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Licence Class		8L	7 of 5	1-7 (Endorsement 6)	6M	M1	6R		LM (Learner)	6 (Stage 1)	6 (Level 1)	6 (Learner)	6 (Stage 1)	
Age Restriction	Minimum Entry Age	16	14-16 ¹	16	16	16	16		16	16	16	15	15	
	Minimum Exit Age	17	16	16 and 9 months		16 and 2 months	16 and 7 months		16 and 3 months	17			16	
Entry Requirements	Vision Test	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes ²	yes	yes ³	yes	yes	
	Knowledge Test	yes	yes	yes	yes ⁴	yes ⁵	yes ⁶		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
	Parental Consent: Age Applied	yes, under 19	yes, under 18	yes, under 18			yes, under 18		yes, under 18	yes, under 18	yes, under 19	yes, under 18		

¹ 14 years to receive a Class 7 Learner's Licence, however, applicants must be 16 years old to begin learning to ride a motorcycle.

² Includes balance test.

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⁴ Successful completion of the written knowledge test issues a motorcycle M Stage licence that will allow drivers to take the Motorcycle Training Course only.

⁵ After passing the motorcycle knowledge test, riders will get a Class M1 licence and an information package for new riders.

⁶ Must achieve 85% for the part on motorcycle operating techniques; 75% for the parts on traffic rules, road signs and traffic signals. If the driver already holds a class 5 probationary or driver's licence, he/she must pass the section on techniques for operating a motorcycle (32 questions).

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Exit Requirements	Driver Education	voluntary	voluntary	voluntary	mandatory ⁷	voluntary	mandatory ⁸		voluntary	voluntary ⁹	voluntary	voluntary	voluntary	
	Time Completion	12 months	12 months			60 days ¹⁰	1 month		3 to 6 months ¹¹	275 days to 12 months ¹²	8 to 12 months ¹³	16 years old and 30 continuous days	12 months ¹⁴	
	Pass Test/Course	class 8 road test	on-road motorcycle test	practical on-road skills test	approved motorcycle training course		pass driver's education course		practical skills test ¹⁵	class 6 road test	class 6 Road test	class 6 road test	practical road examination	
Stage Duration	Minimum Duration	12 months ¹⁶	12 months	9 months	1 day	60 days	1 month		3 to 6 months	275 days to 12 months	8 to 12 months	30 continuous days	12 months	
	Maximum Holding Period	2 years	indefinite renewal			6 months to 2 years ¹⁷			12 months		2 years			

⁷ An approved 1-day Motorcycle Training Course is a practical course that provides the new motorcyclist with the basic skills required to operate a motorcycle.

⁸ The mandatory driver education course consists of one theory portion and two practical portions, on a closed track and on the road; the theory course may be taken before taking the knowledge test to obtain a class 6R learner's licence; closed track test (75%).

⁹ Those who do not enroll in a driving course must take a 5-hour knowledge course for novices.

¹⁰ Motorcycle riders who successfully complete an approved motorcycle safety course that includes a road test with an M1 licence are exempt from taking the Ministry's M1 road test and can move to an M2 licence after 60 days.

¹¹ 6 months and successfully completing an advanced skills test, or after 3 months if an approved motorcycle course is successfully completed.

¹² 1 year before drivers can take their first road test, or if enrolled in a driver education program, 275 days.

¹³ 12 months, may be reduced to 8 months if an approved driver education course is passed.

¹⁴ Without any suspensions.

¹⁵ Practical skills motorcycle test; then following the probationary period, pass the advanced road test.

¹⁶ After 30 days drivers can take the Motorcycle Skills Test (MST) through ICBC or a certified driver training school; after 12 months they can take the Class 8 road test.

¹⁷ While the motorcycle safety course certificate is valid for two years from its issue date, it may only be used for the M1 road test exemption within six months of its issue date.

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Supervisory Driver	Age	25+	18+											18+	
	Licence Held	6	class 6				supervisory ¹⁸			4 years	class 6	fully licenced	full class 5		
	BAC Level While Supervising		0.08							0.05	0.0	0.0	no alcohol or drugs		
	Driver Log	optional													
	Location While Supervising	within site	on bike or following behind on a bike/ in a vehicle								direct observation		behind or following ¹⁹	on bike or following behind on a bike/ in a vehicle	

¹⁸ This licence allows learners to drive any type of motorcycle, but only as part of a mandatory driving course given in a driving school recognized by the Association Québécoise du Transport et des Routes (AQTR) or as part of a SAAQ closed track test.

¹⁹ Seated behind the Learning motorcycle driver, or following closely on another motorcycle or in a motor vehicle. A driver learning to drive a motorcycle must also learn to balance his/her body weight along with the weight of the motorcycle. Carrying even a co-driver on the motorcycle may interfere with the driver's ability to learn to safely balance the bike during driving manoeuvres. It is therefore recommended that the co-driver follow in or on another vehicle.

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Supervised Driving	Minimum Amount											30 hours ²⁰		
	BAC Level While Driving	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0 if under 19	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Driver Restrictions and Conditions	Night Driving	sunrise to sunset only	no driving between 12 am and 5 am	no driving between the half hour following sunset the half hour before sunrise		no driving between the half hour following sunset the half hour before sunrise			no driving between the half hour following sunset the half hour before sunrise		no driving after darkness: half hour before sunset to half hour after sunrise	no driving between 12 am and 5 am	no driving between 11 pm and 6 am	
	Passenger Restrictions	no passengers	supervisor only	no passengers		no passengers			no passengers	one passenger	no passengers	no passengers	supervisor only	
	Road Restrictions	drive on roads 60 km/h and under		stay within 100 km of address on licence		drive on roads 80 km/h and under ²¹						drive on roads 80 km/h or under		

²⁰ Must complete a minimum of 30 hours of practice driving with a qualified co-driver; the learning motorcycle driver is encouraged to practice driving for as many hours as it takes to be ready for both the road test, which will test the driver's ability to safely operate the vehicle on the road, and to drive alone in the Novice stage.

²¹ Driver must not ride on highways with speed limits of more than 80 km/h, except highways 11, 17, 61, 69, 71, 101, 102, 144, 655.

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	Display "L" Sign/Plate	yes ²²								yes ²³		yes ²⁴		
	Other Restrictions	no electronics								no electronics				
Suspensions/ Prohibitions	Lower Driver Penalty Point Threshold	2 to 6 points instead of 15 to 19 points	7 points instead of 14 points			9 points instead of 15 points	4 points instead of 15 points		4 points instead of 12		6 points	7 points instead of 15		
	Suspensions	BAC violations ²⁵	suspension after 8 points ²⁶			60 day suspension after 9 points ²⁷	3 months suspension after 4 points		6 month suspension after 4 points	must restart program after any suspension	BAC violations	1 to 2 month suspension after 7 points	6 or more points leads to a suspension	
Driver Improvement Actions		voluntary defensive driving course			novice driver escalating sanctions program					responsible driver workshop				

²² Driver must display a red L (Learner) sign on the rear of their motorcycle, or on their clothing as long as it is clearly visible from behind.

²³ A small yellow Learner's Decal is to be placed on the back of the motorcycle operator's helmet.

²⁴ Must display on the motorcycle or wear, a sign approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that indicates that the Motorcycle is being operated by the holder of a Learner's licence; the sign must be visible to other vehicles approaching from behind the motorcycle.

²⁵ Violation of the zero BAC limit: 1) an immediate 12-hour suspension or 24-hour prohibition and 2) a one month driving prohibition (first violation) or 3) extended prohibition for repeat violations.

²⁶ Violation of the zero BAC limit: 30-day licence suspension.

²⁷ At 6 points, they may have to go to an interview to discuss their record and give reasons why their licence should not be suspended; if they do not attend the interview, their licence may be suspended. At 9 points, their licence will be suspended for 60 days from the date they surrender it to the Ministry of Transportation; they can lose their licence for up to 2 years if they fail to surrender their licence.

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Additional GDL Features	yes ²⁸			yes ²⁹			yes ³⁰	yes ³¹		yes ³²			

²⁸ Cannot serve as an accompanying rider to a Learner or upgrade to a commercial licence.

²⁹ With a Class M1 licence, an operator can drive a moped, limited-speed motorcycle, and a motorcycle.

³⁰ Drivers with a valid licence from Class 1-5 may obtain a motorcycle learner's licence by successfully completing a rules test and a practical skills test. Operating conditions are the same as the motorcycle learner (Initial licence). The driver may upgrade to a motorcycle endorsement on a valid driver's licence (Class 1-5) after 3 months and by successfully completing an advanced skills test, or 1 month if an approved motorcycle course has been successfully completed. After obtaining a motorcycle endorsement, the remaining operating conditions under the graduated driver licensing system do not apply.

³¹ No driver may apply for a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 driver's Licence until they have successfully completed the GDL Program.

³² A Class 6 motorcycle licence holder is not eligible as a co-driver to teach a car or truck learner to drive a car or truck. The holder of a Motorcycle Learner Licence may only drive motorcycles.