

Farm-Restricted Class 1 Driver's Licence

Get a farm-restricted Class 1 driver's licence to drive to and from your farm.

Overview

Effective April 1, 2024, eligible farmers and their family members will have the option to apply for a farm-restricted Class 1 driver's licence.

Upon successful completion of a Class 1 knowledge and road test, vision-screening, and submission of a driver's medical assessment, the driver will be issued a farm-restricted Class 1 driver's licence with condition code "P", indicating they must comply with farmer restrictions. The driver will not be required to complete pre-licensing training.

The driver must meet all other requirements of a Class 1 driver's licence, including the Air Brake (Q) endorsement. For more information, check the [Air Brake Program](#).

Farm-restricted Class 1 drivers may also be subject to licence code restriction "N" which means the holder may not operate vehicles or combinations of vehicles which require a Class 2 or 4 driver's licence unless that person has completed the required knowledge and road tests as well as completed any other conditions of a Class 2 or 4 driver's licence.

Eligibility

A farmer is defined as a person:

- actively and directly farming, in Alberta;
- responsible for management decisions and operating costs;
- having control of the farming assets, either by holding title to the assets or having a rental agreement with the person holding title; and
- having annual farm commodity production worth at least \$10,000 or \$5,000 to \$9,999 if the only other significant sources of income are Canada Pension Plan or Old Age Security.

For the purposes of this exemption, a farmer is a person engaged in any of the following:

- the cultivation of land;
- the raising of livestock, including diversified livestock animals within the meaning of the *Livestock Industry Diversification Act* and poultry;
- the raising of fur bearing animals, pheasants or fish;
- the production of agricultural field crops;

- the production of fruit, vegetables, sod, trees, shrubs and other specialty horticultural crops;
- the production of eggs and milk;
- the production of honey; or
- the operation of agricultural machinery and equipment including irrigation pumps;
- the application of fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides, fungicides and herbicides, including application by ground and aerial spraying for agricultural purposes;
- the collection, transportation, storage, application, use, transfer and disposal of manure, composting materials and compost.

A family member of a farmer who meets the above criteria is also eligible for a farm-restricted Class 1 driver's licence. "Family member" is defined as:

- the spouse or adult interdependent partner of the farmer, or whether by blood, marriage or adoption or by virtue of an adult interdependent relationship, a child, parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew or first cousin of the farmer.

Restrictions

1. A person intending to utilize this exemption must declare their eligibility when applying for a farm-restricted Class 1 driver's licence.
2. A farmer or eligible family member approved by the Registrar, or their designate, for a farm-restricted Class 1 driver's licence is exempt from completing any entry level training established by the Registrar.
3. The farmer or family member must satisfy all other requirements of a Class 1 driver's licence.
4. The holder of a farm-restricted Class 1 driver's licence may operate vehicles or combinations of vehicles which require a Class 1 driver's licence only:
 - within the province of Alberta; and
 - while engaged in necessary transportation (including return trips, picking up materials, etc.) for the following purposes only:
 - the delivery of animals, farm products, grains, or farm produce:
 - to the farmer's farm, if those commodities are to be used by the farmer in the operation of the farm; or
 - to a market, if the commodities being transported were either grown or raised by the farmer on the farmer's farm; or
 - transporting material or equipment that is owned by the farmer and used by the farmer in the operation or maintenance of the farmer's farm.
 - If eligible as a family member, the above restrictions apply, and in addition to those restrictions, the family member may operate the vehicle or combination of vehicles requiring a Class 1 driver's licence on behalf of the eligible farmer(s) listed in their Application as a family member only.
5. A farm-restricted Class 1 driver's licence will be subject to driver licence code restriction "N". Under that code restriction, the holder may not operate vehicles or combinations of vehicles which require a Class 2 or 4 driver's licence for any purpose unless that person has completed the required knowledge and road tests as well as completed any other conditions of a Class 2 or 4 driver's licence.

How to apply

Step 1. Confirm eligibility

Review the information above and ensure you understand the eligibility criteria and conditions.

Step 2. Declare farmer exemption at registries and take a knowledge test

Go to a [registry agent](#), advise that you are a farmer and would like to apply for a farm-restricted Class 1 driver's licence, and take a [driver's knowledge test](#).

Step 3. Pass a vision test and submit a medical assessment

The [registry agent](#) will test your vision to see if your vision is good enough to drive. A completed [Driver's Medical Report Form](#) will be required.

Step 4. Complete application form for farm-restricted Class 1 driver's licence

[Print and complete the application form](#).

Step 5. Pass a road test

Schedule a road test through a [registry agent](#) or online through the [Alberta Road Test Scheduler](#).

- [Commercial Road Test Requirements](#)
- [Truck and Trailer Rentals](#)

Bring a copy of your filled out [Application for Farm-Restricted Class 1 driver's licence](#) to give to the registry agent along with your driver's medical assessment and knowledge test permit showing you passed the Class 1 knowledge test.

You must complete the road test in a vehicle with air brakes.