

Class Licences



- Professional and non-professional licences
- Licence application process
- Knowledge and road tests
- Chart showing the class of licence you require



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Different licences for different vehicles

Manitoba has six classes of driver’s licence, numbered from 1 to 6.

Depending on what vehicles you’ll be driving and whether you’ll be driving for a living, you’ll need at least one of these licences. Each has its own requirements.

Most people get a Class 5 licence. It lets you drive most cars, light trucks, some vans and SUVs.

Some of the other classes let you drive big trucks, buses or motorcycles.

A chart describing these six licences is at the back of this brochure.

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Requirements to get and maintain all Manitoba driver's licences

Required documents

To apply for a licence, you'll need legal documents proving:

- your date of birth
- you're a Manitoba resident
- your identity (including legal name and photograph)
- you're entitled to be in Canada

The documents must be originals. Birth registrations and laminated certificates that read "void if laminated" on the back are not accepted.

You can combine different documents to meet the requirements. To find out what documents you'll need, please see the [*Establishing your identity*](#) brochure at mpi.mb.ca or at any Autopac agent.

Health requirements

To get a driver's licence, you must be healthy enough to drive safely. This includes meeting our visual and medical standards.

If you have any health issue that may prevent you from safely driving any class of vehicle, we'll need a medical report to assess the situation. The report must accompany your application for a driver's licence. All costs related to this report are your responsibility.

Here are some examples of health issues needing a medical report:

- conditions affecting your alertness, memory, learning and judgment
- mental health disorders
- vision problems
- physical limitations
- alcohol or substance use disorder

If your health affects your ability to drive safely, our Driver Fitness department will need to know about it:

- before you take a knowledge test for your driver's licence
- before you enroll in a Driver Education course.

Contact: Driver Fitness, Box 6300, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4A4

Call: 204-985-1900 or toll-free 1-866-617-6676

Age requirements

- You must be at least 16 years of age to apply for a Class 5 driver's licence.
- You must be at least 15 years and six months of age to apply for a Class 5 Learner Stage (5L) licence and currently be enrolled in a High School Driver Education course that has already held the Knowledge Test.
- Consent of a parent or legal guardian is required if you are under 18 years of age.
- You must be at least 16 years of age and hold a minimum Class 5 Learner Stage or Authorized Instruction* Stage licence before applying for a Class 6 (motorcycle) licence.
- You must be at least 18 years of age and hold a minimum Class 5 Intermediate Stage (5I) or Class 5 Authorized Instruction Stage (5A) licence to apply for Authorized Instruction in a Class 2-4 licence.
- You must be at least 18 years of age and hold a minimum Class 5 Full Stage (5F) licence to apply for Authorized Instruction in Class 1.

**For more information on Authorized Instruction see page 6.*

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

New to Manitoba?

New residents may operate a motor vehicle in Manitoba with their valid out-of-province licence for up to three months before requiring a Manitoba driver's licence. Testing requirements may be waived if you surrender a valid and equivalent class driver's licence from a reciprocal jurisdiction. Effective February 10, 2025, new Manitoba residents holding foreign commercial licences from jurisdictions outside Canada or the United States must obtain a Manitoba commercial class driver's licence before operating any regulated vehicle in the province. Regulated vehicles include any vehicles or trailers weighing 4,500 kg or more, as well as buses that carry 11 or more persons including the driver. For further information on new resident drivers, please visit mpi.mb.ca or call:

In Winnipeg: 204-985-7000

Outside Winnipeg (toll-free): 1-800-665-2410

Video Relay Services (VRS): 204-985-8832

Change of name or address

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

For more information please visit mpi.mb.ca or call one of the numbers above.





Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL): For new drivers

Drivers who apply for their first Class 5 and/or Class 6 driver's licence are in the Graduated Driver Licensing program and are subject to the GDL stages and restrictions.

Manitoba's Graduated Driver Licensing stages

- L** Learner Stage — Classes 5 and 6 (*Minimum of nine months*)
- I** Intermediate Stage — Classes 5 and 6 (*Minimum of 15 months*)
- F** Full Stage — Classes 1 to 6

GDL will not apply to:

- drivers who held a Manitoba licence before April 1, 2002
- experienced drivers whose licence is changed to a Learner Stage due to a test failure
- experienced out-of-province drivers who are required to take full driver examinations when transferring to a Manitoba driver's licence
- drivers who have held a Class 5F licence for over three years and want to learn to drive Class 1–4 vehicles

Learner drivers who are not in the GDL program will be issued a Class 5A licence (Authorized Instruction* Stage).

**See page 6 for more information.*

Supervising driver

A supervising driver must always accompany a Class 5L driver or driver with Authorized Instruction. The supervising driver provides on-road training and monitoring while new drivers practice their driving. The supervising driver should be prepared to assume control of the vehicle if necessary.

The supervising driver must:

- hold a valid driver's licence in the class of vehicle being operated by the new driver
- have held a minimum Class 5F for at least three years
- have held a licence in the class being operated for at least two years if a Class 1-4 vehicle is being operated
- be the only front seat passenger if supervising in a Class 5 vehicle
- occupy the seat nearest the driver if supervising in Class 1-4 vehicles
- have less than .05 blood alcohol concentration
- not fail a drug screening test



Authorized Instruction: Learning to drive other types of vehicles

Licensed drivers who are learning to drive vehicles other than passenger vehicles need Authorized Instruction. *These drivers are not in GDL.*

To apply for Authorized Instruction for a Class 1–4 licence, you must meet the following requirements:

- be 18 years or older
- for Classes 2-4, hold at least a Class 5 Intermediate or Authorized Instruction licence
- for Class 1, hold at least a Class 5 Full licence
- file a medical report for approval*
- pass a knowledge test

**A medical report is valid for six months from the date it was completed by a physician. You must obtain your Authorized Instruction within this six-month time frame.*



Getting tested for your Class 5 licence

In order to get your Class 5 driver's licence, in addition to all the other requirements discussed in this brochure you'll have to pass a knowledge test and road test.

Knowledge test

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. For information on registering as a customer visit mpi.mb.ca.

The test assesses your knowledge of traffic laws, safe driving practices and recognition of road signs. It is not an open book test and cellphones or other electronic devices cannot be used. The test charge is \$10 (subject to change).*

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



If you are in GDL and fail the knowledge test, you must wait seven days to retake it. If you are not in GDL you are eligible to repeat a knowledge test the next working day.

If an applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian's approval is required to take the knowledge test. Driver Education students under the age of 16 must provide a completed Driver Education form before taking the knowledge test.

After passing the knowledge test and meeting the vision and medical standards, you will be required to purchase a licence for \$20 plus base driver premium charges of up to \$45 (subject to change), plus any applicable additional driver premium.

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 evaluated 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. You must supply a vehicle in good working order and a Vehicle Registration Certificate confirming the vehicle is properly registered and insured. 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 after the knowledge test before they are eligible to take a road test.

If you hold a 5A or 5L Stage driver's licence and fail the road test, there is a 14-day waiting period to retake it. If you are unsuccessful on three Class 5 road test attempts, you will be required to take a minimum of five hours of professional instruction from a driving school with a permit from MPI before booking a fourth road test.

Some individuals who already hold a Manitoba driver's licence in the Intermediate or Full Stage may be required to retake a road test for medical or driver improvement reasons. Under these circumstances, a road test failure will result in declassifying your driver's licence to a Learner or Authorized Stage. This will require you to have a supervising driver with you when driving.

Test Appointments

Scheduling your knowledge or road test

- All knowledge and road tests are by appointment only. Visit an Autopac agent* to pay for your test and to schedule your test appointment. Select booking and payment services are also available through our website. Visit mpi.mb.ca for more information.
- Both knowledge and road tests are conducted during weekdays only (with the exception of holidays). Saturday appointments are available in Winnipeg. For hours of operation please see mpi.mb.ca or contact an Autopac agent.
- Your Autopac agent can provide you details of available appointments at any testing location.
- You can schedule your test appointment up to eight weeks in advance.
- Knowledge and road tests are available in English and French. Knowledge tests for Class 5 licences are also available in more than 20 other languages. Specify your language preference when booking your appointment.

**For a list of Autopac agents, see mpi.mb.ca.*

Mobile Test Units

Mobile Test Unit locations and schedules are available from any Autopac agent or at mpi.mb.ca.

Key points about your tests

Cost*

- A knowledge test costs \$10.
- Costs for road tests:
 - Class 1: \$50
 - Class 2 or 3: \$45
 - Class 4: \$35
 - Class 5: \$30
 - Class 6: \$30
 - Air Brake: \$30**

**Cost may change.*














***There is no additional charge for the air brake test if you are taking a road test for a Class 1–4 licence and the vehicle you are using for the test is equipped with air brakes.*



General testing information

- Please check in 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time.
- There is a 30-minute time limit to complete a knowledge test.
- The knowledge test is not an open book test.
- Cellular phones and electronic devices are not allowed in the test area.
- Only one knowledge or road test of the same class may be completed per day.
- For Class 1, you must show you have completed an approved Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) course before you can book your Class 1 road test.
- If you are in the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program and are not successful on your knowledge test, there is a seven-day waiting period before you may take the test again.
- If you are not successful on your Class 5 road test, there is a 14-day waiting period before you may take the test again.
- If you are unsuccessful on three Class 5 road test attempts, you will be required to take a minimum of five hours of professional instruction from a driving school with a permit from Manitoba Public Insurance before booking a fourth road test.
- A signed Driving Instruction Verification form, including the driving instructor's permit number, must be presented to an Autopac agent in order to pay for and book the fourth attempt. An additional five hours of driving instruction will be required prior to each additional attempt.

Please note: All driving schools must have a valid permit from Manitoba Public Insurance. To ensure a school has a valid permit, customers should ask the school or instructor to see their permit or contact the Permit Unit at 204-985-8063 or permitunit@mpi.mb.ca.

Manitoba Licence Class		Minimum Age
1		18
2	 	
3	 	
4	 	
5	   	16 or 15½ if enrolled in a high school driver education course currently in progress
6		16
Air Brake Endorsement		

Allows the Licence Holder to Operate	Medical Requirements	Requirements	Test Charges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-trailer trucks¹. • Includes all vehicles in Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must meet medical and vision standards. • Medical report required on initial application and periodically thereafter based on the age of the driver. Medical report valid for six months from the date completed by physician. Must obtain Authorized Instruction within this six-month time frame. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must hold a minimum Class 5I (Intermediate Stage) licence or Class 5A (Authorized Instruction Stage) licence to obtain Authorized Instruction in Classes 2–4. • Must hold a minimum Class 5F (Full Stage) licence to obtain Authorized Instruction in Class 1. • 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. • For Class 1, you must show you have completed an approved Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) course before you can book your Class 1 road test. 	Class 1 Road Test \$50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses² having a seating capacity of over 24 passengers (while carrying passengers). • School buses³ having a seating capacity over 36 passengers (while carrying passengers). • Includes all vehicles in Classes 3, 4 and 5. 			Class 2 Road Test \$45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A truck with more than two axles • A combination of vehicles that includes a truck with more than two axles, except if the combination includes a semi-trailer • A combination of vehicles consisting of a truck with not more than two axles and a towed vehicle with a registered gross weight of more than 4,540 kg • A combination of vehicles consisting of a class 5 vehicle – other than a truck – and a towed vehicle with a registered gross weight of more than 4,540 kg • Includes all vehicles in class 4 & 5 			Class 3 Road Test \$45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulances and other emergency vehicles. • Buses² with a seating capacity between 10 and 24 passengers (while carrying passengers). • School buses³ with a seating capacity between 10 and 36 passengers (while carrying passengers). • Includes all vehicles in Class 5. <p><i>Note: Individual municipalities may require a Class 4 licence to operate a Vehicle for Hire – contact your municipality for information.</i></p>			Class 4 Road Test \$35
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A passenger car (other than Class 4 vehicles). • A bus² while not carrying passengers. • A truck with two axles. • A combination of vehicles consisting of a passenger car or 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 registered as a farm truck provided the driver holds a Class 5I (Intermediate stage) licence or 5F (Full stage) licence. • May operate a moped⁴, if 16 years of age or older. • May operate infrastructure equipment or agricultural equipment on a provincial highway, or a highway within the municipal boundaries of a city, town or urban municipality, subject to supervising driver requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical report required when requested. • Must meet vision standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pass knowledge test for Class 5L (Learner Stage) licence (must wait seven days for re-test.) • Requires supervising driver for Class 5L (Learner Stage) or Class 5A (Authorized Instruction) licence. • Requires supervising driver for a Class 5I (Intermediate Stage) 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 months). (Must wait 14 days for re-test. Professional instruction required if five or more tests are needed.) 	Class 5 Road Test \$30
			Knowledge Test \$10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motorcycles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical report required when requested. • Must meet vision standards. 	<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-test). • Must obtain Class 6M (Motorcycle Training Course Stage) licence in order to complete motorcycle training course. The course is required before Class 6L (Learner Stage) licence is issued. (Contact Safety Services Manitoba for motorcycle course scheduling and fees.) • Minimum nine-month Learner Stage. • Must pass road test to advance to the Intermediate Stage (Minimum 15 months). (Must wait 14 days for re-test.) 	Class 6 Road Test \$30
			Knowledge Test \$10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air brake endorsement permits the holder to drive vehicles equipped with air brakes in the class of vehicle for which the person is licensed. <p><i>Note: Drivers of a Class 3 truck registered as a farm truck equipped with air brakes are exempt from this requirement.</i></p>		<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. • 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 semi-trailer truck is a motor vehicle-trailer combination consisting of a truck designed primarily for towing a semi-trailer connected by means of a fifth wheel coupler, and not constructed for carrying any load other than part of the weight of the trailer and a semi-trailer.

2. A bus is any motor vehicle designed to carry 11 or more persons (including the driver) that is not used solely for personal transportation.

3. School bus certificate is required. For further information, contact the Pupil Transportation Unit, Manitoba Education and Training at 204-945-6900.

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

All charges are subject to change.

For additional information or assistance,
call your Autopac agent or the following numbers:

In Winnipeg: 204-985-7000

Outside Winnipeg (Toll-free): 1-800-665-2410

Note:

- For specific testing information on motorcycles, please see the [Motorcycle Handbook](#).
- For specific testing information on commercial vehicles, please see the [Professional Driver's Manual](#).
- For specific testing information on air brakes, please see the [Air Brake Manual](#).



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