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NEWCOMER'S GUIDE

CHAPTER 2



GETTING A DRIVING LICENSE IN CANADA



IndoCanada Professional Network is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to supporting immigrants from India in Canada.

It offers a robust platform for networking, encouraging members to connect with new individuals and expand their professional networks through various community events.

This inclusive environment fosters professional mentoring, providing specialized support for Internationally Educated Professionals to enhance their employment opportunities and career advancement.

Additionally, the network organizes educational workshops that cover a broad range of subjects pertinent to employment, education, taxes, and everyday life in Canada, equipping members with essential knowledge and skills for successful integration and growth.

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If you are a newcomer in Canada and want to drive, then be aware that you need a driving license issued by the government of your province or territory. With a valid driving license, you can drive anywhere in Canada.

In case you have a driving license from your home country, you'll be able to drive for a short while after arriving in Canada. It would be best to check with the government of your province or territory to know the exact details.



In case, you want to use a foreign driver's license in Canada then that is also possible. But you should get an International Driving Permit (IDP) in your home country. An IDP will also give you a translation of your driving license in English and French for ease of use.

GETTING A DRIVING LICENSE IN ONTARIO

In case you have moved from one province to Ontario, then also you would need a new driving license. Valid non-Ontario licenses may be used for the first 60 days while you get settled in the province. Once that time has elapsed, a valid Ontario license is required.

Ontario has a graduated licensing system and it includes 3 levels –

- G1
- G2
- G

Each of these has specific requirements and restrictions.

FOR G1 LICENSE

- Minimum age: 16 years
- Pass a written knowledge test on traffic rules and signs.
- You need to pass a vision test

Once you have your G1, you must –

- Drive with a fully licensed driver with at least 4 years of driving experience
- Maintain a zero-blood alcohol level.
- Display a visible "L" sign on the back of the vehicle





FOR G2 LICENSE

- You can apply for your G2 after holding your G1 for at least 12 months (8 months if you complete an approved driving course)
- You need to pass a road test to assess your driving skills

Once you have your G2, you can drive without a fully licensed driver but with certain restrictions –

- Maintain a zero blood alcohol level
- Limit the number of passengers if they are not immediate family members
- Avoid driving between midnight and 5 a.m

FOR G LICENSE

- You can apply for your full G license after holding your G2 for at least 12 months
- You need to pass a final road test
- Once you have your G license, you have full driving privileges with no restrictions

DOCUMENTS NEEDED

These are the documents you would need to apply for your driving license in Ontario –

- Identification (e.g., birth certificate, passport)
- Proof of residency in Ontario
- Completed application forms
- Payment of applicable fees

The fees can vary depending on the type of test you are taking and the license level.

USEFUL LINKS

- https://www.ontario.ca/page/driving-and-roads

- https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/new-immigrants/new-life-canada/driving.html



CHECKLIST TO GET A DRIVING LICENSE IN ONTARIO

To switch your license for an Ontario driver's license, you need to apply in-person at a DriveTest centre or the ServiceOntario Bay and College location in downtown Toronto.

Here's what you need to –

- Take a vision test
- Bring all the original documents showing your legal name and date of birth
- Bring your original, valid out-of-province/ foreign driver's license
- Bring any supporting documents needed to show as proof of your driving experience (document should be in English or French)
- Pay the fees
- Fill the application form

CONTACT US

You can get in touch with us and our team will help you with all the required documents and details of getting a driving license in Canada.

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