



YOUNG AND NEW DRIVER RESOURCE CENTRE

Nova Scotia GDL: Passenger Vehicles

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

To obtain a licence to operate a passenger vehicle in NS, there are 3 stages: Class 7(Learner); Class 5 N (Newly Licensed Driver); and Class 5, (Experienced driver).

Effective date of program implementation: Oct.1, 1994

LEARNER LICENCE: CLASS 7

AGE RESTRICTIONS

- Minimum entry age: 16 years
- Minimum exit age

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Vision test
- Knowledge test
- Parental consent: If driver is under 18 years of age
- Driver education: Voluntary; there are two versions of the driver training program that is approved by Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - the short course involves 6 hours of classroom time, while the longer course involves at least 25 hours of classroom time and 10 hours of supervised driving

EXIT REQUIREMENTS

- Time completion: See Minimum duration section below
- Successfully pass test/course: Class 5 road test

STAGE DURATION

- Minimum duration: 6 months, may be reduced to 3 months if a recognized driver education or training program is taken
- Maximum holding period: 1 year

SUPERVISORY DRIVER

- Age
- Licence held: Fully licensed
- Time licensed: At least 2 years
- BAC level while supervising: Zero
- Driver log
- Location while supervising: In the front passenger seat

SUPERVISED DRIVING

- Minimum amount of supervised driving

DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS

- BAC level while driving: Zero
- Night Driving: No night driving
- Passenger restrictions: No passengers
- Road restrictions
- Display "L" sign/plate when driving
- Other restrictions

SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION

- Lower driver penalty point threshold: 4 instead of 12; if Learner drivers get 4+ demerit points, their licence will be suspended for 6 months

NOVICE LICENCE: CLASS 5N (Newly Licensed Driver)

AGE RESTRICTIONS

- Minimum entry age: 16 years
- Minimum exit age

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Time completion: Held a Class 7 licence for 6 months, or 3 if a driver education course was completed
- Successfully passed test/course: Class 5 road test
- Parental consent

EXIT REQUIREMENTS

- Time completion: Hold a Class 5N licence for 2 years
- Successfully pass test/course: 6 hour Defensive Driving course or complete the full Driver Training Course (25 hours theory, 10 hours driving time).
- See SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION section below

STAGE DURATION

- Minimum duration: 2 years
- Minimum holding period

SUPERVISED DRIVING

N/A

DRIVING RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS

- BAC level while driving: Zero
- Night driving: No driving between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.; learners can apply for an exemption from the night time driving curfew for employment purposes, and if granted, the driver must take the most direct route to and from work, and is not permitted to have any passengers in the vehicle
- Passenger restrictions: Only one front seat passenger; rear passengers limited to the number of available seat belts
- Road restrictions
- Display "N" sign/plate when driving
- Other restrictions

SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION

- Lower driver penalty point threshold: 6 instead of 12; if Learner drivers get 6+ demerit points, their licence will be suspended for 6 months
- Licence suspensions will delay graduation to the regular driver stage by 2 years from the date the licence is reinstated
- Must be suspension-free for 24 consecutive months to graduate to a full Class 5 licence

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspension will delay your ability to take the road test and more <u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u> N/A <u>ADDITIONAL CLASS 7 FEATURES</u> N/A	N/A <u>ADDITIONAL CLASS 5N FEATURES</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No upgrade to Classes 1-4 while in Novice stage
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