



**Available ONLY in
Medicine Hat and Red Deer**
Spaces are limited: call 403-528-3779
Shifting Gears Class 1 Driver Training

Canada 

Alberta 

The Province of Alberta is working in partnership with the Government of Canada to provide employment support programs and services.

Albertans have an opportunity to obtain a commercial driver's licence through the province's funded **Shifting Gears** program.

Shifting Gears runs 7 weeks; in some cases, clients will complete training early.

Basic Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age and an Alberta resident;
- Have been out of public school a minimum of 12 full months;
- Be unemployed or working 19 hours a week or less;
- Be ready, willing, and able to work;
- Have sufficient English language skills (Benchmark 7) to succeed in driver training and testing;
- Have 4 or fewer demerits on a current 5-year driver's abstract;
- Permanent Canadian residency or Canadian citizenship
- Seeking full-time employment

To discuss program details or eligibility requirements and the application process, contact 403-528-3779 M-F or email [**shiftinggears@safetyconnections.ca**](mailto:shiftinggears@safetyconnections.ca)

Shifting Gears Program Components

A participant may be eligible to have the following costs fully covered:

- Driver's Medical
- Air Brakes and Knowledge Exam
- Class 1 Learning Pathway Program & Exam
- Class 1 Road Test including warm-up drive
- Standard First Aid
- Hours of Service
- Load Securement
- Fatigue Management
- PDIC or ODA Course
- Simulator Skill Development
- Employability workshops and resume development

The first step in the application process is to call to discuss eligibility.

The second step in the application process is to call to submit the following:

- current resume showing past 10 years' (if applicable) of work history and all schooling, including high school
- 2 work-related references (name, position, company, phone number)
- 5-year driver's abstract (may not have more than 4 current demerits)
- Image of the front of your driver's licence (must show Class 5 (non- GDL), 4, 3 or 2 classification)
- if you have a confirmed offer of employment upon completion of training, please submit a letter from the employer

If you are selected to continue with the application process, you will be invited to complete additional assessments and an interview.

**Meeting eligibility requirements DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE.
There are a limited number of seats available each month.**
