

RULES

for new drivers

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) has changed the way new drivers are licensed in Alberta. The GDL program ensures new drivers, regardless of age, get the support, skills and experience they need to handle the complex task of driving.

The chart below outlines the program.

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STAGE ONE LEARNER

To obtain a Learner's Licence (Class 7) you must:

- Be 14 years of age or older
- Pass a vision screening test
- Pass a written knowledge test on the rules of the road
- Have parental consent if you are 17 years of age or younger

Learner's Conditions

- Must hold a Learner's Licence (Class 7) for at least **1 year**
- Must be accompanied by a fully licensed (non-probationary) driver who is 18 years of age or older and is seated next to the driver
- Not permitted to drive from midnight to 5 a.m.
- No more passengers than seat belts
- Will be suspended at 8 or more demerit points
- Have a zero alcohol level

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STAGE TWO PROBATIONARY

To become a Probationary Driver you must:

- Be 16 years of age or older
- Pass the standard Alberta road test

Probationary Conditions

- Must spend a minimum of 2 years as a Probationary Driver
- No more passengers than seat belts
- Will be suspended at 8 or more demerit points
- Have a zero alcohol level
- May not reclass to a commercial licence
- Cannot serve as an accompanying driver to a Learner

To become a fully licensed driver (Class 5) you must:

- Have been suspension free for the last year of the 2-year Probationary Stage
- Pass an advanced road test

If you apply for a Motorcycle Licence (Class 6) as your first licence, you are subject to the conditions of the Graduated Licensing Program.

For more information, contact Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation at **(780) 427-8901**, or toll free at **310-0000**, or visit www.saferoads.com

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It will take a minimum of 3 years to complete both stages of Graduated Driver Licensing.