



Section 1

Class 1 to 4 Driver's Licence Requirements

Applicants for professional driver's licences must hold a valid minimum Class 5 Stage A (Authorized Instruction) or I (Intermediate Stage) driver's licence, be 18 years of age, and medically fit and able to operate vehicles safely by meeting the following standards:

Medical Standards

Medical Examination Report

Applicants need to have a Medical Examination Report form filled in and signed and approved by Medical Records prior to taking the knowledge test. Medical Examination Report forms are available from your Autopac agent or Manitoba Public Insurance Service Centre.

People with certain medical conditions may be prohibited from holding a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 driver's licence. However, most people with medical conditions or physical disabilities may be considered for a higher licence class provided specific medical standards are met. Drivers who are prohibited by the Registrar to apply for a higher licence class are informed of their right to appeal the decision to the Medical Review Committee once complete medical information is filed.

Hearing

Drivers must meet specific hearing standards depending upon the class of licence desired and the type of goods transported. If a hearing impairment exists, an audiogram report may be required. Hearing aids may be used to achieve the hearing standards.

Contact the Medical Records Section as listed below for further information.

Vision

Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 (emergency vehicles) drivers must have a vision acuity no less than $\frac{6}{9}$ with both eyes open and examined together with the worse eye no less than $\frac{6}{30}$. Visual fields must not be less than 150° with both eyes open and examined together. Class 4 drivers restricted to operating taxi cabs only must have a visual acuity of $\frac{6}{12}$ in both eyes open and examined together with the worse eye no less than $\frac{6}{60}$. Visual fields must not be less than 120° with both eyes open and examined together.

Drivers who are applying for a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 driver's licence and who require corrective lenses to meet the required visual standards may pass their vision screening while wearing glasses or contact lenses. Drivers wearing contact lenses are advised to carry glasses with them at all times while driving since there may be times when contact lenses have to be removed because of eye irritation.

For information regarding Medical Examination Report Forms or questions about a medical condition please contact:

Manitoba Public Insurance

Medical Records

Box 6300

Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4A4

Telephone: 204-985-1900

Toll Free: 1-866-617-6676

Medical Re-Examinations

Under *The Drivers and Vehicles Act* the Registrar of Motor Vehicles requires certain drivers to be medically re-examined to determine their fitness and ability to drive. All Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 drivers must submit a Medical Examination Report form:

- every 5 years to age 45
- every 3 years to age 64
- annually at age 65 and over

Drivers may also need to be retested for their class of licence related to a medical condition. This may include a vision screening, a knowledge test and a road test in the type of vehicle for the class of licence held. A pre-trip inspection and air brake inspection may also be required. Drivers may change to a lower driver's licence classification if they do not wish to hold the higher classification. In such cases, the medical requirements of the lower licence classification must be met.

Knowledge Test

The knowledge tests for Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 are based on this manual. The knowledge test is not "open book".

Authorized Instruction

Upon meeting the above requirements the driver will be issued Authorized Instruction in the class of licence wanted.

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 driver's licence for at least three years, of which two years are the same class of licence wanted. The supervising driver must be seated by the driver.

Road Test

- A road test must be completed in a vehicle appropriate to the class of licence sought. If you are uncertain please telephone your closest driver testing centre before the road test to be sure of the type of vehicle to bring for the test.
- A pre-trip inspection of the vehicle is part of this test and is explained later in this manual. Road test charges are not refundable if the test is cancelled because the vehicle fails to meet vehicle standards under *The Highway Traffic Act* and its Regulations. Vehicles must have an adequate, clean/dry seat and seating area for the driver examiner.
- An inspection of the air brake system is required if the vehicle has air brakes; applicants must ensure they have the necessary tools and equipment to do a brake adjustment on air brake-equipped vehicles. The Air Brake Manual gives information on air brake system inspection and adjustment.



- Inadequately completing the pre-trip and/or air brake inspections will result in stopping and failure of the road test.
- You must produce your valid vehicle registration before your road test. Failure to do so will result in a non-refundable road test cancellation.

For information regarding driver testing call:

Telephone: 204-985-7000

Toll Free: 1-800-665-2410

or visit a Service Centre or mobile testing unit in your area.

Commercial Driver's Licence (CDL-U.S.)

A Manitoba Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 driver's licence is acceptable as a Commercial Driver's Licence (CDL) in the United States. For operation under the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), you must be 21 years of age and carry a completed medical card.

Drivers operating in the U.S. will have to participate in a drug and alcohol testing program administered by their employer.

FHWA Regulations apply to businesses that operate commercial motor vehicles in the U.S. and their drivers are required to have a CDL.

For more information contact:

Manitoba Trucking Association

25 Bunting Street

Winnipeg, Manitoba R2X 2P5

Telephone: 204-632-6600

Commercial Driver Abstract

Under the National Safety Code a motor carrier's safety fitness rating is affected by the driving offences of its employees. The Commercial Driver Abstract includes more information about an individual's driving record than a non-commercial driver abstract. This information will help a motor carrier decide how an employee's, or a potential employee's, driving record will affect its safety fitness rating.

The Commercial Driver Abstract includes information about convictions under various legislation including:

- *The Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act (Canada)*
- *The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act and Regulation*
- *The Anhydrous Ammonia Handling and Transport Regulation*
- *Generator Registration and Carrier Licencing Regulation*
- *The Manifest Regulation*
- *Drivers Hours of Service Regulation*
- *Periodic Mandatory Vehicle Inspection regulation*
- *Securement of Vehicle Loads Regulation*
- *Vehicle Weights and Dimensions on Classes of Highways Regulation*
- *Commercial Motor Vehicle and Trailer Trip Inspection Regulation*
- *The Highway Traffic Act*
- *The Criminal Code of Canada*
- *The Drivers and Vehicles Act*

Individuals can get a copy of their own driver abstract, either commercial or non-commercial, by applying and paying the required fee. An employer must have written permission from an individual before a copy of an employee's, or potential employee's, driving record will be released to him or her. The fee for the Commercial Driver Abstract is the same as the fee for the non-commercial Driver Abstract.

For more information contact:

Manitoba Public Insurance

Driver Records

Box 6300

Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4A4

Telephone: 204-985-0980

Toll Free: 1-866-323-0544

Facsimile: 204-954-5357

Vehicles with Air Brakes

If a vehicle has an air brake system, the operator must have an air brake endorsement on their driver's licence. The endorsement is shown in the "Air Brake" section on the driver's licence certificate.

To obtain an air brake endorsement, you must pass a knowledge test and a practical test based on the *Air Brake Manual*. Air Brake Manuals are available at your Autopac agent or Manitoba Public Insurance Service Centres throughout the province at a nominal charge.

The air brake test is carried out on a vehicle supplied by the applicant and includes:

- a practical demonstration of a pre-trip brake inspection along with a verbal explanation of the air brake components and their functions;
- for authorization in manual slack adjustment you must show that you can adjust at least one manual slack adjuster and any that are out of adjustment.

Note: If a driver's licence is air brake endorsed and the holder wishes to upgrade to a Class 1, the complete air brake test for a combination vehicle must be successfully completed.