

**NOVICE DRIVER LICENSING FOR CLASS 5 OR G DRIVER'S LICENCE IN CANADA (UPDATED FALL 2006)\***

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	ONTARIO	NOVA SCOTIA	BRITISH COLUMBIA	NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
<b>Effective date</b>	April 1, 1994	October 1, 1994	August 1998 (Modified October 6, 2003)	August 1, 2005
<b>Applicants</b>	All new drivers regardless of age and persons whose licence expired over 3 years ago. <b>Applies to both motorcycles and passenger vehicles. Period is the same whether or not the person holds a class M motorcycle licence.</b>	All new drivers regardless of age. <b>Applies only to the first class applied for at the novice level, Class 7. Class 8 (tractor license at age 14) becomes a learner license at age 16.</b>	All new drivers regardless of age. Also applies to new motorcyclists who are also new drivers; does not apply to new motorcyclists who hold a full privilege (Class 5) driver's licence. See overview of BC's Graduated Licensing Program for passenger car drivers at <a href="http://www.icbc.com/licensing/lic_getlic_passenger.asp">www.icbc.com/licensing/lic_getlic_passenger.asp</a>	All new drivers regardless of age.
<b>Learner's licence</b>	<b>1. Class G1</b>	<b>1. Class 7</b>	<b>1. Class 7L</b>	<b>1. Class 7</b>
<b>Period of validity</b>	Minimum 12 months without driving course. Minimum 8 months with driving course.	Valid for 1 year. 6 months without driving course. 3 months with driving course. Can be road tested after.	Valid for 2 years. Must be held for minimum 12 months; may be reduced to 9 months with approved driver education course.	12 months.
<b>Requirements</b>	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test. Parental consent not mentioned.	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test. Parental consent if under 18.	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test. Parental consent if under 19.	15 years old. Vision test and knowledge test.
<b>Contents of knowledge test</b>	Traffic rules. Road signs and signals.	Road signs (16/20). Traffic rules (16/20).	50 questions including 15 road signs. Pass mark 80 %.	Minimum 20 questions on the "Rules of the Road" and the "Operation of Vehicles".
<b>Use conditions</b>				
Alcohol	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.
Demerit points	9 points (instead of 15).	4 points (instead of 10).	2 to 6 (discretionary - instead of 15 to 19).	6 points (instead of 15), for one-month suspension.
Accompanying rider	Fully licensed driver who holds a driver's licence category A, B, C, D, E, F, or G has at least 4 years of experience, blood alcohol concentration < 0.05, or is a driving instructor.	Driver who holds a class 5 driver's licence or higher Class 1, 2, 3, 4	Supervision by a person 25 or older who holds a valid class 1 to 5 driver's licence.	One instructor with at least 2 years of "Class 5 experience", not counting novice driver time.
Restriction	Between midnight and 5 a.m.	May drive after 12:00 am if accompanied by a licence driver.	Between midnight and 5 a.m.	Between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.
Passengers	Accompanying rider is the only person who can be in the front seat; all passengers must buckle up (number of passengers equal or less number of seat belt assemblies).	Accompanying rider only.	2 passengers including accompanying rider.	No passengers other than instructor; Instructor 0% BAC.
Special characteristics	Not drive on roads with a posted speed limit over 80 km, including the 400-series highways (including QEW, Don Valley Parkway, E.C. Row Expressway, and Conestoga Parkway), except with licensed driving instructor. Suspension of 30 days if peace officer writes a ticket for violation of licence use conditions.	Holder must start over the process if given a suspension.	Display L (learner) sign at rear of the vehicle.	A suspension period will extend the length of the period with a learner's licence.

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<b>Training</b>	Optional.	Optional.	Optional.	Optional.
<b>Probationary licence or equivalent</b>	<b>2. Class G2</b>	<b>2. Class 5N</b>	<b>2. Class 7N</b>	<b>2. Class 5P</b>
<b>Period of validity</b>	Minimum 12 months.	24 months.	Minimum 24 months.	12 months; Registrar has the power to extend longer if driving record is unsatisfactory.
<b>Requirements</b>	Pass road test.	Road test.	Class 7 road test.	Successful completion of the written learner's test.
<b>Contents of road test</b>	Takes about 20 minutes. Deals with basic driving skills such as starting, turning, lane changes and parallel parking.	30-minute test that includes basic manoeuvres such as lane changes, intersections, parallel or angle parking, backing, stopping/starting on level road and hill, etc.	45-minute road test conducted in traffic. Pre-trip inspection. Skills and different manoeuvres. Hazard perception.	
<b>Use conditions</b>				
Alcohol	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.
Suspension for demerit points	9 points (instead of 15).	6 points (instead of 10).	2 to 6 (discretionary - instead of 15 to 19)	6 points (instead of 15), for one-month suspension.
Restriction	Is allowed to drive any motor vehicle that requires a Class "G" driver's licence (e.g., automobile) on the road.	Midnight to 5 a.m., except if accompanied by an experienced driver or for work purposes (formal request for exemption, shortest route and no passenger).		Must be 16 years of age; must have successfully completed 12-month learner stage (class 7); number of passengers may not exceed number of seat belts; only one passenger in the front seat.
Passengers	For persons 19 or under and during the first 6 months, a single passenger of 19 or under. After 6 months and up to 20 years old or until class G licence is obtained, maximum of 3 passengers aged 19 or under (exception for accompanying rider and family). All passengers must buckle up.	A single passenger up front. Front and back seat passengers must buckle up.	A single passenger unless accompanied by a person 25 or older who holds a valid Class 1 to 5 driver's licence; immediate family members may be passengers without supervisor.	Number of passengers may not exceed number of seat belts.
Special characteristics		Cannot get a higher class. Holder must start over the 24-month process if given a suspension.	Display N (novice) sign at rear of the vehicle. Entire probationary period must be started over if driver is prohibited from driving. Ineligible to apply for a commercial (Class 1-4) driver's licence.	A suspension period will extend the length of the period with a probationary licence.
<b>Driver's licence</b>	<b>3. Class G</b>	<b>3. Class 5</b>	<b>3. Class 5</b>	<b>3. Class 5</b>
<b>Requirements</b>	Exit test. To take the test, applicants must sign a declaration confirming they have acquired driving skills on highways.	Holder must have taken 6 hours of <i>Defensive Driving</i> or a 35 hours (25 hours + 10 hours) <i>Driver Training Course</i> to exit GDL.	Class 5 road test (exit test).	Successful completion of the road test.
<b>Contents of road test</b>	30-minute test that deals with advanced knowledge and driving skills; manoeuvres such as starting, turns, lane changes, parallel parking, three-point turn, roadside stop, expressway driving and curve.	Road tested for Class 5N.	Manoeuvres in traffic; hazard perception. Approximately 1 hour, with passing score higher than for first test.	Pre-Trip Inspection; basic driving skills and maneuvers.

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<b>Special characteristics</b>	The first two steps (G1 and G2) must be completed within 5 years maximum; otherwise, tests must be taken over within 6 months of the 5-year cut-off date, failing which the process must be started over entirely.			
<b>Modifications currently in development or implementation stage</b>	Proposed passenger restriction: For the first six months, a G2 driver aged 19 and under is prohibited from carrying more than one passenger aged 19 and under without an accompanying fully licensed driver. After the first six months, a G2 driver aged 19 and under is prohibited from carrying more than three passengers aged 19 and under without an accompanying fully licensed driver. Accompanying driver must be only passenger in front seat, have BAC less than .05 and have been fully licensed for at least 4 years, as per current requirement under G1 learner phase. There would be an exemption if additional passengers are family members, regardless of age.		Current 3-month learner stage time reduction upon completion of approved driver education is under review. See findings of Graduated Licensing Program Interim Evaluation Report – Year 3 mentioned below.	No changes planned in the near future.
<b>Penalties applied</b>	Penalties under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) and Regulations HTA (depend on the case) .	Normal suspension under Motor Vehicle Act	Minimum penalty for violating any of GLP restrictions is a fine of 109 \$. If a driver gets four penalty points (usually 2 tickets) they can be prohibited from driving for one month. More than four points could lead to a longer prohibition. Violation of the zero-blood alcohol limit is: 1) an immediate 12-hour suspension and 2) a one month driving prohibition (first violation) or 3) a one year prohibition (repeat violations). Besides facing penalties that apply only to new drivers, drivers in GLP are also subject to the regular penalties that apply to all drivers. Please see the following chart outlining BC's penalties and associated points/fines: <a href="http://www.icbc.com/Licensing/lic_fines_pen_fine_chart.asp">www.icbc.com/Licensing/lic_fines_pen_fine_chart.asp</a>	Offences penalties do not distinguish between novice and non-novice drivers (except for administrative licence suspensions). Fines for Motor Vehicle Act offences are listed in the Summary Conviction Regulations (available upon request).
<b>Program evaluation carried out</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No formal evaluation at this time due to resource constraints.

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<b>report on program evaluation</b>	Not available. Major findings: Greatest safety benefits continue to be seen among 16-year-old drivers; average fatal and injury collision involvement rate for the 5 years following implementation of GLS is 72 % lower than the average fatal and injury collision involvement rate for the 6 years before the program. Results also show that the average fatal and injury collision involvement rate for drivers aged 16-19 decreased by 37 % for the five years following program implementation when compared to the six years before the program. By comparison, average fatal and injury collision involvement rate for drivers aged 25-54 decreased by only 19 % during same time period. In the five years after GLS implemented, average collision involvement rate for drivers aged 16-19 decreased by 30 % when compared to the six years before the program was implemented. By comparison, average collision involvement rate for drivers aged 25-54 decreased only 10 % during same time period.	TIRF Report is available on Internet site: <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/rmv/tirf/exec.asp">www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/rmv/tirf/exec.asp</a>	Report available: <u>Graduated Licensing Program Interim Evaluation Report – Year 3, prepared by Sandi Wiggins, June 30, 2004.</u> This report can be accessed via the following link: <a href="http://www.icbc.com/Library/pdf/glp_year_3_evaluation_report.pdf">www.icbc.com/Library/pdf/glp_year_3_evaluation_report.pdf</a> Major findings: 1) GLP has been effective in reducing new driver crashes. During its first three years, GLP successfully reduced BC's new driver crash rate by 16 %. 2) No evidence was found to support the continued provision of a time incentive to new drivers for completing an ICBC – approved driver education course. The evaluation found new drivers who completed a GLP approved Driver Education course had 27 % higher odds of being involved in a crash during their first 6 months of Novice stage driving than new drivers who take no driver training.	
<b>Program evaluation plan in near future</b>	No. Ongoing monitoring of the GLS program.	No		
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<b>Effective date</b>	Since 1998-New rules May 20, 2003	January 1, 2003	January 1, 1996	October 2006
<b>Applicants</b>	All new drivers regardless of age. <b>Applies only to first class applied for the learner and the probationary licence.</b>	All new drivers regardless of age. Drivers are required to complete the intermediate stage once in either Class 5 or Class 6.	All new drivers regardless of age. <b>Applies only to passenger vehicles - Graduated licence.</b>	All new drivers regardless of age. Applies only to first class applied for at the novice level, class 7, restrictions apply.
<b>Learner's licence</b>	<b>1. Class 7</b>	<b>1 Class 5L</b>	<b>1. Class 7I (Level 1)</b>	<b>1. Class 7</b>
<b>Period of validity</b>	Licence valid for 5 years but must be retained for 12 months before being eligible to exit.	9 months – must hold a valid licence to accumulate time credit.	12 months without driving course. 4 months with driving course.	12 months.
<b>Requirements</b>	14 years old. Vision test and knowledge test. Parental consent if under 18.	16 years old (or 15½ if enrolled in high school driver education course). Vision test and knowledge test. Parental consent if under 18.	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test. Parental consent if under 18.	15½ if enrolled in a licensed Driver Education School, otherwise must wait until 16 years of age. Vision test and knowledge test. Applicant must show birth certificate, if under 18 years of age requires parents consent.
<b>Contents of knowledge test</b>	Knowledge test of 20 questions on traffic rules (score a minimum of 80%). Test will increase to 30 questions early in 2007, with a required minimum score 25/30.	Traffic rules and road signs (30 questions, including 10 on signs).	Road signs. Safety code, traffic rules and safe driving (16 out of 20).	Knowledge test based on the Rules of the Road (50 multiple choice questions) Sing Recognition Test (21 sings to identify) Minimum score 80%
<b>Use conditions</b>				
Alcohol	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero tolerance
Suspension for demerit points	8 points (instead of 15).	Subject to Driver Improvement Intervention at Lower Threshold.	4 points the first year and 2 additional points a year afterwards up to 10 points.	Points accumulated
Accompanying rider	Person 18 or older who holds a non-GLD driver's licence.	Person who has held a full class licence for at least 3 years.	Person who holds a valid driver's licence.	Must have held a valid driver's license for a minimum of four (4) years
Restriction	Between midnight and 5 a.m.			No curfew
Passengers	Passengers must buckle up and no more passengers than seat belts.	Accompanying supervisor as the only front seat passenger. Passengers must buckle up and no more passengers than seat belts.	Accompanying driver only.	Immediate family of the licensed operator.
Special characteristics		May not tow a vehicle. May not apply for a class 1 to 4 learner's licence.	If given a suspension, the holder starts level 1 over and no credit is given for driving course or previously passed road test.	If enrolled in a Driver Education course, knowledge and road test conducted at the Driver Education School, PEI may ask for supplementary test.
<b>Training</b>	Optional.	Optional.	Optional	Applicants not enrolled in a Driver Education Course must take a 5 hour knowledge.
<b>Probationary licence or equivalent</b>	<b>2. Class 5 probationary or GDL</b>	<b>2. Class 5I</b>	<b>2. Class 7II (Level 2)</b>	<b>Graduated Drivers License</b>
<b>Period of validity</b>	Must be held for a minimum of 24 months before being eligible to exit.	15 months – must hold a valid licence to accumulate time credit.	12 months (20 months with driving course).	24 Month Probationary Period

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<b>Requirements</b>	16 years old. Alberta standard road test.	Road test.	Road test.	Road Test
<b>Contents of road test</b>	30-minute test. Knowledge and use of vehicle controls/equipment, starting, backing, turning, lane changes, parking, intersections with or without lights, right of ways, speed control in light, medium and heavy traffic.	20-minute test. Right and left turns, lane changes, parallel parking, stop signs, etc.	30-minute test. Right and left turns, following another vehicle, parallel or angle parking, obeying traffic signs and signals, stopping/starting on level road or hill, backing.	
<b>Use conditions</b>				
Alcohol	Zero alcohol (violation, 30-day suspension).	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero tolerance
Suspension for demerit points	8 points (instead of 15). Defensive Driving course may result in removal of 3 points once every two years.	Subject to Driver Improvement Intervention at Lower Threshold.	4 points for the first year from level 1 and 2 additional points a year afterwards up to 10 points.	1 month suspension if 6 points accumulated in first year of driving. 1 month suspension if 9 points accumulated in second year of driving.
Restriction	The last 12 months of the probationary stage must be suspension free. Advanced road test to exit from probationary stage implemented May 2005.			
Passengers	Passengers must buckle up. No more passengers than seat belts.	Limited number of passengers, between midnight and 5 a.m.		Three passengers in the first year of driving. Passengers for the # of seat belts in the second year of driving.
Special characteristics	May not apply for a commercial class licence (Classes 1, 2, 3, &4). May not accompany a learner.	May not accompany a novice.	If given a suspension, the holder starts level 1 over and no credit is given for previously passed road test or driving course.	
<b>Driver's licence</b>	<b>3. Class 5</b>	<b>3. Class 5F</b>	<b>3. Class 5</b>	<b>2. Class 5</b>
<b>Requirements</b>	Must pass the Advanced Road Test to exit the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program.	If applicant holds a Class 6 full stage, credit is given for the intermediate stage and the road test must be passed to upgrade to Class 5F.	Have held a class 7 driver's licence for the past 24 months with at least 12 months at level II.	Completed Driver Education Course or Novice Driver Course and completed road test.
<b>Road test</b>	Effective May 20, 2005. Covers merging, heavy traffic, hazard awareness, single and multiple lane turns, and all types of intersections. Takes about 60 minutes.			45 Minute road test, performance based test assessing applicant's ability to handle vehicle, apply the rules of the road in traffic environment, be able to perform complex driving maneuvers, backing, parking changing lanes and at the same time exercise caution and good judgment in terms of safety and courteous driving practices.
<b>Special characteristics</b>	All restrictions of the learner and probationary stages are removed.	Zero alcohol in the first 3 years. May not supervise a novice for the first 3 years. Subject to Driver Improvement Intervention at Lower Threshold.		First year: 1-month suspension at 6 points. No more than 3 passengers. Second year – 1 month suspension at 9 points # of passengers for the # of seat belts. Zero alcohol tolerance.

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<b>Modifications currently in development or implementation stage</b>		Effective December 16, 2006 Novice Drivers in Full stage subject to zero alcohol for 3 years.		
<b>Penalties applied</b>	Class 7 (Learner's) – Driving without an accompanying driver – 100 \$ and 2 demerit points; Driving between midnight and 5 am – 100 \$ and 2 demerit points. Class 7 (Learner's) and Class 5 (Probationary) – Seat belt violation – 100 \$ and 2 demerit points; Violation of zero alcohol – 30 day suspension.	If a Novice Driver has involvement, they may be sent a warning letter, required to complete a driver course or required to attend a Show Cause Hearing where Licence suspension of up to 10 years may be considered. If the Licence is suspended there is a 50\$ reinstatement fee. No fine for suspension.		If Novice Driver has involvement they may be required to attend a show cause hearing where license suspension may be considered. If the license is suspended then there is a reinstatement fee.
<b>Program evaluation carried out</b>	No	No		Yes, monitoring is ongoing
<b>Report on program evaluation</b>				
<b>Program evaluation plan in near future</b>	Yes, Monitoring is on-going. A review is planned for 2007-08.	No, there will be an evaluation in the future, but nothing has been set as of yet.		
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<b>Effective date</b>	January 1, 1999	September 11, 2000	September 1, 2005	June 30, 1997
<b>Applicants</b>	All new drivers regardless of age. Applies only to the first class applied for with reference to the probationary licence; period of the motorcycle novice class is shorter if the person holds a class 5 licence.	All new drivers regardless of age. Applies only to the first class applied for at the novice level.	All new drivers regardless of age. Applies only to the first class applied for, both for the learner's and the probationary licence.	All new drivers regardless of age must first hold a learner's licence. The probationary licence is for drivers aged 16 to 24. It is valid for 24 months or until age 25, whichever comes first.  Applies only to the first class applied for in connection with the probationary licence for a passenger car or motorcycle.
<b>Learner's licence</b>	<b>1. Class 5I</b>	<b>1. Class 7- code 33 (GDL learner)</b>	<b>1. Class 7</b>	<b>1. Class 5</b>
<b>Period of validity</b>	12 months without driving course. 8 months with driving course.	6 months; no reduction despite driver training.	9 months.	12 months without driving course. 8 months with driving course.
<b>Requirements</b>	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test (score 85%). Parental consent if under 19.	15 years old. Vision test and knowledge test. Parental consent if under 18.	16 or 15 years old, if the applicant is enrolled in the High School Driver Education Program. Vision test and knowledge test.	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test. Parental consent if under 18.
<b>Contents of knowledge test</b>	Road signs and signals. Traffic rules. Safe driving.	Knowledge of traffic rules, road signs, the law and safe driving.	Road signs & signals. Rules of the road.	Road signs and signals (12/16). Highway Safety Code (12/16). Driving techniques (24/32).
<b>Use conditions</b>				
Alcohol	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.
Suspension for demerit points	6 points (instead of 12).	7 points (instead of 15).		4 points (instead of 15).
Accompanying rider	Person who has held a class 5 driver's licence for at least 4 years.	Holder of a class 5 licence for 2 years.	Person who has held a valid licence for 1 year in the last 3 years.	Person who has held a class 5 driver's licence for at least 2 years.
Restriction	Between midnight and 5 a.m.	Between midnight and 5 a.m.		
Passengers	None, except accompanying supervisor – different if in driver education program.	A passenger and the accompanying supervisor.	A passenger and the accompanying rider. Between midnight and 5 a.m., the passenger must be an immediate member of the family.	No restrictions on passengers. No more passengers than seatbelts (Railroad Safety Code).
Special characteristics	No upgrade to superior class. Novice driver sign. If suspension, must start over at first level but credit for driving course is given.	Learner's licence sign. If failure to meet conditions or a penalty is imposed, the learner stage must be repeated.		
<b>Training</b>	Optional.	Optional.	Mandatory. Either the High School Driver Education Program or Commercial Training.	Optional.
<b>Probationary licence or equivalent</b>	<b>2. Class 5II</b>	<b>2. Class 5- Code 35 (GDL Novice)</b>	<b>2. Class 5- Novice 1 and Novice 2</b>	<b>2. Class 5</b>

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<b>Period of validity</b>	12 months	18 months	18 months	24 months
<b>Requirements</b>	Road test.	Road test. 16 years old. Have completed at least 50 hours of practical training with a supervisor (including 10 at night and 10 in winter) confirmed in a legal declaration co-signed by a parent or supervisor.	Road test. 16 years old.  Novice 1: 6 months Novice 2: 12 months	Road test.
<b>Contents of road test</b>	Test in traffic.	Road test includes assessment of proper driving skills – must attain a passing mark of 80%.	Approximately 30 minutes. Start, stop, backing, intersections with traffic control devices, road signs and signals, driving in correct lane, parallel parking, turns, hazard prevention, safe driving.	Approximately 30 minutes. Score 75%. Driving skills while performing basic manoeuvres (entering public roadway, backing, intersections, turns, straight lines, lane changes, etc.), obeying rules, safety techniques, and behaviour.
<b>Use conditions</b>				
Alcohol	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.
Suspension for demerit points	6 points (instead of 12).	7 points (instead of 15)		4 points (instead of 15).
Restriction	Midnight to 5 a.m., except if accompanied by the holder of a class 5 driver's licence with 4 years of driving experience or for work purposes.	Midnight to 5 a.m., except if accompanied by an experienced driver.		
Passengers	Passengers must buckle up.	Restriction on age of passengers. Number of passengers cannot exceed number of belts.	For Novice 1, a single passenger if not an immediate member of the family.	
Special characteristics	May not upgrade to a superior class	If failure to meet conditions or a penalty is imposed, the novice stage must be repeated.	Driver must avoid offences during this period. The 12-month period of Novice 2 stage must be repeated if an incident occurs.	
<b>Driver's licence</b>	<b>3. Class 5</b>	<b>3. Class 5</b>	<b>3. Class 5</b>	<b>3. Class 5</b>
<b>Requirements</b>		Upon successful completion of Novice stage, must apply for full privileged class 5 licence.	After 18 months provided there is no incident on record in the past 12 months.	If an applicant has already ended the probationary period for classes 6A, 6B or 6C or is age 25 or over, the road test is taken at this level.
<b>Road test</b>		n/a		
<b>Special characteristics</b>	If suspension, must start over the second level but the road test is credited.			
<b>Modifications currently in development or implementation stage</b>				

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	<b>NEWFOUNDLAND<sup>(1)</sup></b> (1) the information was not updated in 2006	<b>YUKON</b>	<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	<b>QUÉBEC</b>
<b>Penalties applied</b>		The individual receives a 1 month suspension for his first demerit point suspension within 1 year as well as a \$50 reinstatement fee and a registrars review (prior to restarting the current phase), their 2 <sup>nd</sup> demerit point suspension within 1 year results in a 2 month suspension, \$100 reinstatement fee and automatic referral to the Driver Control Board (driver must comply with any reinstatement conditions imposed by the Driver Control Board). Upon completion of any demerit point will be reduced to "3".	A probationary driver is asked to attend an interview or a Traffic Safety Workshop after two low risk convictions or one high risk conviction or accident. The probationary period is extended by one month. Following the interview, the driver may be asked to attend a Defensive Driving course or a Driver Improvement Training course, take more driver training or a another test. If the driver is interviewed more than once, a suspension period of 1, 3 or 6 months is imposed. There are no fines associated with the suspensions but the driver pays for the courses or training.	A learner's licence or probationary licence is suspended for 3 months following the accumulation of 4 demerit points, rather than 15 points for the driver's licence. Once the suspension is over, the licence is valid again but the length of the period of validity of the learner's licence or probationary licence is extended by 3 months. Learner's licence and probationary licence holders are prohibited from consuming alcohol. If an offence is committed, 4 demerit points are entered on the driver's record, resulting in a 3-month licence suspension. The offender may also be fined between \$300 and \$600.
<b>Program evaluation carried out</b>		No	No	Yes
<b>Report on program evaluation</b>				Report available: <u><a href="#">Nouveau programme d'accès graduel à la conduite en vigueur depuis le 30 juin 1997. Mise à jour de l'évaluation préliminaire jusqu'au 30 juin 1999.</a></u> Results: If we consider both dead and seriously injured victims, it would appear the program enabled an overall reduction of 5.5% while the goal was for 15%. In terms of rate, the reduction is 8.1%. If the slightly injured are included, then numbers drop by 14.2% and the rate by 16.5% overall.
<b>Program evaluation plan in near future</b>		Yes, in 2005.	Yes, in 2005-2006.	
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