

Basic Class 6 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; or
- hold a licence from outside Canada, the United States or other jurisdictions whose licences are not exchangeable.

You may be required to be retested if you:

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

Graduated Driver Licensing

Drivers who applied for their first Class 6 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 while operating a motorcycle.

Manitoba Class 6 Driver's Licence Stages are:

- L** Learner Stage (minimum 9 months)
- I** Intermediate Stage (minimum 15 months)*
- F** Full Stage
- M** Motorcycle Training Course—permits operation of a motorcycle while taking the motorcycle training course only.

**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.*

Application and test requirements

An applicant for a Class 6 Learner Stage licence must be a minimum of 16 years of age and the holder of a valid Manitoba Driver's Licence of any class and stage.

A) Knowledge Test

- i) A Class 6 supplementary knowledge test on the safe operation of a motorcycle is required. (This is not an open book test.) The test charge is \$10 per test (subject to change). If you are in GDL, there is a seven-day waiting period to retake the knowledge test if you are unsuccessful. Only one knowledge test per class of licence is allowed per day. If you are outside of the GDL program you are eligible to repeat a knowledge test the next working day.
- ii) Once you have passed the motorcycle knowledge test you will be issued a Class 6 (M Stage) licence, which will allow you to operate a motorcycle while taking the Motorcycle Training Course only. Once you have passed the motorcycle training course you will be eligible for the Class 6 Learner Stage licence. Time served in the M Stage will not be credited to the 9-month Learner Stage period.

B) Visual and Medical Requirements

Drivers 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 Records, Box 6300, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 4A4, phone 204-985-1900 or toll-free at 1-866-617-6676.

If a medical report is required, it must be approved by Medical Records before you can take the knowledge test.

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

C) Road Test

The road test not only measures your ability to operate a motorcycle, it also identifies errors that need to be corrected. There are two steps in this process:

1. Identify all motorcycle controls, describe their functions, and demonstrate their use.
2. Operate your motorcycle in typical traffic situations in a safe and legal manner.

Please ensure you check in 15 minutes before your appointment time. You must supply a motorcycle in good working order and produce a Vehicle Registration Certificate confirming the vehicle is properly registered and insured. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of the road test and fees non-refunded.

Applicants for a motorcycle driver's licence who have not held a motorcycle 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 motorcycle road test. An applicant who demonstrates dangerous driving during their road test may have to obtain permission from the Registrar before attempting another road test. If you are in GDL and fail the road test there is a 14-day waiting period to retake it.

Change of name or address

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

For more information call us at:

204-985-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-665-2410

Website: mpi.mb.ca