

**MOTORCYCLE LICENCE
(CLASS 6)**

New rules for new riders

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Alberta's Graduated Driver Licensing Program



A NEW PROGRAM

As of May 20, 2003 there are new rules for new riders in Alberta. Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) will ensure new riders, regardless of age, get the support, skills and experience they need to handle the complex task of riding a motorcycle. Check out the map inside! If you follow the road, it will show you the stages you need to pass through to become a fully licensed rider.



GET ON THE ROAD

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STAGE ONE LEARNER

To receive your Learner's Licence (Class 7), you must pass a vision and a written knowledge test. Anyone 14 years of age or older can receive a Learner's Licence, however, if you chose to licence first as a motorcycle rider (Class 6), you must be 16 years or older to learn to ride. Until you turn 18, you need to have your parents' consent. The learner stage lasts for a minimum of one year but can be renewed indefinitely.

Conditions:

- Must be accompanied by a fully licensed Class 6 rider who is 18 years of age or older. They may be on the motorcycle with you or following behind on their own motorbike. If the accompanying driver is following in a vehicle, they must have both a Motorcycle Licence (Class 6) and a Driver's Licence (Class 5). You could be fined \$200 and two demerit points if you violate this condition.

- **No riding at night.** If you ride after sunset, you could be fined \$100 and two demerit points.

To become a Probationary Rider you must:

- Have a Learner's Licence for at least **one year**.
- Pass an on-lot and on-road motorcycle road test.

SHARED CONDITIONS for Learners and Probationary Drivers:

- **Fewer demerit points are allowed** (eight) than for fully licensed riders (15).
- **Cannot serve as an accompanying rider** to a Learner.

- **Time spent suspended will have to be made up** before moving on to the next stage.

- **Upgrading to a commercial licence** is not possible.

- **Have a zero alcohol level.** If you violate this condition, your licence will be suspended for 30 days.



STAGE TWO PROBATIONARY

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To become a fully licensed rider you must:

- Have spent a minimum of **two years** in the Probationary Stage.
- Be suspension free during the last year of this stage.
- Pass a Class 6 advanced road test.

Once you've successfully passed through the Learner Stage (you must have spent one year as a Learner), you will enter into the Probationary Stage.

How long will it take?
It will take a minimum of **three years** to complete both stages.

