



Task Title: How to get a Class A Licence

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Task Description:

Review the government of Ontario’s requirements for obtaining a full Class A Licence to answer questions.

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Read continuous text/A1.2

Materials Required:

- Pen or pencil and/or digital device

Learner Information

A full Class A licence lets you drive various trucks and trailers. Getting this licence involves meeting a few requirements. Scan the government of Ontario guide for obtaining a Full Class A licence.



Get a truck driver's licence

How to get a commercial driver's licence so you can drive a truck in Ontario.

Overview

The type of truck licence you need in Ontario depends on:

- the weight of the truck, towed vehicle and their combined weight
- whether the vehicle is a tractor trailer
- whether or not the vehicle has air brakes

All licences require a written test and a road test. You may also need to take a government-approved training course.

If you have a truck driver's licence from another province, your Ontario licence will be the same class. To upgrade your licence, you must take the tests in an approved vehicle.

Class A licence

Full Class A licence

The full Class A truck licence is the only licence that covers full air brake systems on both tractors and trailers.

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- A mandatory entry-level training course must be successfully completed before attempting the Class A road test.
- As of July 1, 2022, the type of transmission in the vehicle you use for your road test will determine what types of Class A trucks you can drive in Ontario.

What you can drive

A full Class AZ (air brake endorsement) truck licence lets you drive:

- any truck/tractor trailer combination
- a combination of motor vehicle and towed vehicles where the towed vehicles exceed a total gross weight of 4,600 kg (10,000 lbs) and has air brakes
- a vehicle pulling double trailers
- a car or light truck covered by a Class G licence
- heavy trucks covered by the Class D truck licence
- any vehicle covered under a restricted Class A truck licence

A Class A licence does not allow you to drive a bus carrying passengers, a motorcycle or a moped.

Requirements

To get a full Class A licence with no restrictions, you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- hold a valid Ontario licence other than G1, G2, M, M1 or M2
- pass a vision test
- submit a valid medical report
- pass a knowledge test about operating large trucks and tractor-trailers
- complete a mandatory entry level training course
- pass a road test using a vehicle that meets the requirements for a full Class A

For your road test, your vehicle must have:

- a trailer with a Manufacturer's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of at least 4,600 kg
- a full air brake system on both the truck/tractor and trailer

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- manual transmission that consists of at least eight forward gears with a high-low range

If your vehicle does not meet requirements for a full Class A, you may either:

- reschedule your road test (and pay an additional fee)
- OR**
- take your road test with the understanding that you will receive a restricted Class A licence (condition R) or a Class A manual transmission restriction, not a full Class A licence

Work Sheet

Task 1: What do all drivers' licences require?

Answer:

Task 2: List 3 types of vehicles that can be driven with a full AZ licence.

Answer:

Task 3: List 3 requirements to get a Class A licence with no restrictions.

Answer:

Task 4: What must the vehicle have to take the Class A licence road test?

Answer:

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Task 5: What 2 options does a driver have if they don't have the appropriate vehicle for the road test?

Answer:
