No towing of vehicles.
- No operating of Class 3 motor vehicles registered as a farm truck.
- No operating of off-road vehicles along or across highways.

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

To graduate to this stage, you must pass a road test. While in the Intermediate Stage, you must follow these restrictions:

- Maintain zero blood alcohol concentration.
- Restrict passengers between 5 a.m. to midnight to one passenger in the front seat and passengers in the back seat(s) up to the number of functioning seatbelts in the back seat of the vehicle.
- Restrict passengers between midnight to 5 a.m. to either one passenger or a qualified supervising driver in the front seat and passengers in the back seat(s) up to the number of functioning seatbelts in the back seat of the vehicle.

Drivers in the Intermediate Stage may tow vehicles, may operate a Class 3 motor vehicle registered as a farm truck, and may operate off-road vehicles along or across highways. If they are 18 or over and meet the vision and medical standards, Intermediate Stage drivers may also apply for Authorized Instruction in licence Classes 1–4.

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

Class 5F Licence (Full Stage)

After spending a minimum of 15 months in the Intermediate Stage, you will graduate to the Full Stage. For the first 36 months you must continue to maintain zero blood alcohol concentration. You are eligible for a Full Class 1–4 driver's licence after passing appropriate tests, are at least 18 years of age and meet medical standards. You may supervise novice drivers after three years in the Full Stage.

Graduated Driver Licensing Class 5

Zero Blood Alcohol Concentration Restricted

5L Licence (Learner Stage)	5I Licence (Intermediate Stage)	5F Licence (Full Stage)
Minimum 9 months	Minimum 15 months	36 months
Pass knowledge test →	Pass road test →	Graduate to Full Stage →
<p>Learner Stage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum age 16 (15½ 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 a qualified supervising driver as front seat passenger. • Supervising driver must be a fully licensed driver for at least three years and must have less than .05 blood alcohol concentration. • May carry passengers up to the number of functioning seat belts 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 highway. • May not obtain Authorized Instruction in Classes 1–4. • May operate heavy and agricultural equipment while accompanied by a supervising driver. 	<p>Intermediate Stage*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass Class 5 road test. • 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 seat belts in the rear of the vehicle. • From midnight to 5 a.m. one passenger, or if any additional passengers, a qualified 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 highway. • May apply for Authorized Instruction in Class 1–4 if at least 18 years of age, and meet medical standards. <p><i>*Time served in the Intermediate Stage in Class 6 will be applied to the Intermediate Stage in Class 5. Therefore a driver is only required to complete the Intermediate Stage once.</i></p>	<p>Full Stage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero blood alcohol concentration for first 36 months. • May upgrade to Full Class 1–4 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 five 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. For example, if your birthday is Sept. 21, your anniversary

date is Jan. 20. Drivers in the Learner and Intermediate Stages will not earn credit toward their stage if their licence is invalid, cancelled, prohibited or suspended. If you own a vehicle, your Autopac will be renewed and expire at the same time as your driver's licence.

