

LICENCE RENEWAL SYSTEM

FOR

THE SENIOR DRIVER



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PARTICIPATION AT A LICENCE RENEWAL GROUP EDUCATION SESSION (GES)

UPON ARRIVAL

- (1) It is advisable to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the test to enable participants to visit the washroom if necessary, and to relax for a few minutes.
- (2) Upon entry give the facilitator a friendly “hello”.
- (3) Participants must bring their driver’s licences and the letter confirming the licence renewal. These will be handed to the facilitator upon arriving.

VISION TEST

The participant is asked to look into a vision testing machine and read out numbers and letters. This tests the ability to see clearly as well as checking peripheral vision. Place eyes directly against the machine. **If you wear glasses, remember to bring them with you. If you wear glasses for driving, keep them on.**

THE 90 MINUTE GROUP EDUCATION SESSION (GES)

- (1) During the session it is imperative to show interest, participate whenever possible and volunteer answers where appropriate.
- (2) During the session, smile, pay attention and keep your eyes on the facilitator. Be positive about the process and behave as if you are learning something, which you are.
- (3) Make certain that a good night’s sleep was had the night before to ensure that one does not nod off. In other words “look alive”.
- (4) Keep in mind that the facilitator will have a copy of your driving record and you **may require a road test** if there is cause for concern. Incorrect behaviour during the session may also result in a road test. Do not argue with or challenge the facilitator.

THE WRITTEN TEST

- (1) During the written test participants must not talk to each other.
- (2) No answer books should be brought, as reference material will not be allowed.

There are two test papers:

- 20 multiple choice questions on road signs
- 20 multiple choice questions on the rules of the road.

To pass this test, 16 out of 20 questions **must be correctly** answered on **each** test paper. (80% Minimum to pass) Failure means that the facilitator has the option to either ask for the test to be redone on a future date, **or a road test might have to be completed.**

TO PREPARE FOR THIS TEST IT IS IMPERITIVE TO OBTAIN THE OFFICIAL “DRIVER’S HANDBOOK” AND STUDY THE CONTENTS. ALL THE WRITTEN TEST QUESTIONS ARE BASED ON THIS HANDBOOK.

The Official Driver’s Handbook is available from any Driver Examination office, a Drive Test Centre, or retailers such as Canadian Tire and many bookstores and convenience stores. **Ensure that it is an up-to-date copy.**

Should any road test be required we suggest you contact our office immediately as in-car lessons are advised.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE
SENIOR LICENCE RENEWAL SYSTEM.

QUESTION.

I believe there is a special system referring to seniors.

ANSWER.

- (1) **From the age of 70** anyone involved in a reportable collision (see note below) has to undergo a road test. After a collision, the Ministry of Transportation will issue a letter indicating that a road test is required. The letter will be sent in the mail. This will also involve a vision test and a written test covering the rules of the road, and road signs. **The road test will incorporate the highway as well.**

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- (2) **From the age of 80** one has to renew a licence every two years. The procedure consists of:
- a. A vision test
 - b. Attendance at a 90 minute educational session.
 - c. A written test covering the rules of the road and road signs.

This is known as The Group Education Session (GES)

A REPORTABLE COLLISION.

Every collision in which there is any personnel injury or death, or if vehicle damage is \$1000.00 or over, must be reported to a Collision Reporting Centre.

QUESTION.

How will I know if I have to do a road test as part of my driver licence renewal?

ANSWER

After the driver completes the vision test, the knowledge test, and the Group Education Session (GES), the Driver Improvement Counsellor will advise the driver if a road test is required as part of the licence renewal. An infraction attracting demerit points may require a road test. It is possible that this information will only be forthcoming at the Licence Renewal Seminar (GES). Incorrect behaviour at the GES could also trigger a road test.

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QUESTION.

What happens if I fail the road test?

ANSWER.

The current driver's licence will be revoked and a Class G-1 licence will be issued. The holder of a Class G-1 licence permits the driver to drive only when accompanied by a fully licenced G driver with four years experience.

QUESTION.

If I lose my licence after a road test, how do I regain it?

ANSWER.

Applicants will be required to schedule another road test. If the road test is not completed after one year of the completion of the vision and knowledge test, the applicant will be required to complete another vision and knowledge test before attempting a road test. As the driver will have a Class G-1 licence the holder can only drive if accompanied by a fully licenced driver holding a full G licence with four years driving experience.

QUESTION.

How will I know when I have to renew my licence?

ANSWER.

Approximately ninety days prior to licence expiry, (usually corresponds to your birthday) a person 80 years or over receives a Licence Renewal Application form from the Ministry of Transportation. The senior must now phone the number on the form and make the necessary appointment for the renewal. The phone numbers are:

Northern Region	1-800-461-9548 or (705) 497-5436
Eastern Region	1-800-701-2171
Southwestern Region	1-888-276-7885 or (519) 873-4276
Central Region	1-800-396-4233

It is imperative that an appointment is scheduled as soon as possible after receiving the Licence Renewal Application form.

Have your licence number ready and a calendar to reference.

QUESTION.

What happens if I will be away on vacation or will be out of province at the same time that my licence needs to be renewed?

ANSWER.

Senior drivers can renew their licence up to 180 days before licence expiry date. They must phone the Ministry of Transportation requesting an earlier date.

QUESTION.

What happens if I don't speak English well and will not understand what is said at the 90 minute Group Education Session (GES)?

ANSWER.

When a call is made to the Ministry of Transportation in your region, explain your situation to the Scheduling Clerk. Upon application to the Ministry of Transportation a road test may be allowed if it is deemed that the driver will not benefit attending a GES due to a language barrier. The driver will be advised that a road test be completed instead of the GES. But the vision and written knowledge tests will still have to be done. The driver will be referred to attend a DriveTest Centre to complete all required tests.

QUESTION.

What happens if I pass all the requirements at the Group Education Session?

ANSWER.

The Driver Improvement Counsellor will give the driver a sealed Referral Envelope contained with the completed Driver Licence Renewal Application. The driver will be advised to visit a Driver and Vehicle Licence Issuing Office to hand in the Referral Envelope and pay the renewal fee. A temporary driver's licence (TDL) will be issued to the driver until the permanent licence card arrives in the mail in approximately 4-6 weeks from Kingston. **In case the TDL expiration date is approaching, ensure that you contact the Ministry of Transportation who may issue an extension.**

QUESTION.

What happens if the Ministry of Transportation cannot give me an appointment at licence renewal time, or if my licence will expire before a Group Education Session (GES) can be completed?

ANSWER.

A Temporary Driver's Licence (TDL) can be issued for a maximum of 90 days,
BUT THE DELAY MUST NOT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE APPLICANT.

This is the reason why it is very important to contact the Ministry of Transportation as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.

QUESTION.

When do I pay for the renewal procedure?

ANSWER.

Seniors aged 80 or over, are not required to pay for re-examination, but must pay the renewal fee at the Licence Issuing Office before a renewal licence will be issued.

QUESTION

What factors may trigger a road test?

ANSWER.

- (1) **Any** offence attracting and involving demerit points.
- (2) **Any** reportable collision.
- (3) A language barrier were the applicant is unable to participate in a Group Education Session (GES)
- (4) Where the Counsellor at a Group Education Session (GES) deems it necessary.

QUESTION

What happens if my licence has expired?

ANSWER.

Contact the Ministry of Transportation as soon as possible to schedule an appointment. A TDL (temporary driver's licence) will not be issued if the driver's licence expired before an appointment is scheduled.

Applicants will be required to:

- Do a vision test
- Complete a written test covering the rules of the road and road signs.
- Undergo a G-1 road test.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO PREPARE FOR THIS TEST BY STUDYING THE UP-TO-DATE OFFICIAL DRIVER'S HANDBOOK.

QUESTION.

I am nervous of the vision testing machine.

ANSWER.

To obviate the vision test, the applicant can obtain a signed testimonial from a registered ophthalmologist or optician indicating that he/she has correct vision for driving. **THIS MUST BE ON A MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICIAL FORM, THAT THE DOCTORS HAVE. ENSURE THAT THE DOCTOR HAS FULLY COMPLETED THE FORM, AND YOU HAVE SIGNED IT, PRIOR TO LEAVING THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE.**

This vision form is valid for six (6) months

QUESTION.

If I require a road test can I opt for the G-1 test obviating the highway testing?

ANSWER.

If the driver has been involved in a collision and receives a letter from the Ministry of Transportation (**different from a Driver Licence Renewal Application**), a G-1 road test cannot be taken in-lieu of the highway testing.

This can be done only if:

- The senior has a language barrier and cannot understand the Group Education Session. (GES). **THIS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION.**
- The licence has expired.
- A licence has been revoked after a failed test.

In this case the applicant starts afresh with the vision test, written test, and the G-1 road test.

QUESTION.

If I pass the G-1 test what licence will I receive?

ANSWER.

If the applicant is over the age of 70, he/she will receive a G-2 licence that allows for driving on all roadways including the highway. A Class G-2 licence cannot be renewed. Only fully classed G licences are renewed. A Class G-2 driver will be required to pass a G-2 road test first.

This licence will have to be re-issued every two years by means of a road test.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT ANY INFRACTION ATTRACTING DEMERIT POINTS CAN RESULT IN A ROAD TEST.

EXAMPLES:

- A rolling stop at a stop sign.
- Failing to signal.
- Speeding.
- Following too closely.
- Failing to yield the right-of-way.
- Running a red light.
- Not wearing a seat belt.
- Any reportable collision.

QUESTION

How could my insurance premiums be affected?

ANSWER.

Insurance rates could be increased for:

- Any conviction for a collision, whether or not demerit points are attracted.
- Any conviction attracting demerit points such as speeding, not wearing seat belts, or rolling stops, etc. (Moving violations)

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