



Ontario Driver's Licensing FAQ

Find quick and clear answers about driver's licenses, fees, classes, and more. The Government of Ontario has designed this guide to provide the essential information you need, whether you're a new driver, an experienced motorist, or temporarily out of the province.



Driver's Handbook:

- How to get a copy and where to access it



Licence Classes:

- Understand what each class allows you to drive



Fees:

- Breakdown of licensing and test costs



Replacing a Licence:

- Steps for replacing a lost or stolen license



Driving Age:

- Regulations for new and senior drivers



Accessibility:

- Help for those without online access



Contact Us:

- How to reach out for additional support



Who is this For?

- **New Drivers:** Learn the steps to getting your first license.
- **Experienced Drivers:** Renew your license or understand the fees.
- **Out-of-Province Residents:** Replace your license while away from Ontario.
- **Seniors:** Simplify the renewal process for senior drivers.
- **Caregivers and Children of Older Drivers:** Help others with access and information



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Driver's Handbook


All you need to know about Ontario's driver's handbook.



Where can I get a driver's handbook?

 You can purchase the driver's handbook at:

- **DriveTest Centres**
- Select **Driver and Vehicle Licence Offices**
- **Bookstores** and commercial retail outlets across Ontario


 **Price:** \$12.95 + 7% GST = \$13.86

 **Other Options:**

- **Public Libraries:** Copies are available for viewing.
- **Ontario Government Libraries:** Some have handbooks for reference.



Is there an online version of the driver's handbook?

-  Currently, the handbook is **not available online**.
 - The Ministry has traditionally produced the handbook in print for easy access in vehicle glove boxes.
 - **Future Plans:** The ministry will re-evaluate its distribution agreements in two years to consider online accessibility.



Licence Classes

Understand the different classes of licences in Ontario and what vehicles they allow you to drive

Licence Classes:



Class G:

- Any car, van, small truck or combination of vehicle and towed vehicle ($\leq 11,000$ kg, towed vehicle $\leq 4,600$ kg)



Class G1:

- Level 1 of graduated licensing
- Must drive with a licensed driver (minimum 4 years of experience)
- Duration: 12 months (reduced to 8 months with driver education)



Class G2:

- Level 2 of graduated licensing
- Replaces probationary status
- Independent driving with conditions
- Progress to full privileges after completing G2 requirements



Class M:

- Motorcycles
- Conditions of Class G1 apply



Class M1:

- Level 1 of graduated licensing for motorcycles



Class M2:

- Level 2 of graduated licensing for motorcycles



Class D:

- Any truck or combination (towed vehicle $\leq 4,600$ kg)
- May also drive G



Class A:

- Any tractor-trailer combination
- May also drive D, G



Class F:

- Regular bus (max. 24 passengers), ambulances
- May also drive G



Class B:

- Any school bus
- May also drive C, D, E, F, G



Class E:

- School bus (max. 24 passengers)
- May also drive F, G



Class C:

- Any regular bus
- May also drive D, F, G



Driving Licence Fees

Learn about the costs of obtaining and maintaining a driving licence in Ontario



Driving Licence Fees



Class G1 - \$100

- Includes:
- Knowledge Test \$10
- G1 Road Test \$40
- Five-Year Licence \$50



Knowledge Test (Standalone) - \$10

- General knowledge test only



Class G1 or M1 Road Test - \$40

- Practical driving test for G1 or M1 licence holders



Five-Year Licence - \$50

- Renewal or standalone five-year licence fee



M1 Licence - \$15

- Includes:
- Knowledge Test \$10
- 90-Day Licence \$5



90-Day Licence (Standalone) - \$5

- Short-term licence issued to M1 licence holders



G2 or M2 Road Test - \$75

- Practical driving test for G2 or M2 licence holders



Complete Classified Licence Test - \$85

- Includes:
- Knowledge Test \$10
- Road Test \$75



Air Brake (Z) Endorsement Test - \$50

- Includes written knowledge for air brake certification



Air Brake (Z) Practical Test - \$40

- Practical skills test for air brake operation certification



Pay at Driver and Vehicle Licence Issuing Offices

We accept: Cash, personal cheque, debit card, VISA, Mastercard, and money order



Pay at DriveTest Centres:

We accept: Cash, traveller's cheques, debit card, VISA, Mastercard, and money order

Personal cheques not accepted at DriveTest Centres



Replacing a Licence

Lost or damaged your licence? Find out how to replace it quickly and efficiently.



In-Province Licence Replacement

- Visit a **Driver and Vehicle Licence Office** to have your photo retaken
- **Bring two pieces of identification** bearing your signature
- Pay a **\$10.00 replacement fee**
- You will receive a **temporary licence** until your permanent one is mailed to you



Out-of-Province Licence Replacement

- **For Short-Term Absences (Under Six Months):**
 - We will mail a **temporary licence** to your out-of-province address
 - Requirements:
 - Your licence must be valid and not suspended or cancelled.
 - Provide your **out-of-province mailing address** and either:
 - Your **licence number**
 - OR your **full name and date of birth.**
 - Pay the **\$10.00 replacement fee** upon your return to Ontario.
- **For Extended Absences (Over Six Months):**
 - We will waive the photo requirement and mail you a permanent replacement
 - Contact the Ministry of Transportation
 - Include your expected return date and out-of-province mailing address.



Contact the Ministry

Phone: (416) 235-2999

Mail:

Ministry of Transportation
Licensing Administration Office
2680 Keele St.
Downsview, Ontario
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What if Someone Steals Your Licence?

- Report the theft to your **local police department.**
- Use the following documents for licence replacement:
 - Citizenship card
 - Passport
 - Immigration card with photo
 - Birth certificate



Driving Age

Understand the rules and requirements for driving in Ontario



Minimum Driving Age in Ontario

- The legal driving age in Ontario is **16 years**
- This complies with:
 - The **Ontario Human Rights Code**
 - The **Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms**



Graduated Licensing System

- Introduced in **1994** to reduce collisions involving young drivers
- Two stages:
 - 1. Stage 1 (G1):**
 - Drive with a licensed driver who has at least **four years of experience**.
 - Duration: **12 months** (or **8 months** with a ministry-approved driver education course).
 - 2. Stage 2 (G2):**
 - Drive independently with certain conditions



Raising or Lowering the Driving Age

- **Is the ministry planning to raise the driving age?**
 - No. The government reviewed all provincial laws for compliance with anti-discrimination provisions
 - The current legal age of **16 years** remains appropriate for:
 - Leaving school
 - Working full-time
 - Driving
- **Is the ministry planning to lower the driving age?**
 - No. Studies show that drivers aged **16 to 20** are involved in the highest number of collisions.
 - Lowering the driving age to **15 or lower** would increase risks for young drivers.



Driving Rules for Seniors (80+ years old)

- Licence renewal is required every **2 years**
- Renewal process includes:
 - **Vision Test**
 - **Driver Record Review**
 - **45-Minute Group Education Session**
 - **Two Non-Computerized Screening Assignments**
 - **Road Test** (if necessary)

Process Duration

- Approximately **2 hours**

Outcome

- Your existing licences remain valid if you meet the renewal requirements
- We will only revoke licences when requirements are unmet



Accessibility Options

Explore the options available to access driver licensing services in Ontario, both online and offline



For Out-of-Province Residents

- If you're temporarily outside Ontario and need to replace your driver's licence:

1. Temporary Licence Request

- Request a temporary licence via mail by providing:
 - Your out-of-province mailing address
 - Your driver's licence number or your full name and date of birth

2. Photo Requirement

- If returning to Ontario within six months, the ministry will mail a temporary licence, and you can retake your photograph upon return
- For absences longer than six months, we waive the photo requirement

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For Those Without Online Access

1. Printed Materials

- Obtain driver's guides and resources at Driver and Vehicle Licence Issuing Offices, public libraries, or community centers

2. In-Person Support

- Visit local DriveTest centers or licence offices for direct assistance

3. Hotline Assistance

- Call the Ministry of Transportation for information or to request materials by mail:
 - **Toronto:** (416) 235-2999
 - **Toll-Free:** 1-800-387-3445

4. Accessible Materials

- Large-print versions of documents available upon request



For Those with Disabilities

1. Vision Impairment

- Large-print documents and Braille materials available upon request
- All digital content is WCAG 2.1 AA compliant for screen readers

2. Mobility Assistance

- Accessible parking and ramps at all DriveTest and Licence Issuing Offices

3. Hearing Impairment

- TTY services available for communication



Contact Us

Need additional help? We're here to support you!



Phone Support

- **Toronto:** (416) 235-2999
- **Toll-Free:** 1-800-387-3445
- **TTY (Hearing Impairment Services):** 1-866-471-8929



E-mail Support

- **General Inquiries:** info@ontario-transportation.ca



Mailing Address

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In-Person Support

- Visit your nearest **Driver and Vehicle Licence Issuing Office** or **DriveTest Centre** for direct assistance.



Official Website

- Visit www.ontario.ca/driving for FAQs, licensing details, and more.



Additional Accessibility Options

- **Large Print and Braille Materials:** Request these by phone or email
- **Interpreter Services:** Available for non-English speakers at select locations