

Definitions of Class 5 Curriculum Components

All driver training schools licensed to provide classroom instructions are required to use the Alberta Class 5 Curriculum or an alternate that meets or exceeds the minimum standard set by Driver Programs and Licensing Standards (DPLS). As a requirement for curriculum approval, each of the topics in the curriculum outline must be covered in the electronic presentation, instructor's guide and student's guide. This is a guideline for developing the curriculum components. A curriculum developed for Class 5 classroom education must be approved by DPLS before the school can be licensed.

Electronic Presentation

The electronic component is an interactive presentation of the required content using Microsoft® PowerPoint or other electronic program. The electronic presentation should contain information for students to follow each topic and the key points related to it. The electronic presentation should not contain all of the information presented in the classroom course. Additional information to the electronic presentation should be delivered through class participation (white board / flip chart), small group research /reporting, and videos embedded in the presentation or delivered through other sources, such as CDs and DVDs.

Instructor's Guide

The instructor's guide will be a companion document to the electronic presentation. It should detail the method of delivery of the electronic presentation in a step-by-step format for classroom presenters. The guide must contain, at minimum, the following information:

1. Defined objectives for each topic identified in the electronic presentation
2. The time dedicated to each topic
3. Detailed instructions for facilitating student group work
4. Detailed instructions for facilitating class discussion
5. Learning outcomes for each topic and how the outcomes will be presented to students (e.g., flip charts, group work, handouts, etc.)
6. Identification of when breaks should happen in the presentation and the length of each break
7. Identification of when videos are to be played and paused to emphasize key points, present information and/or initiate class discussion.

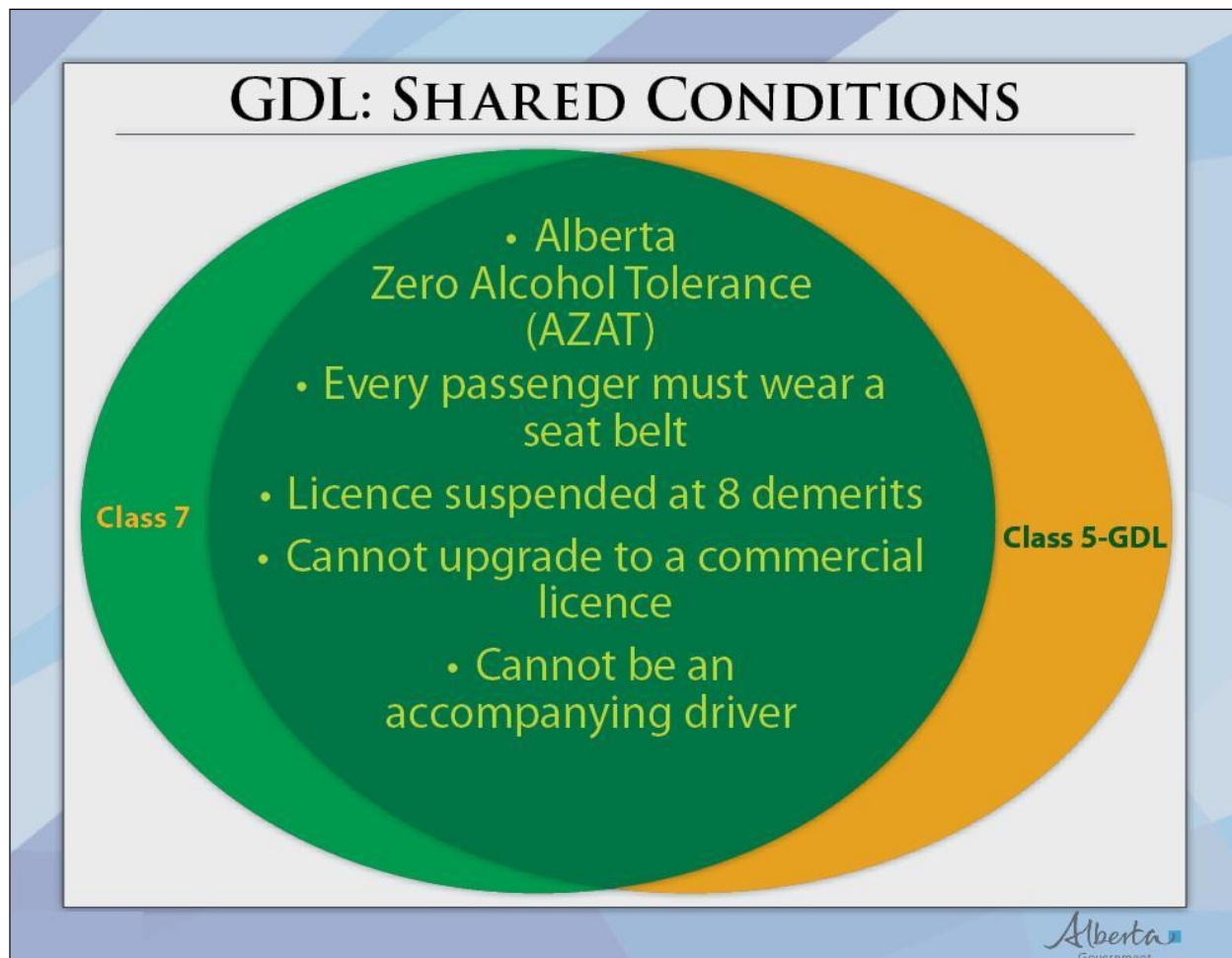
Student's Guide

The student's guide should be a summary of the electronic presentation. It is for the student to use and to keep. The guide must contain, at minimum, the following:

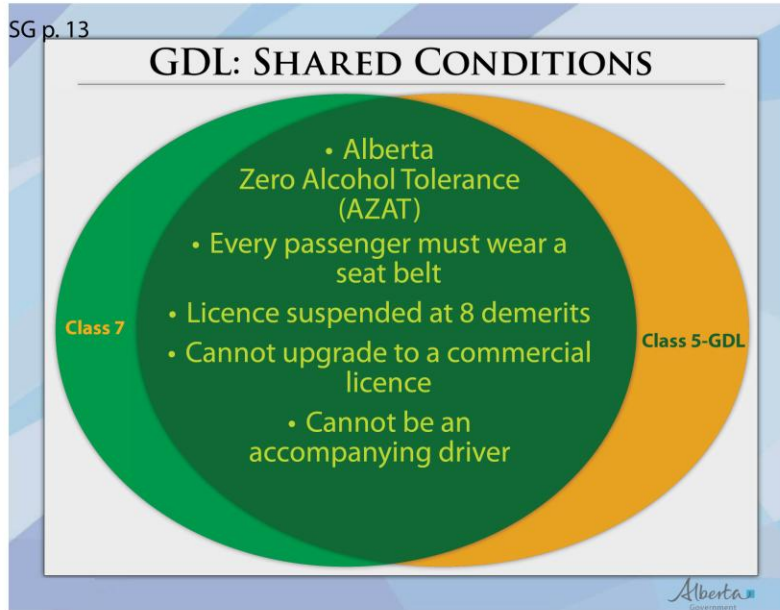
1. Consistent formatting that helps students follow the electronic presentation
2. Dedicated space for students to take notes
3. Key points under each module
4. Learning objectives at the beginning and learning checklists at the end of modules

The following pages include examples from the Alberta Class 5 Curriculum.

Electronic Presentation Example



LICENSING



- Explain slide to class.
- Class 7 and Class 5 GDL licences have a number of shared restrictions. These restrictions are designed to create a safe learning environment for new drivers. They help to ensure that new drivers get the support, skills and experience they need to handle the complex task of driving.
- There is more information on GDL at:
http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/543.htm#Graduated_Driver_Licensing.
- The website address is listed on page 13 of the student's guide.

Student's Guide Example

LICENSING

GDL: CONDITIONS IN CLASS 5-GDL

How to get it:

- Must have passed the Basic Road Test
- Must be at least 16

Conditions:

- Must hold probationary licence for at least two years
- Must be suspension-free for the last 12 consecutive months prior to exiting GDL
- Must be at least 18 to exit this stage

GDL: SHARED CONDITIONS

- Alberta Zero Alcohol Tolerance (AZAT)
- Every passenger must wear a seat belt
- Licence suspended at 8 demerits
- Cannot upgrade to a commercial licence
- Cannot be an accompanying driver

Class 7

Class 5-GDL

TO BECOME FULLY LICENSED

How to get a full Class 5 licence:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Have no suspensions for 12 consecutive months prior to exiting
- Must have passed the Advanced Road test

To change your licence Class:

To be eligible to drive independently, you will be required to exchange your Class 7 operator's licence for a Class 5-GDL operator's licence. There is a fee for this service.

Bring the following to an Alberta Registry Agent:

- A valid Class 7 operator's licence
- A second piece of identification such as a passport, birth certificate, Alberta health care card or major credit card.
- Payment for your new licence
- Your Course Completion Certificate so that the registry agent can add the "U" endorsement (completed driver education course) to your driver's abstract.

Visit this website for more information: http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/543.htm#Graduated_Driver_Licensing