

Road Test Scheduling in Alberta

Disclaimer: Eligibility for road tests is evaluated based on your motor vehicle records at the time of scheduling. Any subsequent changes to your motor vehicle file may alter your eligibility to take a road test on the date reserved.

Road Test Requirements

Road tests are scheduled for the following reasons:

- a. Reclassification to a higher or additional licence class (e.g. going from a Class 7 Learner's licence to a Class 5 Graduated Driver's License, or going from a Class 5 Licence to a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 Licence)
- b. An administrative test is required
- c. To reinstate a licence that has been suspended for a period of at least one year. (See note below.)
- d. To reinstate a licence that has been expired or surrendered for a period of three years or more. (See note below.)
- e. To determine if a Condition Code may be added to or deleted from a driver's licence.
- f. As otherwise determined by legislative authority of the Registrar.

Any cases outside of those listed above require Alberta Transportation's approval. For more information, please contact the Alberta Transportation Client Support Centre at commercialroadtests@gov.ab.ca or by phone at 780-427-8230 (toll free in Alberta dial 310-0000 first).

It is important to note that you are restricted to taking one road test per licence class, per day unless authorized by Alberta Transportation.

Note: Prior to scheduling a road test, you should contact the Alberta Transportation Client Support Centre at 780-427-8230 if you:

- a. **Are a resident of the Northwest Territories**
- b. **Want to schedule a test to reinstate a suspended, cancelled or expired driver's licence.**

You must read the following the road test disclaimer, and agree to abide by all requirements and cancellation policies before scheduling a road test.

Agreeing to these conditions prior to scheduling a road test affirms that all the outlined requirements will be met at the time of the road test.

At the time of the road test, you must meet the following requirements. If any of the outlined requirements are not met, you will not be eligible to take the road test and the testing fee will not be refunded.

1. Road Test Eligibility Requirements

At the time of the road test, you must:

- Have a valid Alberta driver's license:

The current driver's licence cannot be suspended or cancelled at the time of the road test. For more information, please contact Driver Fitness and Monitoring (DFM) at driver.fitness@gov.ab.ca or by phone at 780-427-8230 (to call toll free in Alberta, dial 310-0000 first).



To upgrade to a commercial driver's licence, a valid non-probationary driver's licence is required

- Meet minimum age and other regulatory requirements for the class of licence being sought. The age requirements for each driver's licence class can be found in the Alberta Driver's Guides at <https://www.alberta.ca/driver-guides.aspx>.
- Have the following to take the test to exit the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program:
 - Have been in the GDL program for a minimum of 2 years;
 - Have a suspension-free driver's licence for the last 12 months of the GDL program
 - Your time in the GDL program will be extended if your driver's licence is cancelled, suspended, expired, exchanged for an ID card, or de-classed to a Class 7.
 - Have successfully passed, and must present a valid knowledge, vision, and medical (if applicable) documentation. More information on eligibility requirements can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/get-drivers-licence.aspx>.
- Have successfully passed the Air Brake Program training to take the test for a Class 1 driver's licence.
 - Prior to taking a road test in a vehicle equipped with an air brake system, you must provide proof of the Air Brake (Q) Endorsement or a "Notice of Air Brake Program Completion" form from a licensed air brake driver training organization.
- Not be impaired by drugs, alcohol or fatigue.

2. Road Test Vehicle Requirements

Prior to a road test, you are responsible for:

- Providing the appropriate class of vehicle for the type of scheduled road test.
 - **Class 1:** a tractor-trailer with gross vehicle weight of at least 11,794 kg and a:
 - 13-speed manual transmission
 - full-air brake system on both tractor and trailer
 - minimum tandem axle tractor and a tandem axle trailer
 - fifth wheel coupling device
 - single trailer with a minimum length of 48 feet and a minimum distance of 35 feet measured from the kingpin to the centre of each rear axle
 - **Class 2:** a bus with a seating capacity of more than 24 passengers, excluding the driver.
 - **Class 3:** a single motor vehicle that has three or more axles. Three-axle recreational vehicles may not be used.

Note: If you are applying for a Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 commercial licence, you will be required to conduct a pre-trip inspection, in addition to the road test.

More information on the vehicles required for each road test can be found in Alberta Transportation's Driver Guides at <https://www.alberta.ca/driver-guides.aspx>.

- The vehicle must be in working condition, mechanically sound, and must have the following:
 - a valid licence plate, registration and proof of insurance in the form of a Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Card (sometimes referred to as a 'Pink Card')
 - valid original certificate of registration is required for Class 5, 5A and 6 road tests. Copies are acceptable for Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 road tests.
 - functioning headlights, brake lights (including high-mount brake light(s) if equipped) and signal lights
 - functioning horn and speedometer
 - functioning brakes/parking brake
 - unobstructed windshield/functioning wipers



- windshield, front driver and passenger windows free of tint
 - tires in good condition
 - functioning vehicle seats/ seatbelts
 - exhaust system/muffler
 - functioning vehicle controls
 - unobstructed mirrors
 - enough fuel in the vehicle to complete the road test
- The vehicle must have a clean, uncluttered passenger seat for the examiner to sit in while performing the road test examination.
 - There are laws governing the transport of alcohol and cannabis. Any such substances that may be in the car must be stored as per legal requirements.

3. Verification Requirements

Prior to the road test, you must:

- Have a valid driver's licence with photograph to present to the driver examiner. In the case of a lost driver's licence, you may provide a temporary licence and an additional piece of valid government-issued photo identification. You are not eligible for a road test if you do not have valid identification.
 - Accepted government-issued photo identification includes: a valid passport, Permanent Resident Card, or Nexus card.
 - More information about forms of acceptable identification can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/id-requirements-for-identification-cards.aspx>.
- Present an electronic or hardcopy of your road test confirmation notice to the driver examiner.
- For a Class 1, 2 or 3 road test, you must go to any location to have your eligibility confirmed and be checked-in. This can be done up to 72 hours prior to the scheduled road test time.
 - If you do not check-in, you may not be allowed to take the road test and your testing fee will not be refunded.
 - Once checked-in, you must arrive at the designated road test location at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled road test time. Late arrivals will not be permitted to take their road tests and will forfeit the testing fees.

4. Road Test Guidelines

The driver, vehicle and all associated documentation must be compliant with the parameters set out in Alberta Legislation

- Alberta Legislation, including the *Alberta Traffic Safety Act* and its Regulations may viewed at www.qp.alberta.ca/
- The use of a cellular telephone, citizen band radio or similar device is prohibited during a road test by the client.
- Recording of road tests by any means is prohibited except by commercial entities that use video recording on their vehicles are part of a risk management program. Any videos captured during testing will not be reviewed as part of a road test result dispute.
- All forms of distraction such as eating, texting, personal grooming, etc. is prohibited during a road test.
- Passengers or pets are prohibited from riding along during the road test. Interpreters can only be involved prior to the commencement of the test (for pre-drive instructions) and during the summary at the end of the road test.
 - Exceptions:
 - A correctional officer may accompany an inmate being tested.
 - Alberta Transportation staff may accompany the examiner during a road test for training and/or monitoring purposes.
- Consider wearing clothing that is practical for driving and comfort and appropriate for the prevailing weather conditions.
- It is recommended that if you are taking a commercial Class 1, 2 or 3 road test that you wear steel toed footwear and a reflective safety vest.



- A driver examiner may cancel the test at any time if they feel unsafe.