

DRIVER Z REGISTRATION GUIDE

Welcome to Manitoba Public Insurance's High School Driver Z Program. The goal of the Driver Z Program is to develop long-term safe drivers, reduce collisions involving young drivers and develop a proactive traffic safety culture among new drivers.

Driver Z takes students through various eLearning experiences, provides in-class instruction, puts students in the driver's seat, tests students' knowledge as in-car observers and helps guide students and co-pilots through home-based practice.

Attendance Requirements

Driver Z instructors must be notified of all student absences - both classroom and in-car. Students must attend at least 18 hours of the scheduled 20 hours of classroom time to complete the theory portion of the course. Students must attend all 15 hours of in-car lessons, including the one-hour readiness assessment to complete the practical portion of the course.

If a student fails to attend a scheduled in-car lesson without providing the instructor with 24 hours notice, the lesson can be made up only at the student's expense. Missing two scheduled in-car lessons without 24 hours notice will result in expulsion from the program without a refund. The pick-up and drop off location for in-car lessons will be at or near the host school.

Certificate Requirements

To earn a Driver Z certificate the student must complete the following within 1 year of the start date of the course:

- Attend a minimum of 18 of the 20 scheduled classroom hours;
- Obtain at least 80% on all assigned work;
- Complete a minimum of 45 hours of practice driving with a qualified supervising driver and provide verification for the hours on the Practice log; and
- Attend all 15 hours of in-car instruction, including the final in-car student readiness assessment

Evaluation Process

In-Class

To successfully complete the in-class portion of the Driver Z Program, students must obtain 80% on all classroom-related assignments.

In-Car

To successfully complete the in-car component of the Driver Z Program, students must attend all 15 hours of in-car lessons, including the in-car student readiness assessment.

To ensure that co-pilots and students receive constructive and timely feedback about the student's driving performance and progress, in-car instructors will provide the following feedback through the Driver Z application:

- **In-Car Assessments** - These assessments are completed for each student after every driving lesson. Co-pilots and students must verify they have received and reviewed the assessments.
- **In-Car Student Readiness Assessment** - This report is provided to each student at the end of the eighth and final driving lesson. The in-car readiness assessment takes place within one year of beginning Driver Z and after the student has completed the required 45 hours of practice with a co-pilot. Students become eligible after seven (7) months from the date of their Driver Z Knowledge Test. This assessment indicates if the student is ready for independent driving.

Home-Based Practice

Students must complete 45 hours of practice with a co-pilot and will not be scheduled for the final in-car readiness assessment until the required practice hours have been logged and verified.

Parent/Legal Guardian/Co-Pilot Responsibility

Driver Z is a partnership that includes instructors, students and co-pilots (parents/legal guardians, or other supervising drivers). Road safety research shows that co-pilot involvement and supervision decreases a new driver's risk of a collision.

A supervising driver/co-pilot must:

- Complete pre-work course;
- Attend the mandatory kick off night;
- Be a valid supervising driver according to *The Drivers and Vehicles Act*; and
- Verify instructor driving lesson and practice hours.

Disability or Medical Condition Information

Parents/legal guardians/co-pilots and students must disclose any disability or medical condition that may affect a student's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle to Medical Compliance and Assessments at (204) 985-1900 or toll free at 1-866-617-6676. All disability and medical information is kept confidential.

Some students may be required to file medical reports and/or complete a specialized functional assessment. Some may also require vehicle modifications prior to taking in-car training. These medical requirements can take several months, so please notify Driver Fitness early in the process (e.g., contact can start even before registering for a Driver Z course).

It is the responsibility of the student (or parent/guardian of the student if under the age of 18) to report all medical conditions that may impair the student's ability to drive safely.



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Class 5L Licensing Procedures

Students are allowed one free attempt to take the Class 5L Knowledge Test online at the scheduled time in the Driver Z classroom.

Traffic Infractions

Students are responsible for all traffic infractions, tickets and fines incurred while operating a Driver Z training vehicle, including but not limited to infractions captured by traffic enforcement cameras. Where a ticket is issued or a fine is levied as a result of a student's operation of a training vehicle, that student is responsible to pay the corresponding fine. Parents/legal guardians of the student shall be responsible for the fine if the student is unable to pay it. Failure to pay the full amount of the ticket or fine may result in collection actions being taken against the student, parent/legal guardian, and/or suspension or expulsion of the student from the program without a refund.

Collisions

If students are found to be 50% or more responsible for a collision that occurred while they were driving a Driver Z training vehicle, their Driver Safety Rating will be affected. Depending on the circumstances, the student may also be held responsible for the deductible. Parents/legal guardians of the student shall be responsible for the deductible if the student is unable to pay it. Failure to pay the full amount of the deductible may result in collection actions being taken against the student, parent/legal guardian, and/or suspension or expulsion of the student from the program without a refund.

Refunds

- If a student wishes to withdraw from a course, they must cancel their registration at least 24 hours before the course start date to receive a full refund.
- If a student withdraws from a course within 24 hours of the course start date, they will not receive a refund.
- Students who withdraw prior to obtaining their Class 5L licence must provide a certificate signed by a qualified medical practitioner excusing their withdrawal in order to obtain a refund.
- After a student has obtained their Class 5L licence, no refunds will be issued.

Manitoba Public Insurance reserves the right to change any of the terms of this Driver Z Registration Guide at any time.