

## Knowledge/Written and road test information in Ontario

When you first begin the process of getting a driver's license, you will have to take and pass a written knowledge test to obtain your G1.

After that, drivers who are renewing, reinstating their license, or exchanging a foreign license might be asked to take another knowledge test. All written tests are based on the information contained in the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) [Official Driver's Handbook](#).

Here is what is generally involved with all knowledge tests:

- **Format** — multiple choice questions with 2 or 3 sections done on paper (or computer depending on the location)
- **Length** — take around 20 – 30 minutes to finish but have no hard limit
- **Languages** — G1 test comes in 20 languages, all others are in English or French, all tests have translation options that can be booked ahead of time
- **Results** — you need 80% or more to pass and your test is marked right away
- **Retries** — if you failed the test you can pay the fee to take it again right away \$16.00\*

All knowledge tests must be performed at a DriveTest Centre in a designated room and with a designated proctor to ensure there is no distractions or cheating.

If you are caught cheating or causing a disruption for other people you will be kicked out of the room, failed automatically, and lose your fee.

You will not be able to re-take the test until the following day and have to pay the fees again.

**Did You Know?** If you have a disability that makes it more difficult for you to read the test, you can make an appointment to have a DriveTest Centre worker to read the test to you verbally. If you are at a location that has computerized tests, they also come with audio versions.

**Road Tests/Driving Exams:** There are two types of road tests that you might have to take-for the G2 and full G-levels of the Ontario driver's license.

New drivers must pass both driving exams before they can obtain a full license.

You might also be asked to complete a road test if you meet the following conditions:

- If you are renewing your license and are 80 years of age or older you might be asked to pass a driving exam
- If you are reinstating a license that was suspended 3+ years ago

No matter what level your road test is, you should arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled time with a vehicle (owned, borrowed, or rented) as it will not be provided for you.

**G2:** The G2 driving exam is designed to test your basic driving skills. It lasts around 15 minutes and is performed entirely on city streets.

The examiner will have you perform basic driving maneuvers, including:

- Starting, stopping, turning the vehicle
- Obeying traffic stops and all signs
- Driving through all types of intersections (with lights and stop signs)  
Parallel parking, 3-point turn, Parking on a Hill, or Incline.

If you are a new driver trying to get your G2 license for the first time, you have to wait 8 to 12 months after you pass the G1 written exam. If you complete a certified MTO approved driving school, you can wait 8 months otherwise you have to wait the full year.

**G Road Test:** The G driving exam involves everything that the G2 exam does, but also tests you on more advanced driving skills-mainly, driving on highways. They last around 0 minutes and new drivers will need to have had a G2 for at least 12 months before they can take the G road test. The skills you will be tested on that are new to the G exam include:

- Merging onto a highway/ Expressway at proper speed
- Keeping the posted speed and changing lanes.
- Exiting the highway/ Expressway
- Making obvious head movements to scan intersections, blind spots and make obvious checks in the rear view mirror every 10 seconds and when stopping.

Until further notice, the G road test **will not** include these elements that are already covered in the G2 road test:

- parallel parking
- roadside stops
- 3-point turn

If you fail either the G2 or the G road test you will have to wait around 10 days before you can take it again. It depends on how soon you can book an available time to take the test however, so it could take longer.

If you want more information about the process and requirements for road tests you can [find it here](#).

*Test Fees: All of these <a href="#">driver's license tests have fees</a> that you will have to pay every time you take them. Here is a breakdown of the various fees you can pay for a test or test package: <b>Test/Test Package</b>	Fee
Class G1 licence package (includes knowledge test, G2 road test and a five-year licence)	\$159.75
One Knowledge Test Attempt	\$16.00
One G2 Road Test attempt	\$53.75
One G Road Test attempt, seniors, or drivers over 70 who have to retest are free.	\$91.25
Five-year license fee (renewal, reinstatement, or foreign license exchange)	\$106.00 + any fees for applicable road tests

\*All fees listed are from July 2022 and are subject to change.

Check with Drivetest.ca to see current prices.