
Temporary pause on applications for new driver training schools

This bulletin provides information for driver training school stakeholders about a temporary pause on applications to establish new driver training schools in Alberta.

Effective **September 1, 2026**, Transportation and Economic Corridors will temporarily pause intake and review of applications for new, first-time driver training schools for all licence classes. The pause will remain in effect until December 31, 2027. Exceptions may be considered in limited circumstances where an applicant demonstrates, through written evidence, a regional service gap that cannot be adequately addressed by existing licensed providers.

Applications for new driver training schools submitted before September 1, 2026, will continue to be processed in accordance with current requirements.

Existing licensed driver training schools are not impacted by the pause and may continue to submit renewal and upgrade applications during this period.

Transportation and Economic Corridors is undertaking work to update driver training school licensing processes, requirements, and related materials. The temporary pause will support the implementation of policy, process, and system improvements intended to strengthen regulatory oversight, improve consistency in licensing administration, and support road safety outcomes.

Visit www.alberta.ca/delivering-driver-training for information about licensing and training requirements for driver training providers. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Examinations and Licensing at tec.licensingtraining@gov.ab.ca.