

# Graduated Driver Licensing



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This guide is for general information only. For specific information see The Highway Traffic Act and/or The Drivers and Vehicles Act and regulations. All charges, additional premiums and fines in this guide are subject to change.

## Purpose of this guide

This guide outlines the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Program. It is a handy reference for understanding the driving restrictions and other important information in the GDL Program.

### What is GDL?

GDL is a three-stage program designed to help new Class 5 and Class 6 drivers, regardless of age, acquire the knowledge and skills needed to safely operate a motor vehicle. Whether 16 or 60 years old, GDL enables new drivers to gain experience under driving conditions where the risk of having a collision is lower.

The three licence stages of GDL are:

- L** Learner Stage – *(minimum of nine months)*
- I** Intermediate Stage – *(minimum of 15 months)*
- F** Full Stage – *(for the first three years)*

Each stage has specific restrictions for new drivers that reduce the opportunity for and likelihood of risky driving behaviour.

### Why GDL?

While GDL does not discriminate by age, gender or geographic location, statistics show that new drivers are three times more likely to be involved in collisions than more experienced drivers. GDL's goal is to reduce collisions among new drivers by allowing them to gain valuable driving experience under controlled conditions, thereby lowering the risk of vehicle collisions.



## Who is included in GDL?

GDL applies to all new applicants who are entering the driver licensing system and who are applying for a:

- Class 5 licence and have never held any class of driver's licence before
- Class 6 licence and have never held a Class 6 licence before

### **GDL will not apply to:**

- drivers who held a licence of any class (1 to 6) or stage 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 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 to 4 vehicles

## GDL stages for Class 5 drivers (passenger vehicles and light trucks)

The Class 5 driver's licence stages are:

**L** Learner Stage

**I** Intermediate Stage

**F** Full Stage

Time within the Learner and Intermediate stages is only earned if the driver holds a valid licence. Drivers in the Learner and Intermediate stages will not earn credit for time served in the stage if their licence is invalid, cancelled, prohibited or suspended.

### Class 5L Licence (minimum nine months)

To apply for a Class 5L 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 currently in progress
- have parental consent if you are under 18 years of age
- pass a knowledge test and meet the vision and medical standards (If you fail the knowledge test, you must wait a minimum of seven days before you may take another knowledge test.)
- pay the required licence charges and insurance premiums

While in the Learner Stage, you must:

- not have drugs or alcohol in your system
- be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver who is the only front seat passenger (see page 9 for supervising driver requirements)
- limit other passengers in the back seat(s) up to the number of functioning seatbelts



While in the Learner Stage, you are **not** allowed to:

- tow vehicles
- operate a Class 3 motor vehicle registered as a farm truck
- operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway, unless you hold a minimum Class 6I licence (Intermediate Stage)

You may apply for a Class 6L (motorcycle) licence; however, you may not apply for Authorized Instruction in Classes 1 to 4 (commercial). You may operate a moped providing you are at least 16 years of age.

## Class 5I Licence (minimum 15 months)

To graduate to this stage, you must pass the Class 5 road test. If you fail the road test, you must wait at least 14 days before taking another road test. If you are unsuccessful on four Class 5 road test attempts, you will be required to take a minimum of two hours of professional instruction from a driving school with a permit from Manitoba Public Insurance before booking a fifth road test.

While in the Intermediate Stage, you must:

- not have drugs or alcohol in your system
- limit passengers:
  - from 5 a.m. to midnight to one passenger in the front seat and additional passengers in the back seat(s) up to the number of functioning seatbelts
  - from midnight to 5 a.m. to one passenger or, when accompanied by a qualified supervising driver in the front seat, additional passengers up to the number of functioning seatbelts in the back seat(s)

While in the Intermediate Stage, you may:

- tow vehicles
- operate a Class 3 motor vehicle registered as a farm truck
- operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway
- apply for Authorized Instruction in Classes 2 to 4 if you are 18 years of age or older and meet the medical standards

Drivers are only required to complete the Intermediate Stage once. Credit for time served in the Intermediate Stage in Class 5 will be given for the Intermediate Stage in Class 6 and vice versa.

## Class 5F Licence

On completion of the Intermediate Stage, you will graduate to a Full Stage licence.

Drivers in the Full Stage:

- cannot have drugs or alcohol in their system for the first 36 months
- may apply for Authorized Instruction in Class 1 if at least 18 years of age and meet the medical standards
- may upgrade to Class 1F to 4F licences after passing the appropriate tests
- may supervise Learner or Intermediate Stage drivers after three years in the Full Stage

## GDL stages for Class 6 drivers (motorcycles)

The Class 6 motorcycle driver's licence stages are:

- M** Motorcycle Training Course Stage—permits operation of a motorcycle only while taking the motorcycle training course
- L** Learner Stage
- I** Intermediate Stage
- F** Full Stage

Each stage has specific restrictions imposed on new drivers that will reduce the opportunity for and likelihood of them engaging in risky driving behaviour. Time within the Learner and Intermediate stages is only earned if the driver holds a valid licence. Drivers will not earn credit for time served in the stage if their licence is invalid, cancelled, prohibited or suspended.

To apply for a Class 6 (motorcycle) licence, you must:

- hold a valid licence of any other class and be at least 16 years of age
- pass a knowledge test and meet the vision and medical standards (If you fail the knowledge test, you must wait a minimum of seven days before taking another knowledge test. All applicants must first obtain the Motorcycle Training Course Stage licence before they will be admitted to the motorcycle training course.)
- successfully complete an approved motorcycle training course





## Motorcycle Training Course Stage

The motorcycle training course is an approved practical course that will provide the new motorcyclist with the basic skills required to operate a motorcycle. It is a user-pay course offered at designated locations throughout the province. Contact an Autopac agent or Manitoba Public Insurance Service Centre for further information on the recognized motorcycle training course or visit [mpi.mb.ca](http://mpi.mb.ca).

Time spent in the Motorcycle Training Course Stage **does not** count toward the nine-month Learner Stage.

### Class 6L Licence (minimum nine months)

On successful completion of the motorcycle training course, you will be issued a certificate that you must present to your Autopac agent or Manitoba Public Insurance Service Centre before the Class 6L licence will be issued.

Once you have your Class 6L licence, you must:

- not have drugs or alcohol in your system
- carry no passengers

While in the Class 6L Stage, you are **not** allowed to:

- drive at night (half an hour before sunset to half an hour after sunrise)
- tow vehicles
- operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway (unless you hold a minimum Class 5I licence)

### Class 6I Licence (minimum 15 months)

To graduate to this stage, you must pass the Class 6 road test. If you fail the road test, you must wait at least 14 days before taking another road test.

While in the Class 6I Stage, you:

- cannot have drugs or alcohol in your system
- may carry a passenger
- may tow a vehicle
- may operate off-road vehicles along or across highways

Drivers are only required to complete the Intermediate Stage once. Credit for your time in the Intermediate Stage in Class 6 will be given for the Intermediate Stage in Class 5 and vice versa.

### Class 6F Licence

On completion of the Intermediate Stage, you will graduate to a Full Stage licence. For the first 36 months, you must continue to not have drugs or alcohol in your system while operating a motorcycle.



## Authorized Instruction

Learner drivers who are not in GDL will be issued an Authorized Instruction licence (A Stage).

This includes:

- Class 5 drivers who held a Learner licence (Class 7 with Authorized Instruction in Classes 1 to 5) before April 1, 2002
- experienced drivers whose licence is changed to Learner Stage due to a test failure
- experienced out-of-province drivers who are required to take driver examinations when transferring to a Manitoba driver's licence
- Learner Stage drivers in Classes 1 to 4

Class 5A licence drivers must:

- not have drugs or alcohol in their system
- be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver as the only front seat passenger (see page 9 for supervising driver requirements)
- not operate a Class 3 vehicle registered as a farm truck
- not operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway, unless the driver holds a minimum Class 6I licence

Class 6A licence drivers must:

- not have drugs or alcohol in their system
- not carry a passenger
- not operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway, unless the driver holds a minimum Class 5I licence

Class 1A to 4A drivers must be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver.



## Supervising driver

Supervising drivers must accompany Class 5L drivers and drivers with Authorized Instruction in Classes 1 to 5. Supervising drivers provide on-road training and monitoring while new drivers are practising their driving and should be prepared to assume control of the vehicle if necessary.

The supervising driver must:

- hold a valid and continuous driver's licence in the class of vehicle being operated by the learner
- have held a minimum Class 5F licence for at least three years
- have held a licence in the class of vehicle being operated for at least two years if a Class 1 to 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 a Class 1 to 4 vehicle
- have less than 50mg% blood alcohol concentration and not fail a drug screening test

## Drug and alcohol restriction

New drivers cannot have drugs or alcohol in their system while operating a vehicle. Driving is a complex task that requires full attention. Drugs and alcohol impair skill and judgment. For new drivers, consuming even a small amount of drugs and alcohol can be extremely dangerous. The best way for drivers to ensure that they are alert is to avoid driving after drinking any alcohol or consuming any cannabis or other drugs.

The drug and alcohol restriction applies to all drivers with a:

- Class 5L or 5I licence
- Class 5A licence
- Class 6L or 6I licence (while operating a motorcycle)
- Class 6A licence (while operating a motorcycle)
- Class 5F and/or Class 6F licence for the first 36 months in the Full Stage

## Consequences of violating the drug and alcohol restriction or other GDL restrictions

Anyone in the GDL Program who violates the blood and alcohol restriction or other GDL restrictions will face interventions and possible sanctions depending on the circumstances.

## Drug and alcohol restriction

Drivers who violate the drug and alcohol restriction will:

- receive an immediate 24-hour roadside suspension
- have their driving record reviewed by our Driver Improvement and Control Program to determine if an additional suspension should apply
- be required to pay a driver's licence reinstatement charge

## Drug impairment

All drivers suspected by police of being under the influence of any drug can receive an immediate 24-hour roadside licence suspension. Novice drivers who receive a 24-hour roadside suspension are required to pay a reinstatement charge and will have their driving record reviewed by our Driver Improvement and Control Program to determine if an additional suspension should apply.

## Immediate Roadside Prohibition

The Highway Traffic Act has been amended to adopt an immediate roadside prohibitions approach to deal with persons driving under the influence of alcohol. This new approach and tough new sanctions would take effect right at roadside, based upon the results of an calibrated screening device (CSD).

## Tiered Administrative Licence Suspensions

Anyone who operates a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration between 50mg% and 79mg%, registers a warn on a calibrated screening device (CSD), or fails a drug screening test, physical coordination test or drug recognition evaluation is subject to an immediate Tiered Administrative Licence Suspension. Tiered Administrative Licence Suspensions are progressively longer suspensions ranging from 72 hours to 60 days, depending on how many previous suspensions have been issued to the driver within a 10-year period.

Drivers will receive a:

- 72-hour driver's licence suspension for a first occurrence
- seven-day driver's licence suspension for a first occurrence with a person under the age of 16 in the vehicle
- 15-day driver's licence suspension for a second occurrence
- 30-day driver's licence suspension for a third occurrence
- 60-day driver's licence suspension for a fourth and subsequent occurrences

Drivers who receive a Tiered Administrative Licence Suspension will move down the Driver Safety Rating (DSR) scale five levels and may also be subject to a Driver Improvement and Control intervention. This could range from a warning letter to a further driver's licence suspension. They would also be required to pay a driver's licence reinstatement charge.

Drivers receiving two or more tiered suspensions within a 10-year period are also required to complete an Impaired Driver Assessment at the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM) at their own expense.

## Three-month Administrative Licence Suspension

You will receive a three-month Administrative Licence Suspension if:

- your blood alcohol concentration is equal to or over 80mg%
- you register a fail on an CSD
- your blood drug concentration is equal to or over 5 nanograms (ng) of THC
- your combined blood alcohol concentration is equal to or over 50mg% and your blood drug concentration is equal to or over 2.5 ng of THC
- you refuse to provide a breath, saliva or blood sample to police
- you refuse to perform a physical coordination test or drug recognition evaluation, or refuse to follow a police officer's instructions regarding either test
- you have any concentration of illegal drugs in your system

Receiving this suspension lowers the driver's rating on the DSR scale by five levels and requires payment of a driver's licence reinstatement charge. Additional consequences include:

- potential charges under the Criminal Code of Canada
- vehicle impoundment
- a mandatory Impaired Driver Assessment at the AFM at the driver's expense
- participation in Manitoba's Ignition Interlock Program

If you fail or refuse an CSD you may face enhanced roadside sanctions, including an administrative penalty, vehicle impoundment, mandatory Ignition Interlock participation for one year, and movement of 10 levels down the Driver Safety Rating scale.

## Criminal Code offences

Criminal Code offences include the following:

- driving, or having care and control of a vehicle, while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- impaired driving causing bodily harm or death
- driving with a blood alcohol concentration equal to or over 80mg%
- driving with a blood drug concentration equal to or over 5 ng of THC
- driving with a combined blood alcohol concentration equal to or over 50mg% and blood drug concentration equal to or over 2.5 ng of THC
- driving with any concentration of illegal drugs in your system
- refusing to provide a breath, saliva or blood sample to police upon request
- refusing to perform a physical coordination test or drug recognition evaluation, or refusing to follow a police officer's instructions regarding either test

In addition to an immediate roadside suspension, the penalties for drivers convicted of an impaired driving-related Criminal Code offence include:

- moving an additional five, 10 or 15 levels down the Driver Safety Rating scale
- a significant court-imposed fine



- possible imprisonment
- a court-imposed driving prohibition
- mandatory driver's licence suspension under The Highway Traffic Act
- participation in Manitoba's Ignition Interlock Program
- possible vehicle forfeiture

*Note: A discharge under the Criminal Code for certain driving-related offences may be treated as a conviction under The Highway Traffic Act.*

## **GDL restriction violation**

New drivers who violate any GDL restriction, are convicted of a driving offence or are involved in a collision may have their driving record reviewed by our Driver Improvement and Control Program to determine if an additional suspension or other sanctions should apply. Other sanctions can include a remedial driving course (at the driver's expense) or additional driver's licence restrictions.

Drivers may appeal the licence suspension to the Licence Suspension Appeal Board on the grounds of exceptional hardship.

## **Insurance coverage**

Violating the drug and alcohol restriction or other GDL restrictions may result in being denied insurance coverage.



## Dangers of distracted driving

The most important thing to think about while driving is ... driving. Distracted driving means any activity that diverts a driver's attention from the road. Being distracted, even for just a few seconds, is all it takes to cause a fatal crash. Each year, on average, on Manitoba roads 28 people are killed in collisions linked to distracted driving.\*

Distractions can be anything that takes a driver's eyes off the road, hands off the wheel or mind off the job of driving. Texting while driving, for example, is extremely dangerous because it does all three. Distractions can happen both inside and outside your vehicle. Some of the most common are using smartphones or tablets, adjusting audio systems, using GPS, interacting with passengers, eating, drinking, smoking and viewing commercial signs.

One of the most dangerous of distractions is using a hand-operated electronic device, such as a cellphone, smartphone or tablet, for any reason while driving.

In Manitoba, it's against the law and being caught using a hand-operated electronic device behind the wheel will result in a three-day licence suspension for a first offence and a seven-day suspension for each subsequent offence.

Upon conviction, it will also result in a \$672 fine and moving five levels down the Driver Safety Rating scale.

*\*Source: Traffic Accident Report Data, 2013-2017*

## First driver's licence

When you are issued a new Manitoba driver's licence, you will be provided with a temporary driver's licence certificate (valid for up to 45 days). You must carry your temporary driver's licence certificate with you whenever you operate a motor vehicle until you receive your permanent, one-piece driver's licence in the mail.

When you apply for your first driver's licence, you will be photographed at an Autopac agent or Manitoba Public Insurance Service Centre. You'll need a new photo every five years.

*Note: Drivers under the age of 18 years are issued photo cards that show the exact date of their 18th birthday.*



Please be aware that the Manitoba driver's licence cannot be used to cross the United States border.

Your driver's licence must be in your possession at all times while driving and must be produced, along with the Vehicle Registration Card, when requested by a peace officer.

## About the renewal process

With our convenient driver's licences and Autopac policies, you only need to visit an Autopac agent once every five years, unless you want to change or cancel your driver's licence or policy between renewals.

You will receive a renewal notice once every five years when it's time to renew your driver's licence and/or vehicle insurance. You will need to visit an Autopac agent to review your coverage and renew your driver's licence and/or vehicle insurance before it lapses.

You still pay for your driver's licence and vehicle insurance every year. In years between renewals (reassessment years), you will receive an annual statement of account, telling you what you owe.

In your reassessment years, you can choose to pay:

- online at [mpi.mb.ca](http://mpi.mb.ca) with VISA or MasterCard
- online or by telephone through your financial institution
- in person with cash, cheque, debit, VISA or MasterCard wherever Autopac is sold



## Keep your licence valid

Your driver's licence expiry date is printed on the front of your licence. It is your responsibility to know when your licence expires and when to renew it.

Each year your licence will be reassessed. You will be required to pay for your driver's licence every year on your anniversary date, which is four months less a day after your birthday. For example, if your birthday is Sept. 21, your anniversary date is Jan. 20.

If you do not pay the assessed charges for your licence by the anniversary date, your licence can be suspended. You also will not earn credit in the Learner or Intermediate Stage for the period of time you are not licensed.

## New Manitoba residents

When exchanging your out-of-province driver's licence for a Manitoba licence, you may receive credit for the time you held your licence in your home jurisdiction.

Testing requirements may be waived if you exchange a valid and equivalent class driver's licence from a reciprocal jurisdiction. For further information on drivers new to Manitoba, please call 204-985-7000 or toll-free 1-800-665-2410, or visit [mpi.mb.ca](http://mpi.mb.ca).

## Learner Stage

If you held a Learner Stage licence in your previous home jurisdiction, you must take knowledge and vision tests before a Manitoba Learner Stage licence will be issued.

You will then receive credit toward the nine-month learning period for the time you held a Learner Stage licence in your previous home jurisdiction.

For example, if you held a Learner Stage licence for five months in the other jurisdiction, you'll receive five-months credit towards the Manitoba nine-month learning period. If you held a Learner Stage licence for more than nine months, you may take the road test immediately.

Unless you are enrolled in a high school driver education course, you must be at least 16 years of age.

## Intermediate Stage

If you held an Intermediate Stage licence for less than 15 months in your previous home jurisdiction when transferring to a Manitoba licence, you will be issued an Intermediate Stage licence. Credit will then be given toward the 15-month Intermediate Stage for the period you held the Intermediate Stage licence in your previous home jurisdiction.

For example, if you held an Intermediate Stage licence for 10 months in your previous home jurisdiction, 10 months would be credited to the Manitoba 15-month Intermediate Stage.

If you held an Intermediate Stage licence for more than 15 months in your previous home jurisdiction, on transfer to the Manitoba licence you will be issued a Manitoba Full Stage licence.

## Full Stage

If you held a Full Stage licence in your previous home jurisdiction, you will be issued a Manitoba Full Stage licence. If you held a Full Stage licence for less than three years, you will be subject to the drug and alcohol restriction. You may supervise a novice driver only if you have held a Full Stage licence for more than three years.





## Questions & answers

### ***What age groups are affected by GDL?***

Manitoba's GDL Program applies to all new drivers regardless of age, gender or geographic location. New drivers have the highest risk for collisions and the GDL Program increases the opportunity to learn safe driving skills.

### ***How do I obtain a Class 5L licence?***

First, buy a Driver's Handbook from an Autopac agent or a Manitoba Public Insurance Service Centre. You can also get a copy from [mpi.mb.ca](http://mpi.mb.ca). Once you have read the handbook and fully understand it, you are ready to take the knowledge test.

The test charge is \$10 (subject to change). The minimum age to obtain a Class 5L licence is 16 years of age, or 15½ years of age if you are enrolled in a high school driver education course that is currently in progress.

If you are under 18 years of age, you require a parent or legal guardian's written approval.

Should you fail the knowledge test, you must wait seven days before you rewrite the test.

After passing the knowledge test, you must purchase a Learner Stage licence for \$20 (subject to change) plus applicable driver premiums to drive.

### ***Why have a drug and alcohol restriction for new drivers?***

Driving is a complex task that requires full attention. Drugs and alcohol impair skill and judgment. For new drivers, consuming even a small amount of drugs or alcohol can be extremely dangerous. The best way for drivers to ensure that they are alert is to avoid driving after drinking any alcohol or consuming any cannabis or other drugs.

### ***Why is there a nine-month learning period before taking a road test?***

Manitobans experience every kind of driving condition. The nine-month learning period exposes new, inexperienced drivers to a wider variety of driving situations and weather conditions over a longer learning period of time. On completion of the nine-month learning period, the applicant may apply for a road test.

### ***Who is allowed to supervise me while I drive a Class 5 vehicle?***

Any driver who has held a Class 5F licence for at least three years and currently holds a valid licence can supervise a Learner Stage driver in Class 5. The supervising driver must be the only front seat passenger. To supervise in Classes 1 to 4, the supervising driver must have also held a class of licence in the vehicle being driven for at least two years.

### ***If I hold a Class 5 Learner licence, can I also obtain Authorized Instruction in Classes 1 to 4?***

No. All new applicants who are subject to the nine-month learning period must pass a Class 5 road test (and be at least 18 years of age) before they can obtain Authorized Instruction in Classes 1 to 4.

Once you pass the Class 5 road test and hold a Class 5I licence, you may apply for Authorized Instruction for Classes 2 to 4 if you are at least 18 years of age and meet medical standards, but you may not apply for Class 1 Authorized Instruction until you hold a Class 5F licence.

### ***Can teenagers drive a Class 3 truck registered as a farm truck to help with farm operations?***

Any driver, regardless of age, with a minimum Class 5I licence may operate a Class 3 vehicle registered as a farm truck. Therefore, teenage drivers with a Class 5I or 5F licence may operate a Class 3 vehicle registered as a farm truck. The GDL restrictions (such as the drug and alcohol restriction) will still apply while operating the farm truck.

### ***Can a new driver operate an off-road vehicle (for example, a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle) on a highway?***

To operate an off-road vehicle along or across a highway, a driver must hold at least a Class 5I or 6I licence and adhere to the licence restrictions in that stage. This also applies to off-road vehicles with more than two wheels that are being used for agricultural purposes when operated on the shoulder.

***Are there different requirements to obtain a Class 6L (motorcycle) licence?***

Yes. In addition to passing the knowledge and vision test, all applicants must successfully complete the motorcycle training course before a Class 6L licence will be issued. To apply for the Class 6L licence, the applicant must be at least 16 years of age and hold a valid driver's licence of any other class.

***I wish to obtain a Class 6 (motorcycle) licence and I already hold a Class 5F licence. Do I have to take the motorcycle training course?***

Yes. If you are applying for your first Class 6L licence you will be required to complete the motorcycle knowledge test and the motorcycle training course prior to being issued a Class 6L licence.

Upon issuance of the Class 6L licence, you will be subject to the GDL restrictions while operating a motorcycle.

As you already have a Class 5F licence, you will not be required to complete the Intermediate Stage of the motorcycle licence.

Once you successfully pass the motorcycle road test, you will automatically progress to the Full Stage of the motorcycle licence with a three-year drug and alcohol restriction while operating the motorcycle.



### ***What happens if I violate the GDL restrictions?***

If you violate the drug and alcohol restriction, you will:

- receive an immediate 24-hour roadside suspension
- have your driving record reviewed by our Driver Improvement and Control Program to determine if an additional suspension should apply
- be required to pay a driver's licence reinstatement charge

All drivers suspected by police of being under the influence of any drug can receive an immediate 24-hour roadside licence suspension. Novice drivers who receive a 24-hour suspension for being under the influence of drugs are required to pay a reinstatement charge and will have their driving record reviewed by our Driver Improvement and Control Program to determine if an additional suspension should apply.

Manitoba continues to have among the toughest penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in Canada. For detailed information on the serious consequences of impaired driving for all drivers, see pages 10-12.

If you are found in violation of other GDL restrictions, your driving record will be reviewed by our Driver Improvement and Control Program to determine if an additional suspension or other sanctions should apply. Other sanctions can include a remedial driving course (at the driver's expense) or additional driver's licence restrictions.

For further information, visit [mpi.mb.ca](http://mpi.mb.ca).

# 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](http://mpi.mb.ca) for more information.
- Both knowledge and road tests are conducted during weekdays only (with the exception of holidays) at the locations below. Saturday appointments are available in Winnipeg at the Barnes Street, Lexington Park and Main Street locations. For hours of operation, please see [mpi.mb.ca](http://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](http://mpi.mb.ca).

## Test locations

### Winnipeg

- 15 Barnes Street (at Bison Drive)
- 125 King Edward Street East
- 40 Lexington Park (at Gateway Road)
- 1284 Main Street
- 930 St. Mary's Road (French Language Services available)

### Outside Winnipeg

- Arborg – 323 Sunset Boulevard
- Beausejour – 848 Park Avenue
- Brandon – 731 1st Street
- Dauphin – 217 Industrial Road
- Portage la Prairie – 2007 Saskatchewan Avenue W.
- Selkirk – 1008 Manitoba Avenue
- Steinbach – 91 North Front Drive (French Language Services available)
- The Pas – 424 Fischer Avenue
- Thompson – 53 Commercial Place
- Winkler – 355 Boundary Trail



## Mobile Test Units

Mobile Test Units serve rural customers living outside the previously listed locations. Mobile Test Unit locations and schedules are available from any Autopac agent or at [mpi.mb.ca](http://mpi.mb.ca).

## Key points about your tests

### Cost\*

- A knowledge test costs \$10.
- Costs for road tests:
  - Class 1 licence: \$50
  - Class 2 or 3 licence: \$45
  - Class 4 licence: \$35
  - Class 5 licence: \$30
  - Class 6 licence: \$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, 2, 3, 4 or 5 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.
- There is a 14-day waiting period between the issuance date of your Learner Stage licence and the road test date for Class 2, 3 and 4 licences.
- 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 road test, there is a 14-day waiting period before you may take the test again.
- If you are unsuccessful on four Class 5 road test attempts, you will be required to take a minimum of two hours of professional instruction from a driving school with a permit from Manitoba Public Insurance before booking a fifth 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 fifth attempt. An additional two 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](mailto:permitunit@mpi.mb.ca).*

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

- In Winnipeg call 204-985-7000
- Outside Winnipeg call 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.

## Graduated Driver Licensing Class 5

### Drug and Alcohol Restriction

Class 5L (Learner)	Class 5I (Intermediate)	Class 5F (Full)
Minimum 9 months	Minimum 15 months	36 months
pass knowledge test →	pass road test →	graduate to Full Stage →
<p><b>Learner Stage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• minimum age 16 (15% if in a high school driver education course currently in progress)</li> <li>• must pass knowledge test</li> <li>• minimum nine months in this stage, excluding licence interruptions</li> <li>• cannot have drugs or alcohol in system</li> <li>• only supervising driver as front seat passenger</li> <li>• supervising driver must be a fully licensed driver for at least 36 months, and have less than .05 blood alcohol concentration and not fail a drug screening test</li> <li>• may carry passengers up to the number of functioning seatbelts in the rear of the vehicle</li> <li>• no towing permitted</li> <li>• may not operate a Class 3 motor vehicle registered as a farm truck</li> <li>• may not operate off-road vehicles along or across highway</li> <li>• may not obtain Authorized Instruction in Classes 1–4</li> <li>• may operate heavy- and agricultural equipment while accompanied by a supervising driver</li> </ul>	<p><b>Intermediate Stage*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must pass Class 5 road test</li> <li>• minimum 15 months in this stage, excluding licence interruptions</li> <li>• cannot have drugs or alcohol in system</li> <li>• passenger limits:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• from 5 a.m. to midnight: one passenger in the front seat and additional passengers in the back seat(s) up to the number of functioning seatbelts</li> <li>• from midnight to 5 a.m.: one passenger or, when accompanied by a qualified supervising driver in the front seat, additional passengers up to the number of functioning seatbelts in the back seat(s)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• towing permitted</li> <li>• may operate heavy- and agricultural equipment</li> <li>• may operate a Class 3 motor vehicle registered as a farm truck</li> <li>• may operate off-road vehicles along or across highway</li> <li>• may apply for Authorized Instruction in Class 2–4 if at least 18 years of age and meet medical standards</li> </ul>	<p><b>Full Stage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cannot have drugs or alcohol in system for first 36 months</li> <li>• may apply for Authorized Instruction in Class 1 if at least 18 years of age and meet medical standards</li> <li>• may upgrade to Class 1F–4F after passing appropriate tests</li> <li>• may supervise after three years in Full Stage</li> </ul>
<p>*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.</p>		

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your anniversary date is Jan. 20. If drivers in the Learner or Intermediate Stage don't keep their licence active, they will not earn credit for the period of time they're not licensed. If you own a vehicle, your Autopac will be renewed and expire at the same time as your driver's licence.

## Graduated Driver Licensing Class 6 (Motorcycle)

Drug and Alcohol Restriction			
Class 6M (Motorcycle Training Course)	Class 6L (Learner)	Class 6I (Intermediate)	Class 6F (Full)
pass knowledge test →	Minimum 9 months complete an approved motorcycle training course →	Minimum 15 months pass road test →	36 months graduate to Full Stage →
<b>Motorcycle Training Course Stage</b>	<b>Learner Stage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• minimum age 16</li> <li>• must complete an approved motorcycle training course</li> <li>• minimum nine months in this stage, excluding licence interruptions</li> <li>• cannot have drugs or alcohol in system</li> <li>• no passengers</li> <li>• no towing permitted</li> <li>• no nighttime driving (½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise)</li> </ul>	<b>Intermediate Stage*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must pass motorcycle road test</li> <li>• minimum 15 months in this stage, excluding licence interruptions</li> <li>• cannot have drugs or alcohol in system</li> <li>• may carry a passenger</li> <li>• towing permitted</li> <li>• may operate off-road vehicles along or across a highway</li> </ul> <p><small>*Time served in the Intermediate Stage in Class 5 will be applied to the Intermediate Stage in Class 6. Therefore, a driver is only required to complete the Intermediate Stage once.</small></p>	<b>Full Stage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cannot have drugs or alcohol in system for first 36 months</li> </ul>

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