

With less than 2 years driving experience you need to:

1. Take an eye test
2. Take one road test (the G2 road test). You will not be able to do the G2 road test right away. You need to wait until you gain two, full years of driving experience. For example, if you had a licence for 21 months in your home country, you can do the G2 road test after 3 months in Ontario. After you pass the G2 road test, you get a full licence. While you wait, you can drive with your G1 licence, under certain conditions.

You need to provide the right documents, when you apply for an Ontario driver's licence:

Proof of driving experience (from your local counsel back home)

You can self-declare one year of driving experience, by showing a valid, original foreign driver's licence. If you want to earn credit for more than one year of driving experience, you will also need an official letter from the foreign government or agency that issued the driver's licence, confirming that the licence is authentic. This letter needs to be written in English or French.

How to apply

Apply in-person at a Drive Test centre or the Service Ontario College Park location in downtown Toronto.

You need to:

1. take an eye test
2. bring original identification showing your legal name, date of birth and signature
3. bring your original, valid foreign driver's licence
4. bring any original supporting documents that show proof of your driving experience
5. pay the applicable fees
6. fill out an application form (where you will state how long you have been driving)

A foreign driver's licence needs to:

- Be valid
- Display a visible expiry date
- Be written in either English or French. If it is not, you need to get it translated by a certified translator. The translation must be current – dated within six months of when you apply for an Ontario licence.

More Info:

<https://www.ontario.ca/driving-and-roads/driving-and-roads>

Alberta

If you are new to the province, you must apply for your Alberta driver's licence within 90 days of moving to Alberta.

How to Apply:

2+ Years with Irish Licence or NI Licence must complete and pass the following:

1. Knowledge test
2. Vision screening
3. Advanced road test

Less than 2 years:

1. Knowledge test
2. Vision screening
3. Basic road test followed by Advanced road test under the graduated program

More Info:

http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/Drivers_Licence.cfm

British Columbia

You must switch to a B.C. driver's licence within 90 days of moving to BC. During this time, you can keep driving with your existing licence.

2+ Years' Experience Abroad (Ireland):

To exchange your reciprocal licence for a B.C. driver's license, go to any driver licensing office in B.C.

Bring the following to apply for your licence:

1. required ID
2. your current driver's licence
3. fee for your licence
4. proof of two years' driving experience

Proving your driving experience - <http://www.icbc.com/driver-licensing/moving-bc/Pages/Proving-your-driving-experience.aspx>

Don't have proof of two year's driving experience?

If you don't have two years' driving experience with a non-learner license or can't prove it, you can still get a B.C. license by going through the Graduated Licensing Program (GLP). You will receive credit for any time you have driven.

Less than 2 Years' Experience:

Before you can get a regular B.C. driver's licence you need to get a learner's license. To qualify, you must:

1. Pass a Vision Test
2. Pass a knowledge test
3. Take a road test.

You will then be given a conditional licence with restrictions. After 24 months you can apply to sit the advanced test.

More Info:

<http://www.icbc.com/driver-licensing/moving-bc/Pages/Moving-from-another-country.aspx>

Manitoba

If you hold a valid driver's licence from Ireland, you may operate a motor vehicle in Manitoba for up to three months. After three months you will be required to exchange your valid out-of-province driver's licence for an equivalent Manitoba licence without completing written and road tests (Class 5 and 6).

If you have never held a licence, or hold a provisional licence from Ireland, you will have to go through the Gradual Driving Licence Program.

More Info:

http://www.mpi.mb.ca/en/Reg-and-Ins/Insurance/Moving/pages/arriving_in_manitoba.aspx

<https://www.mpi.mb.ca/en/DL/DL/Pages/New-to-Manitoba.aspx>

Saskatchewan

New residents who wish to drive in Saskatchewan must get a Saskatchewan driver's licence within 90 days of moving to the province.

You can apply for a Saskatchewan driver's licence at any motor licence issuer if you hold a valid driver's licence from: Republic of Ireland or NI.

When you apply, you'll be required to:

1. surrender your out-of-province driver's licence
2. pay applicable driver's licence fees
3. provide proof of residency and entitlement to be in Canada
4. provide proof of your driving experience

Application requirements

You must provide identification from the list of acceptable documents that proves:

- your identity

- your Saskatchewan residency
- you're entitled to be in Canada

More Info:

<http://www.economy.gov.sk.ca/immigration/drivers-licence>



Quebec

To get a Québec driver's licence the first step is to contact the SAAQ by telephone to make an appointment.

In Montréal: 514 954-7771

From elsewhere: 1 888 356-6616

The clerk will tell you what steps to take based on your situation and give you an appointment. Bring your driver's licence, if you have one, to the appointment as well as other required documents (always bring the originals of your documents).

If you are from Northern Ireland, and if you hold a valid licence, you are eligible for a Class 5 driver's licence exchange without proficiency examinations. However, you must pass the required tests if you wish to obtain a licence authorizing you to drive a motorcycle (Class 6). If you held a passenger vehicle driver's licence for at least a year before you moved to Québec, you can get a passenger vehicle driver's licence on passing the Québec knowledge and road tests.

For those from the Republic of Ireland, you can obtain a licence if you pass the SAAQ's proficiency examinations.

More info:

http://www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/driver_licence/exchange/

Newfoundland

You must exchange your existing driver's licence to a Newfoundland driver's licence within 3 months of taking up residence.

- You must be at least 16 years of age
- You must present the required identification documents
- You must complete a written, vision and road test

You will be given credit for the time spent as a licenced driver and may be exempted from the Graduated Driver Licensing Program.

Required Documents include:

Identification documentation is required for the issuance of a learner's permit, photo identification card or exchange of a non-Canadian driver's licence.

Any person who is a Canadian resident will need two pieces of identification, with at least one being an original primary document and the second an original secondary document as listed within each category below:

Proof of Legal Presence and Primary

- Valid Foreign Passport with appropriate immigration documents
- Permanent Resident Card or Immigration papers – Record of Landing
- Study or Work Permit
- Temporary Resident Permit

Northern Ireland

People taking up residence can exchange their existing licence for a Class 5 Newfoundland driver's licence without taking a written, vision or road test, provided:

- You are 17 years of age
 - You present the required identification documents
- Required Identification Documentation**
- Your existing licence is valid (not suspended, cancelled or revoked)
 - Your licence, if expired, is not expired not more than 5 years

More Info:

<http://www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca/drivers/DriversandVehicles/driverlicensing/index.html>

Nova Scotia

You need to get a Nova Scotia driver's licence within 90 days of becoming a resident.

You are considered to be a resident if: (a) you are attending school or college here; or (b) you live here and your children attend school here; or (c) you are employed here for more than 30 days in any given year; or (d) you live here for more than 90 days in any given year.

Northern Ireland:

To get a Nova Scotia driver's licence, you must:

- be at least 16 years of age
- take a vision screening test
- surrender your driver's licence at the time of exchange and
- pay normal fees for the issuance of a licence

If you are requesting a different class of licence or an endorsement, you must complete a full driver's examination, which includes the purchase of a knowledge test receipt and road test receipt, and, successful completion of vision, signs, rules and road tests for the class of licence applied for. For a Class 1, 2, 3, or 4 Driver's Licence, you must also provide a satisfactory medical.

Republic of Ireland:

You will be required to purchase a knowledge test receipt and road test receipt and successfully complete vision, signs, rules and road tests.

More info:

<http://novascotia.ca/sns/rmv/licence/default.asp>

New Brunswick

Citizens of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland are eligible to exchange their licences for a regular class 5 passenger vehicle licence if they have a full

licence in Ireland or NI. Otherwise they will have to go through the full application system like everyone else: knowledge test, eye test, road test etc.

More info:

http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.200566.html

