Task Title: How to get a Class A Licence

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Learner Name: _____

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Successful Completion: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal Path: Employment ☐ Apprenticeship ☐

Secondary School ☐ Post Secondary ☐ Independence ☐

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.

Ontario ⟐

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.

- 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:

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

Answer:

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Answers

Task 1: What do all drivers' licences require?

Answer: All licences require a written test and a road test

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

Answer: Any 3 of the following:

- 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

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

Answer: Any 3 of the following:

- 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

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

Answer:

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

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

Answer:

- 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

Performance Descriptors

Levels	Performance Descriptors	Needs Work	Completes task with support from practitioner	Completes task independently
A1.2	Scans text to locate information			
A1.2	Locates multiple pieces of information in simple texts			
A1.2	Makes low level inferences			

This task: Was successfully completed ☐　Needs to be tried again ☐

Learner Comments:

Instructor (print):　　　　　　　　　　　　Learner (print):

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