

# COVID-19 Response - Road Tests

## Eligibility and procedures

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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. Tests were expanded on June 8 to include all Class 1 to 4 drivers and healthcare workers needing a Class 5 advanced licence.

Bookings opened to all Albertans for all classes of licences beginning June 30. Road test bookings will be limited to one appointment per person. Road tests will be conducted in-vehicle with health and safety protocols in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Clients must also provide their own personal protective equipment (PPE).

### Eligibility requirements

1. The road test client must meet the road test eligibility requirements for the [desired licence class](#) to be considered for the road test.
2. The road test client 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;
  - c. sign the [Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability \("Assumption and Release"\) for Road Tests During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#);
    - i. Road test clients under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian attend the road test and sign the Assumption and Release.
  - d. using and disposing of PPE; and
  - e. disinfecting the interior of their vehicle.
3. The road test client must provide their own PPE, and voluntarily assume the health and other risks of participating in a road test during the pandemic.

### Book your road test

1. Confirm that you meet all of the eligibility for the requested [class of driver's licence](#).
2. Pay any outstanding fines owed to the Government of Alberta.
3. Book your [road test](#):
  - online through the [Alberta Road Test Scheduler](#)
  - in-person at an [Alberta registry agent](#)

## Road test procedures

Alberta Transportation worked with Alberta Health and the Alberta Public Service Commission Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) to develop a protocol to allow for in-vehicle testing with PPE. The amount of time allotted to each road test time 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 road test client 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, and 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 Alberta Transportation's [Driver Guides](#).
4. Be prepared to fully comply with the procedures established by Alberta Transportation for a road test during the pandemic response.
5. Provide and use appropriate PPE including:
  - a. a [mask](#);
  - b. hand sanitizer; and
  - c. disinfecting wipes/spray.

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

### Road test preliminaries

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

1. Reviewing and directing the road test client to use PPE.
2. Verifying the identity of the road test client.
3. Asking the road test client 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 05-2020](#), 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 road test client answers "Yes" to either of the questions, the road test will not continue and will be deferred for at least 10 to 14 days (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](mailto:sherry.danyluk@gov.ab.ca).

4. Providing the road test client the [Assumption and Release](#) for signature.
    - a. The Assumption and Release must be signed in the presence of the driver examiner prior to the commencement of the road test.
      - i. If the road test client is under 18 years of age, the Assumption and Release must also be signed by a parent and/or guardian.
    - b. A road test will not proceed in the absence of a signed Assumption and Release.
- Note:** *If the road test client has booked a road test but is unwilling to sign the Assumption and Release, cancellation and refund policies will apply.*
5. Providing instructions on the road test procedures.
  6. Disinfecting the vehicle and advising the client to use fresh air ventilation as much as possible.
  7. If the road test client 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 road test client and driver examiner will report directly back to the testing location. The road test client 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 road test client.
- 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 road test client 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 road test client and the driver examiner will be wearing required PPE.
- Perform test as normal.

## End of road test

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

## Getting your licence

Road test clients 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 road test client must:

1. provide acceptable photo identification (ID);
2. provide vision and medical report, if required; and
3. pay the licence fee.