

Graduated Driver Licensing Improvement program

Drivers in any stage who are found at fault for a collision, or who receive traffic convictions, will be placed in the Graduated Driver Licensing Improvement program.

If the first incident is a traffic conviction with a rating of two points or fewer, the driver will be sent a warning letter. If the first incident is a traffic conviction with a rating of three points or more, or an at-fault collision, the driver will be required to attend an education/safety seminar.

Additional incidents, whether a traffic conviction or an at-fault collision, will result in the following:

- 2nd – Defensive Driving Course
- 3rd – Driver Improvement Training – educates drivers on responsibilities and consequences of driving and encourages safe driving habits
- 4th – 30-day driver's licence suspension
- 5th – 90-day driver's licence suspension
- 6th – 180-day driver's licence suspension
- 7th or more – interview and further action

For a complete list of traffic offences and the points assigned to them, visit www.sgi.sk.ca or call 1-800-667-9868.

Appeals

Drivers can appeal all sanctions, with the exception of the warning letter, Traffic Safety Education session, interview request and manual review to the Highway Traffic Board. The board is independent from SGI and has the authority to alter the decision, issue a restricted licence and reduce or increase the length of any driver's licence suspension.

Roadside administrative suspensions

New drivers who drive after consuming any amount of alcohol or drugs will automatically face a:

- 60-day driver's licence suspension for a first occurrence within five years and a requirement to take a Driving Without Impairment course within 120 days.
- 120-day driver's licence suspension for a second occurrence within five years and a requirement to take an education program within 120 days.
- 18-month driver's licence suspension for a third occurrence within five years and a requirement to take a mandatory intake addictions screening.

In addition, four demerit points will be assessed for each incident under the Safe Driver Recognition program.

Voluntary ignition interlock is available to drivers who receive 120-day and 18-month roadside licence suspensions.

If a driver wants to install the ignition interlock device in their vehicle they must serve 60 days of their 120-day suspension and have the device in for 120-days. For a third offence they must serve 365 days of their 18-month suspension and have the device in for 365 days.

Once a driver decides to install the device in the voluntary program, the mandatory rules apply.

For more information on the Graduated Driver Licensing program, call the SGI Customer Service Centre toll free at 1-800-667-9868.

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Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury and death among Saskatchewan's new drivers.

New drivers, regardless of their age, are over-represented in collisions. New drivers under 21 are involved in approximately 24 at-fault collisions per 100 drivers. That compares to new drivers over 21 who have approximately 14 at-fault collisions per 100 drivers, and all Saskatchewan drivers who have approximately seven at-fault collisions per 100 drivers.

What is Graduated Driver Licensing?

Graduated Driver Licensing is a program designed to improve road safety by exposing new drivers to incremental levels of risk as they gain more experience in the driving environment. New drivers, regardless of age, are provided with the support, skills and experience they need as they work towards becoming fully qualified drivers.

There are three stages to Saskatchewan's Graduated Driver Licensing program – **Learner, Novice 1 and Novice 2**. As drivers pass through these stages, they will see fewer restrictions at each stage until they graduate to an experienced Class 5 driver's licence. The Learner, Novice 1 or Novice 2 driving status is indicated on the driver's licence.

Steps in the Graduated Driver Licensing program

1. Obtain a Learner's licence.
2. Practise driving for nine months with a supervising driver.
3. Complete the required mandatory driver training education.

4. Pass a road test.
5. Practise driving as a Class 5 Novice 1 driver for six months.
6. Drive as a Class 5 Novice 2 driver for 12 months with no incidents (i.e., at-fault collision, traffic conviction and licence suspension free).
In the event of an incident, the Novice 2 driver will be required to restart the 12 month incident-free period again.
7. Graduate to an experienced Class 5 driver's licence.

It is important to remember to renew your driver's licence. Allowing your licence to lapse can affect the road test date and the graduation date to an experienced Class 5 driver's licence.

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	Class 7 – Learner 9 months	Class 5 – Novice 1 6 months	Class 5 – Novice 2 12 months
Requirements	16 years of age (15 years of age high school program)	16 years of age	
	Pass written test	Pass Class 5 road test	
	Nine months – excludes interruptions (non-renewal, refusal, licence suspension)	Six months – excludes interruptions (non-renewal, refusal, licence suspension)	12 months – excludes interruptions (non-renewal, refusal, licence suspension); and 12 months – at-fault collision, traffic conviction and licence suspension free
	Mandatory education – high school training (30 hours in-class, six hours in-car) or commercial training (six hours in-class, six hours in-car)		
Restrictions	Must have a supervising driver in the front passenger seat at all hours	One passenger only who is not an immediate family member; and	
	Supervising driver must be an experienced, licensed driver		
	Between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m., passengers (excluding the supervising driver) must be immediate family members*	Other passengers must be immediate family members*	
	Number of passengers limited to the number of seatbelts	Number of passengers limited to the number of seatbelts	Number of passengers limited to the number of seatbelts
	Cannot consume any amount of alcohol or drugs and drive (zero BAC)	Cannot consume any amount of alcohol or drugs and drive (zero BAC)	Cannot consume any amount of alcohol or drugs and drive (zero BAC)
	Cannot be a supervising driver	Cannot be a supervising driver	Cannot be a supervising driver
	Cannot obtain a commercial driver's licence or school bus endorsement	Cannot obtain a commercial driver's licence or school bus endorsement	Cannot obtain a commercial driver's licence or school bus endorsement

YOU HAVE GRADUATED TO AN EXPERIENCED LICENCE!

*Immediate family members are defined as spouse, child, parent, step-parent, foster parent, foster child, sibling, foster sibling or grandparent.

Please note that all drivers in the Graduated Driver Licensing program are prohibited from operating both hand held and hands-free electronic communication equipment, such as cellphones, while driving.