

Task Title: How to get a Class A Licence

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**Learner Name:**

**Date Started:**

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| **Goal Path:** | Employment | Apprenticeship |
| Secondary School | Post Secondary | Independence |

**Successful Completion:**  Yes No 

**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.ca homepage

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# **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
* 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:

# 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 |
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| 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):