

Advanced Road Test

The Advanced Road Test is an on-road examination that requires new drivers to demonstrate safe driving skills and responsible decision-making under challenging conditions. New drivers will be required to show that they have mastered these skills to obtain a full-privilege operator's licence. New drivers choosing not to take the Advanced Road Test will remain in the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program and may continue to drive alone, subject to all GDL conditions.

To be eligible for the test, GDL probationary drivers must:

- spend a minimum two years in the GDL probationary stage
- be suspension free for 12 consecutive months just prior to taking the test

New drivers are strongly encouraged to obtain a minimum of 60 hours of driving experience before applying for the Advance Road Test.

They will need to display advanced driving skills, responsible decision-making and proactive driving behaviour during the practical examination.

New drivers will be required to perform the following:

- numerous right and left turns
- handling "through" intersections
- stopping at pedestrian crosswalks
- entering and exiting high speed roadways
- lane changing
- handling controlled and uncontrolled intersections
- driving in moderate and congested traffic
- handling right and left curves
- handling controlled and uncontrolled railroad crossings
- driving in varied speed zones
- driving through playground and school zones
- angle and perpendicular parking
- hazard perception exercises

Test length

The Advanced Road Test will be 20 to 30 kilometres in length and will take approximately 60 minutes to complete. The driving portion will be 40 to 50 minutes with the remaining time spent covering pre-trip vehicle inspection, test instructions and test summary.

APPROVED LOCATIONS FOR ADVANCED ROAD TESTS (ART)

Advanced road tests may only be taken in approved cities and towns. Currently, these locations are:

- **Airdrie**
- **Banff**
- **Bonnyville**
- **Brooks**
- **Calgary**
- **Camrose**
- **Canmore**
- **Cochrane**
- **Cold Lake**
- **Drumheller**
- **Edmonton**
- **Fort Saskatchewan**
- **Grande Prairie**
- **Hinton**
- **Leduc**
- **Lethbridge**
- **Lloydminster**
- **Medicine Hat**
- **Okotoks**
- **Peace River**
- **Red Deer**
- **Rocky Mountain House**
- **Sherwood Park**
- **Spruce Grove/Stony Plain**
- **St. Albert**
- **Stettler**
- **Strathmore**
- **Wetaskiwin**
- **Whitecourt**

Alberta communities that meet the advanced road test location standards will be considered for approval. For further information on advanced road test standards, please call Alberta Transportation at (780) 427 – 8901; toll free at 310-0000.

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