

Graduated Driver's Licensing Program

CURRENT PROBATIONARY PROGRAM

NEW GRADUATED LICENSING PROGRAM

| | Probationary - Learner 6 months | Class 5 - Probationary 24 or 36 months | Class 7 - Learner 9 months | Class 5 - Novice 1 6 months | Class 5 - Novice 2 12 months |
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| Requirements | 16 years of age (15 high school program) | 16 years of age | 16 years of age (15 high school program) | 16 years of age | |
| | Pass written test | Pass Class 5 road test | Pass written test | Pass Class 5 road test | |
| | Six months | 24 months - if incident-free 36 months - if driver involved in an at-fault collision, or received a conviction or suspension | Nine months – excludes interruptions (non-renewal, refusal, suspension) | Six months – excludes interruptions (non-renewal, refusal, suspension) | 12 months – excludes interruptions (non-renewal, refusal, suspension); <u>and</u> 12 months – at-fault collision, conviction and suspension free |
| | Mandatory education - high school training (30 hours in-class, six hours in-car), or commercial training (four hours in-car) | | Mandatory education - high school training (30 hours in-class, six hours in-car), or commercial training (six hours in-class, six hours in-car) | | |
| Restrictions | Must have a supervising driver in the front passenger seat | | Must have a supervising driver in the front passenger seat at all hours | One passenger only who is not immediate family member; <u>and</u> | Number of passengers limited to number of seatbelts |
| | Supervising driver must be an experienced licensed driver | | Supervising driver must be an experienced licensed driver | Other passengers must be immediate family members and are limited to number of seatbelts | |
| | | | Passengers must be immediate family members between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. | | |
| | | | Number of passengers limited to the number of seatbelts | | |
| | Cannot consume any amount of alcohol and drive (zero BAC) | Cannot consume any amount of alcohol and drive (zero BAC) | Cannot consume any amount of alcohol and drive (zero BAC) | Cannot consume any amount of alcohol and drive (zero BAC) | Cannot consume any amount of alcohol and drive (zero BAC) |
| | Cannot be a supervising driver | Cannot be a supervising driver | Cannot be a supervising driver | Cannot be a supervising driver | Cannot be a supervising driver |
| | Must be at least 18 to obtain a commercial driver's licence or school bus endorsement | Must be at least 18 to obtain a commercial driver's licence or school bus endorsement | Cannot obtain a commercial driver's licence or school bus endorsement | Cannot obtain a commercial driver's licence or school bus endorsement | Cannot obtain a commercial driver's licence or school bus endorsement |

YOU HAVE GRADUATED TO AN EXPERIENCED LICENCE!

Steps in the Graduated Licensing Program

1. Obtain a Learner's licence by passing a written exam that tests knowledge of the rules of the road.
2. Complete the required high school driver training education or commercial training (six hours in-class and six hours in-car). The learning driver will then practice driving for nine months with a supervising driver under the following restrictions:
 - Number of passengers limited to the number of seat belts in the vehicle
 - Passengers must be immediate family members between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.
 - Must have a supervising driver who sits in the front passenger seat
 - Supervising driver must be an experienced licensed driver
 - Cannot consume any amount of alcohol and then drive (zero BAC)
 - Cannot be a supervising driver
 - Cannot obtain a commercial driver licence
3. Pass a road test of driving skills to obtain a Novice 1 licence. The driver must be at least 16 years old.
4. Practice driving as a Novice 1 driver for six months under the following restrictions:
 - One passenger only who is not an immediate family member; and
 - Other passengers must be immediate family members and are limited to the number of seat belts
 - Cannot consume any amount of alcohol and then drive (zero BAC)
 - Cannot be a supervising driver
 - Cannot obtain a commercial driver licence
5. Obtain a Novice 2 driver for 12 months under the following restrictions:
 - Passengers limited to the number of seat belts
 - Cannot consume any amount of alcohol and then drive (zero BAC)
 - Cannot be a supervising driver
 - Cannot obtain a commercial driver licence

The 12 months must be at-fault collision, conviction and suspension free. In the event of an incident, the Novice 2 driver will be required to restart the 12 month incident-free period again, and will be placed in the Graduated Driver Licensing Improvement Program.

6. Graduation to an experienced Class 5 driver's licence.

What is the difference between the Probationary Driver Program and a Graduated Driver Program?

Graduated Driver Licensing is designed to expose new drivers to incremental levels of risk as they gain more experience in the driving environment. The Probationary Driver Program provided new drivers with full driving privileges and took action when they were involved in collisions or convictions.

Graduated Driver Licensing Improvement Program

Drivers in any stage who are found at fault for a collision, or receive convictions or suspensions will be placed in the Graduated Driver Licensing Improvement Program.

- Enables and assists new drivers to avoid traffic collisions, convictions and suspensions while improving their driving skills.
- Drivers in the program face earlier intervention than other drivers and will receive additional training.
- Incidents will delay graduation to an experienced Class 5 driver's licence. An incident in Novice 2 will restart the 12 month incident-free period that is required to graduate to an experienced Class 5 driver's licence.
- If the driver continues to receive infractions, it may result in administrative suspensions.