

The Class 5 GDL Program

New drivers in Alberta are expected to participate in a licensing process that is completed gradually to provide the skills and knowledge to follow the rules of the road. The graduated licensing program or GDL is a 2-part process that could take up to 3 years to complete. Typically, a learner at the age of 15 starts the GDL process by going to an authorized Alberta registry agent location to take a class 7 knowledge test. Once passed, the student must hold a class 7 Learner's license for a minimum of 12 months without any infractions that could affect the eligibility at the time of a class 5 basic road test. This is the first of the two road tests required to obtain a full license.

Probationary Period

After the 12 month probationary period of holding a class 7 license, the driver will be eligible to take the first of the two road tests that are required to become a fully licensed driver. The first road test is known as the Class 5 basic road test which is half an hour long. A driver examiner will be present in the passenger seat to assess how you operate a vehicle on the road.

Benefits and Insurance Reductions

Many students regardless of age or background face difficulties while taking this exam. Stress, anxiety, and lack of confidence are among the common issues facing drivers who wish to take the class 5 basic road test. This is especially true for individuals who are new to Alberta's roads; unfamiliar with traffic control rules and the road conditions that Albertans face on a regular basis. Regardless of the reason, Alberta Driver Education & Training provides a Class 5 basic course that can help you feel safe, confident, and prepared to take the class 5 basic road test. Our course is also designed to inspire safe and defensive driving habits, knowledge in emergency situations, and instilling proper driving procedures for years to come. There are also discounted insurance rates for completing driver education training through Alberta Driver Education & Training.

Message to Parents

For parents of teenagers who wish to learn how to drive, the success of your teen in passing the class 5 basic road test is dependent on their knowledge, skills, and comfort driving on the road. Alberta Driver Education & Training provides the most secure education for your teen to pass the road test with flying colors. Our mission is to provide driver education that teaches our students safe driving habits and to become well versed with the rules of the road. We will ensure peace of mind for both the parents and teenagers that success is around the corner when they receive their driver education from Alberta Driver Education & Training.

Class 5 GDL Basic Course

The basic class 5 GDL course is designed for drivers with or without prior driving experience. Whether you have just obtained your class 7 learner's license or have been driving for years from out of country; Alberta Driver Education & Training offers the perfect driver education package for your needs.

Our driving instructors will begin slowly and provide demonstrations so that you can familiarize yourself with the vehicle. The instructor will monitor the student's progress to assess their level of knowledge, ability and confidence when driving on the road. A customized route will be designed for the student by the instructor once they understand the student's strengths and weaknesses. This allows the student to develop properly while learning through the modules of the driving school curriculum specified by Alberta Transportation Board.

Experience is not a requirement

At Alberta Driver Education & Training we provide the necessary experience behind the wheel so that the student feels confident and safe while performing the road tests and for driving during the rest of their lives. Our instructors will gauge your comfort level and train the students on areas of driving that they feel they need improvement on.

Obtaining a class 7 learners license before signing up

Minimum requirements to sign up for a class 5 basic course is to have a class 7 learner's license. Due to Alberta Transportation Board policies and regulations, it is unlawful for a student to practice without one.

The vehicle of the driving school will be supplied

Alberta Driver Education & Training provides our student's with a 2014 Nissan Sentra to learn the modules of our driver's education curriculum. When signing up, prospective students can specify where and when they would like to be picked up. Students will also be able to book preferred classroom education times through our online scheduling system.

Curriculum

According to government policies, in-class sessions must be completed before you can schedule your in-car lessons. A total of 15 hours of in-class lessons must be completed as mandated by the Alberta Transportation Board. At the end of in-class instruction, there will be a multiple choice quiz that must be passed before beginning in-car training hours. All topics on this paper quiz will be covered in-class. Students will receive an email when it's time to schedule in-car sessions through our online scheduling system.

What will you learn in class?

- Licensing process
- Restrictions of class 7, class 5 GDL, and non-GDL
- Standard vehicle features
- Traffic law
- Traffic control
- Basic driving rules

- Turning & Intersections
- Parking scenarios
- Highways
- Emergency situations
- Weather and road conditions
- Driving responsibly
- Sharing the road

After completing the in-class requirements, a minimum of 10 hours of in-car instruction is required to complete your class 5 basic driver training course. Each in-car session will be 2 hours long. When you complete the in car section of the driver's training program you will receive the program certificate.

Once you receive the certificate you may go to an authorized Alberta registry agent to add a code "U" to your driver's abstract; this code is recognized by Alberta insurance brokers and will result in insurance rate reductions.

What will you learn in car?

- Short demo drive to illustrate basic maneuvers
- Familiarization with basic safety functions and features of a vehicle
- Correct use of seat belts
- Proper ergonomics of head restraint and seat positioning
- Introduction to braking and accelerating
- Proper steering methods and procedure
- Maintaining safe following distances
- Scanning ahead
- Blind spot awareness
- Lane changes and shoulder checking
- Left and right turns in controlled and multi lane intersections
- Stopping and starting on hills
- Reverse control and procedure
- Angle, parallel, & hill parking
- One way streets and traffic circles
- Highway and freeway merging
- Speed management and curve control
- Passing and being passed
- Weather and road conditions
- Driving on various surface conditions
- Hazard reduction

- Railway crossing procedure
- Defensive driving techniques