

Circular 2-00

September 29, 2000

To: All Automobile Insurers Licensed in Alberta

Subject: New Driver Credits

This Circular is intended to update and clarify the entitlements of newly licensed drivers. The Board directs that every driver who is accident-free at the time of application and has completed a course of driver training verified by production of a certificate issued by

- (i) Alberta Infrastructure,
- (ii) Alberta Transportation and Utilities or
- (iii) Alberta Education

shall qualify for and be credited with at least three (3) years 'clear record' or its equivalent. The credit shall continue for each of the first three years of driving so long as the driver maintains an accident-free history.

Every newly licensed driver, who does not qualify for the driver training credit and is accident-free at the time of application, shall qualify for and be credited with at least one (1) year 'clear record' or its equivalent. The credit shall increase by one for each year of accident-free history until the credit reaches three years 'clear record' or its equivalent.

With respect to motorcycles, every operator who completes a prescribed driver training course verified by a letter from the driver training school, shall qualify for and be credited with at least three years 'clear record' or its equivalent. The credit shall continue for each of the first three years of driving so long as the driver maintains an accident-free history.

The credits apply to drivers obtaining a first license including new comers to Canada whose prior experience is not recognized. Other criteria such as convictions and number of years insured, cannot adversely affect the credit. Aside from fault accidents, only suspension of license for an offense or accumulation of demerit points may invalidate the credit. Insurers may require that drivers have the requisite experience for any credit better than three years 'clear record' or its equivalent.

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