

Getting a Driver's Licence

All provinces in Canada have either implemented or are in the process of implementing the Graduated Driver's Licencing Program which is designed to give new drivers a chance to get their experience under more controlled circumstances. Basically, the graduated licence means that as a learning driver, aside from a zero tolerance for blood alcohol and needing a fully qualified unrestricted driver in attendance, you may be restricted in the time of day you are allowed to drive and the number of passengers you are allowed to carry.



In some cases, even specific roads may be disallowed. You may be required to hold a learner's permit for up to a year before being able to graduate to the next level of licence. This next level will allow you to drive without a fully licenced driver in attendance, but still carries certain conditions such as zero tolerance for alcohol and restricting the number of passengers that you are allowed to the number of working seatbelts in the vehicle.

Since the laws vary with each province, including the minimum age that you are allowed to get a learner's permit, you should contact your local department of motor Vehicles for detailed information regarding specific requirements that apply to you. When you are ready to learn to drive, seriously consider taking driver's training, even if your mom or dad is going to teach you how to drive. Driver's training will show you how to avoid all the common mistakes and bad habits people get into.