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DRIVER'S Z
(MPI Drivers Education Program)

Note to reader:

Please be advised, our review of the information in no way reflects or overrides the content provided on the Manitoba Provincial [Driver Z](#) program website.

The program is coordinated by Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) and this parent-experience-based material is meant as an additional resource to bring awareness and further educational resource options for parents.

*This resource will be most helpful to parents of 15 year olds (soon to be 15 ½ years old).

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Driver Z and The New Driver

Life is full of important milestones; perhaps one of the most exciting ones for your teen is getting their driver's license. The Graduated Driver Licensing Program can seem a little overwhelming so here are some tips to help you along.

Your MPI Autopac Agent or MPI Service Centre is knowledgeable, helpful and required when guiding parents and teens through the registration process.

Your teen is eligible to enroll in a provincially supported Driver's Education course at 15 ½ years of age. This program is called "**DRIVER Z**".

What is a Graduated Driver Licensing Program?

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) is a three-stage program designed to help new drivers, regardless of age, acquire the knowledge and skill needed to safely operate a motor vehicle.

The GDL stages for a [Class 5 driver's licence](#) are:

L – Learner stage: minimum nine months

I – Intermediate stage: minimum 15 months

F – Full stage: first three years

Each stage has specific restrictions, which help reduce the risk of collision while allowing you to gain valuable driving experience.

On completion of the 15-month Intermediate stage, the driver can graduate to the Class 5 Full stage.

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How to register?

You must be at least 15 ½ years old (by the first class date) to register for Driver Z and have an email address.

But first, you need to be set up as an MPI customer. You'll need to go to an Autopac agent or MPI Service Centre and pay \$50 for the Driver Z service, which will include the course, vision testing and the knowledge test.

A parent or guardian must accompany you at the Autopac agent or MPI Service Centre, or they can sign a [Driver Ed Parental Consent Form](#) and you can go on your own.

To be set up as a customer you will need to bring identification. (Please see [Driver Z](#) website for suitable forms of identification).

Course Finder

Once you are set up as a customer, visit the [Driver Z Course Finder](#) to view which courses you are eligible for.

The Course finder page will also display details for upcoming courses and when the next registration date is for Driver Z. Check back often!

Your MPI Autopac Agent/Service Centre may provide you registration support; be sure to ask for that help.

What to expect - the Driver

Within 31 days of the course start date, you will receive an email with instructions to log on to the Driver Z online application and begin required (~12 hours) pre-learning activities (Zone 1, activities 1-29) before Kick-Off of in-class training and in-car training.

The instructor will administer the knowledge test for students during in-class training.

[Manitoba Driver's Handbook](#) hard copies may be available through your instructor or teens can use the online version.

There are many options to practice test questions online. [Driving Quizzes](#) through MPI is one option.



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What to expect - Parents/guardians

Parents are required to attend the first day of in-class training (known as the parent meeting) to ensure that you are fully informed of the requirements and program contents.

Be prepared to have co-pilots for your learning driver as they receive their learner's license, they will begin in-car training and will need to log 45 hours of driving practice with parent/guardian and their instruction.

Co-pilots must have an email address and hold a valid MB driver's license to register once invited by the learning driver.

Road Test For Your Class 5 Drivers License

Once you can perform the basic driving techniques, are at least 16 years of age and have held a Learner's stage Class 5 licence for at least nine months, you can take a road test.

Visit your Autopac Agent or use the MPI site to schedule an appointment for your road test.

[Testing for your Class 5 licence](#) must be booked during the week at your closest testing location at a cost of \$30.00.

Your Autopac agent can provide you with details of available appointments at any testing location with a potential to book ~12 weeks in advance.