



# Orientation to Ontario

## ONTARIO DRIVER'S LICENCE

To drive in Ontario, you must have a valid Ontario driver's licence. For the first 60 days after you arrive, you can use your licence from another country. After that, you have to have your own Ontario licence. Men and women can apply and they must:

- be 16 years old.
- take a written test—available in multiple languages.
- take a vision test and 2 practical driving tests.

### Different Classes of Driver's Licences

- G class - cars, vans, small trucks.
- M class - motorcycles.
- Commercial class (A to E) - large trucks and buses.

### Ontario Graduated Licence System

You must have a probationary licence for about 2 years before you can get your full licence.

- G1 - new drivers who can only drive with another licenced driver in the car. You can book your G2 test after 12 months, and if you take a driving safety course, you can book it after just 8 months.
- G2 - probationary drivers who can drive alone with some restrictions. G2 drivers must take the G driving test after they have practiced driving on their own.

- G - full licence and drivers have no restrictions and do not need to take any more tests.

If you have a valid driver's licence from another country, you may be able to exchange it for a full G license or skip the G1 or G2 stage.

- Learn about Licence Exchange and Foreign Licence Applications at DriveTest at [drivetest.ca](http://drivetest.ca)

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Bring 1 piece of identification (ID) with your legal name, date of birth and signature.
- Your ID must be an original document, not a copy. It must be in English or French.
- Learn more about the Acceptable Identity Documents at DriveTest at [drivetest.ca](http://drivetest.ca)

### DRIVETEST CENTRE

- To apply for a licence, go to a DriveTest Centre with your required documents.

For a G1 licence, you must do the following:

- Take a written knowledge test - there is no time limit and it is available in 20 languages or you may bring a qualified translator to help you.
- If you pass the written test, you will take a vision test.
- If you pass the vision test, you will have your photo taken.

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- You will get a temporary G1 licence immediately and your Driver's Licence photo card will be mailed to you.
- If you fail the test, you must pay a fee and take it again.

To get a G2 or G licence, you must book a road test on the DriveTest Centre website.

- Print the email confirmation and bring it with your ID to the DriveTest Centre.
- Bring a vehicle. The DriveTest Centre does not provide vehicles for testing. You may borrow a vehicle or rent one from your driving school.
- If you fail a road test, you must book another one.
- After you pass the G2 test, you must wait 12 months before taking your G test.
- After you pass a road test, you will get a temporary licence immediately and your Driver's licence photo card will be mailed to you.

## PREPARING FOR YOUR DRIVING TESTS

Read The Official MTO Driver's Handbook, available to buy or read online.

Driving schools offer classroom instruction and practical driving lessons. If you take a driving course, you may pay lower insurance rates.

