

Licensed Driver Training Providers and Driving Instructors Information

RE: COVID-19 and Alberta Transportation Driver Education and Examination Standards Audit Services

Update on COVID-19

The Government of Alberta has declared a state of public health emergency under the *Public Health Act*. Daily updates are available at: <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx#statement>.

For more information on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19, please visit: <https://www.alberta.ca/prevent-the-spread.aspx>

To support our partners and stakeholders during this time, please see the following important information.

Driving Instructor Testing and Monitoring, School Audits

Effective immediately and until further notice, all monitoring of driving instructors will be postponed so that we minimize in-person activity. Driver Training School electronic audits may be conducted.

In addition, driving instructor testing will be postponed until further notice. This measure will reduce physical interactions and align with social distancing protocols.

Services and Processing

Driver Education and Examination Standards will focus on priority services and endeavor to provide timely processing of course completion forms. Driver Training Providers should be aware that the processing of Course Completion Forms may take longer than five (5) business days.

Driver Training Providers

Providers who choose to postpone all driver training programs due to the COVID-19 outbreak are asked to advise Driver Education and Examination Standards by email at: trans.driver.prog@gov.ab.ca.

If you have questions regarding these changes please call 310-0000 followed by 780-427-2711.

Driver Training School Renewal

Driver Training School licences that are set to expire have been extended until May 15, 2020. Please forward renewal applications and supporting documents by email (scanned only – no attached pictures) to trans.driver.prog@gov.ab.ca.

To view these forms visit: <https://www.alberta.ca/apply-for-a-driver-training-school-licence.aspx>

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Note: Scanned copies of your Criminal Record Check will be accepted during this time as an interim measure, however, the original Criminal Record Check must be mailed to Driver Education and Licensing Standards Alberta Transportation
1st Floor, Twin Atria Building
4999 98 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 2X3

Road Test Update

Effective March 20, Alberta commercial and passenger road tests have been suspended until April 20, 2020. However, Alberta Transportation will continue to evaluate the situation and may extend the road test suspension term.

- The road-test suspension is part of the Government of Alberta's response to the current health crisis.
- Albertans who had a road test scheduled will be able to rebook online as of April 17, 2020 at no extra charge.
- Alberta Transportation staff are working with the commercial carrier industry to determine whether there are any urgent driving tests that need to be held in order to support maintaining delivery of essential goods, such as food and medical supplies.

A future update will advise when Driver Education and Examination Standards is returning to normal operations.