COVID-19 Response - Road Tests
Phase 2 eligibility and procedures

Phase 2 implementation

Commercial and passenger road tests were suspended on March 19, 2020 as part of the Government of Alberta’s response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

On April 30, 2020, Alberta Transportation started to offer a limited number of road tests to commercial, agriculture and bus drivers supporting the supply chain and government’s response to the pandemic.

Alberta Transportation has expanded acceptance for online applications for a limited number of commercial Class 1 to 4 and passenger/Class 5 Advanced road tests (not Graduated Drivers Licenses) for healthcare workers. Testing locations have also been expanded beyond Calgary and Edmonton to six additional communities: Red Deer, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie, Lloydminster and Fort McMurray:

Eligibility requirements

1. The applicant must meet the road test eligibility requirements for the desired licence class to be considered for the road test. In particular, the applicant must:
   a. have a valid Alberta driver’s licence
   b. have a valid non-probationary Alberta driver’s licence to upgrade to a commercial driver’s licence;
   c. meet minimum age requirements and other regulatory requirements for the class of licence being sought;
   d. If applicable, have completed Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) for Class 1 or Class 2 licences, unless approved as an extension driver seeking a pre-MELT road test for Class 1 and 2;
   e. If applicable, have passed the appropriate knowledge test;
   f. have vision and medical documentation, if required, or present within 90 days; and
   g. if applicable, have an air brake “Q” endorsement.

2. The applicant must agree to and comply with the health and safety protocols listed in the testing procedures. This includes, but is not limited to:
   a. maintaining physical distancing of two metres when possible;
   b. answering COVID-19 health screening questions asked by AT; and
   c. using and disposing of personal protective equipment (PPE).

3. The applicant must provide their own PPE, and voluntarily assume the health and other risks of participating in a road test during the pandemic.
Additional requirements for Class 5 Advanced road tests

1. A request for a Class 5 Advanced road test must demonstrate that the applicant needs a licence for their work as a healthcare worker as listed in the Government of Alberta's health, medical and public health non-restricted services.

How to apply

Please confirm that you meet all of the eligibility requirements before submitting your online road test application to Alberta Transportation for consideration.

1. To determine eligibility, Alberta Transportation must receive a complete application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
2. Applications must be submitted to driverexaminations@gov.ab.ca.
3. Alberta Transportation staff will screen applications based on eligibility requirements.
4. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application. Successful applicants will be provided with further instructions on how to proceed.

Approved applications

1. The applicant must have the applicable road test permit, which can be purchased at an Alberta Registry Agent.
2. The applicant must not have any funds owing to the Government of Alberta.

Road test procedures

Alberta Transportation worked with the Alberta Health and the Alberta Public Service Commission Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) to develop a test protocol to allow for in-vehicle testing with PPE. The road test time allotment will be increased to allow for appropriate OH&S and PPE requirements. Authorization to proceed with the road test during the pandemic response is conditional on all procedures and public health guidelines being followed.

At the road test appointment, the applicant must:

1. Provide acceptable photo identification (ID).
2. Present the road test confirmation document.
3. Provide the appropriate vehicle for the class of road test. The vehicle must be in working condition, mechanically sound, have a valid licence plate, registration and proof of insurance in the form of a Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Card (Pink Card). More information on the vehicles required for each road test can be found in AT’s Driver Guides.
4. Provide and use appropriate PPE including:
   a. a mask;
   b. hand sanitizer;
   c. disinfecting wipes

NOTE: The Chief Medical Officer of Health and OH&S recommended the mask not be homemade or cloth.

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5. Be prepared to fully comply with the procedures established by Alberta Transportation for a road test during the pandemic response.

**Road test preliminaries**

The driver examiner will greet the applicant and review the road test procedures, and the required health and safety protocols, including:

1. Reviewing and directing the applicant to use PPE.
2. Verifying the identity of the applicant.
3. Asking the applicant COVID-19 health screening questions. This information is collected under section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act for the purpose of pre-screening for this driver examination to protect the health and safety of Albertans during the covid-19 pandemic. The answers will be recorded as part of the road test process.
   a. Are you in isolation by direction from your Alberta Health Services (AHS) 811 health link or the Chief Medical Officer of Health public health order, e.g., return from international travel or close contact of confirmed case?
   b. Do you have the following symptoms that are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition today, fever, cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, sore throat or runny nose?
   c. If the applicant answers “Yes” to either of the questions, the road test will not continue and will be deferred for at least 10 to 14 days (will be dependent on AHS direction).
   d. Questions about the health screening questions can be directed to Sherry Danyluk, Manager, Driver Examination Standards at sherry.danyluk@gov.ab.ca.
   a. The Release must be signed in the presence of the driver examiner prior to the commencement of the road test.
   b. A road test will not proceed in the absence of a signed Release.
   **Note:** If the applicant is unwilling to sign the release, the applicant must contact driverexaminations@gov.ab.ca with more than 24 hours’ notice from their scheduled road test appointment to advise that they do not want to proceed with the road test. The road test permit will remain valid. The applicant may wait to test when regular road test services resume.
5. Providing instructions on the road test procedures.
6. Advising the applicant what steps are required to disinfect the vehicle and to use fresh air ventilation as much as possible.
7. If the applicant exhibits any signs and symptoms of COVID-19, the driver examiner will immediately end the test.
8. At any point where an automatic disqualification is received, the road test will end and the applicant and driver examiner will report directly back to the testing location. The applicant will not have the opportunity to continue on a failed test.
Vehicle inspection
- Physical distancing of two metres will be maintained between the driver examiner and the applicant.
- Perform as normal.

Coupling/uncoupling (Class 1 and 3)
- The driver examiner will be outside of the vehicle.
- Physical distancing of two metres will be maintained.
- Perform as normal.

Air brake test (if equipped)
- The driver examiner will be in the passenger seat of the disinfected road test vehicle.
- Both the applicant and the driver examiner will be wearing required PPE.
- Perform as normal.

Backing (Class 1, 2 and 3)
- The driver examiner will be outside of the vehicle.
- Physical distancing of two metres will be maintained.
- Perform as normal.

Road test
- The driver examiner will be in the passenger seat of the disinfected road test vehicle.
- Both the applicant and the driver examiner will be wearing required PPE.
- Perform test as normal.

End of road test
- The driver examiner and applicant will exit the vehicle and maintain two metres of physical distancing.
- The driver examiner will perform debrief and provide road test results to the applicant.
- The applicant and driver examiner will dispose of PPE

Getting your licence
Applicants who pass the road test may proceed to an Alberta registry agent to apply for a licence.

Note: Some registry agents have voluntarily closed or are operating with reduced hours. Please phone ahead before visiting a registry office to ensure it is open.

At the registry agent office the applicant must:
1. provide acceptable photo identification (ID);
2. provide vision and medical report, if required; and
3. pay the licence fee.