

How to obtain your license

- You should obtain a copy of the Ontario Government's Driver's Handbook from a Motor Vehicle License Office, bookstore or from the local DriveTest Centre.
- You can do this before you turn 16. Study it thoroughly in order to be ready to pass your written test at a DriveTest Centre.
- You will need proof of your legal name, date of birth (must state the day, month and year of birth) and signature. Documents must be **original** and **valid**.
- A Canadian Passport with your signature satisfies all this.
- If you do not have a passport then you will need to bring a birth certificate **and** a card with your signature on it, for example, Ontario Health Card (with your signature) or your student card. (Again with your signature on it)
- If you do not have a minimum of the two pieces of identification you will **NOT** be allowed to apply for your license.
- A document called a **Declaration** from a Guarantor can be used. You can obtain it from: http://www.drivetest.ca/en/license/Declaration_from_Guarantor_e.pdf
- To apply for a licence, you must be at least 16 years old; you will be asked to pay a fee of **\$158.25**. You must pass a **vision** test and pass a test of your **knowledge** of the **rules of the road** and **traffic signs**. After you pass these tests, you will enter **Level One** and get a Class **G1** licence.
- If you successfully pass the written test and the vision test, you will get your G1 Permit. It will be your driver's license for up to **5 years** from date of issue. The \$158.25 fee you pay will also cover your first behind-the-wheel driving test, which you can take after **12 months** if you don't take a recognized driver training course.
- If you take a recognized course like Progressive Driving School, you can try your road test in only **8 months**, instead of 12.
- You must not drive on 400-series highways with a posted speed limit over 80km/h. Also, you must not drive on certain high-speed roads including the Queen Elizabeth Way, Don Valley Parkway and the Gardiner Expressway in the Greater Toronto Area, the E.C. Row Expressway in Windsor and the Conestoga Parkway in Kitchener-Waterloo. However, if your accompanying driver is a driving instructor, you may drive on any road. You can drive anywhere in Northwest Ontario including the Thunder Bay Expressway, Highway's 11 / 17 and 61.

Remember, along with the increased freedom that comes with getting your driver's licence comes the added responsibility to protect yourself and all the other road users around you.