

# Manitoba Driver's Licence



Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) is where you go for insurance, registration and licencing in Manitoba. If you are new to Manitoba, you should follow the steps listed on MPI's website to register and insure vehicles in Manitoba.

■ Manitoba Public Insurance:

<https://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/new-to-manitoba-insurance.aspx>

To drive in Manitoba, you must have a valid Manitoba driver's licence and insurance. For the first 90 days after you arrive, you can use your licence from another province or country. After that, you must get a Manitoba licence.

## New or Unlicensed Drivers

If you are a new driver, you need to complete Manitoba's Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program. You must be at least 16 years of age to get a driver's licence in Manitoba. Or, you can be 15 ½ if you register in MPI's Driver Z Program.

Driver Z is a driver education program. You learn online, in a classroom and in a car. Driver Z gives you all the information you need to drive safely and with confidence.

■ For more information about Driver Z:

<https://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/driver-z.aspx>

Register for your Driver Z course through an Autopac agent or MPI Service Centre:

<https://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/StoreLocator.aspx>

You need proper identification to register as an Autopac customer.

After you are registered as a customer:

- Book your knowledge test at an Autopac agent or Service Centre.
- After you pass your knowledge test and vision test and have your learner's licence for a minimum of nine months, you can book your road test at <https://onlineservices.mpi.mb.ca/drivertesting/en/rt>

## Manitoba Graduate Licence System

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) is a driving program for people of all ages. There are three stages to help new drivers learn to drive safely. This program gives you experience in all driving conditions.

■ For more information:

<http://digitalcollection.gov.mb.ca/awweb/pdfopener?smd=1&did=19304&md=1>



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## Different Classes of Driver's Licences

There are six different classes of driver's licences. The most common licence is Class 5. If you want to drive a car, small truck or SUV, you need a Class 5 licence.

- **Class 1** - semi-trailer trucks (you can drive all vehicles in Classes 2, 3, 4, and 5)
  - **Class 2** - buses (24 passengers) and school buses (36 passengers)
  - **Class 3** - trucks with more than two axles (not including a semi-trailer truck) or a combination of vehicles consisting of a truck with two axles (you can drive all vehicles in Classes 4 and 6)
  - **Class 4** - ambulances and other emergency vehicles; buses (10 and 24 passengers); school buses (10 and 36 passengers). You can drive all vehicles in Class 5.
  - **Class 5** - passenger car (other than Class 4 vehicles)
  - **Class 6** - motorcycles
- More information on different classes of driver's licence:  
<https://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/types-of-licences.aspx>

## Licensed Drivers from another Country

There are two ways to get a Manitoba licence if you already have a licence from another country. Some countries are reciprocal countries. Reciprocal countries have a special agreement with Manitoba where drivers in both countries can keep their right to drive.

- Check this list to see if the country your licence is from is on the reciprocal list:  
<https://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/new-to-manitoba.aspx>
- **Reciprocal country:** If you have licence from one of the countries on the reciprocal country list, it means you do not need to take a knowledge test or a road test. You can exchange the licence from that country for a Manitoba license.
- **Non-Reciprocal country:** If you have a licence from a country that is not on the reciprocal country list, you must take the knowledge test and the road test in Manitoba.

In both situations, you must apply and pay. Go to any MPI office near you. You must bring the right identification (ID) with you.

- For information on the documents you must bring:  
<https://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/establishing-your-identity.aspx>

## Prepare for your Driving Test

- To prepare for your driving test, first read the Manitoba Drivers Handbook. You can buy it or read it online:  
<https://apps.mpi.mb.ca/comms/drivershandbook/>
- Driving schools offer classroom instruction and practical driving lessons. If you take a driving course, you may pay lower insurance rates. You can find a list of driving schools near you here:  
<https://apps.mpi.mb.ca/drivingschools/Search.aspx?L=e>

## Vehicle Registration

If you own or lease a vehicle to use on Manitoba roads, you must register it. This includes your car and off-road vehicles such as snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles (ATV).

- For information on registration, licence plates, vehicle inspections and buying or selling a vehicle:  
<https://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/Registration.aspx>

## Insurance

If you own a car you must also buy auto insurance coverage. There are different types of car insurance plans. Some insurance plans cover only the cost of damages and injury to other people if you caused the accident. Other plans also cover the cost of injury to you and damage to your car.

Every insurance plan is different. The cost of your car insurance depends on the insurance plan you choose. It also depends on other factors such as your age, driving experience, driving record and place of residence.

- Find out more about auto insurance:  
<https://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/Insurance.aspx>