

Graduated Driver License Program: Manitoba

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What is it?

GDL is a three-stage program designed to help new Class 5 and Class 6 drivers, regardless of age, acquire the knowledge and skills needed to safely operate a motor vehicle. Whether 16 or 60 years old, GDL enables new drivers to gain experience under driving conditions where the risk of having a collision is lower.

What are the stages?

The three license stages of GDL are:

L → Learner Stage—minimum of nine months

- Must be at least 16, or a minimum of 15 ½ years of age and enrolled in a high school driver education course
- Have parental consent if you are under 18
- Pass a knowledge test and meet vision and medical standards

Restrictions:

- Must maintain zero blood alcohol concentration
- Be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver who is the only front seat passenger
- Limit other passengers in the back seats up to the number of functioning seatbelts
- Cannot tow vehicles

I → Intermediate Stage—minimum of 15 months

- Must pass a road test

Restrictions:

- Must maintain zero blood alcohol concentration
- Limit passengers
 - from 5 a.m. to midnight to one passenger in the front seat and additional passengers in the back seat(s) up to the number of functioning seatbelts
 - from midnight to 5 a.m. to one passenger or, when accompanied by a qualified supervising driver in the front seat, additional passengers up to the number of functioning seatbelts in the back seat(s)

F → Full Stage—for the first three years

Restrictions:

- Must maintain zero blood alcohol concentration for 36 months

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