

GRADUATED LICENSING REQUIREMENTS: CURRENT AND PROPOSED

G1 Requirements	Current	Proposed
G1 Length	1 year, reducible to 8 months if the driver completes an approved driver education course and presents the certificate to the Ministry.	One and a half years (18 months), reducible to 12 months if the driver completes an approved driver education course.
G1 Passengers	Accompanied by a fully licensed driver, who has been licensed for four years, and a blood alcohol concentration of less than 0.05, in case he/she needs to drive the vehicle.	Same
	Ensure the accompanying driver is the only other person in the front seat.	Same
G1 Road Restrictions	Cannot drive on Ontario's "400-series" highways or on high-speed expressways such as the Queen Elizabeth Way, Don Valley Parkway, Gardiner Expressway, E.C. Row Expressway and the Connestoga Parkway. May drive on these roads if accompanied by a qualified driving instructor.	Same
G1 Nighttime Restrictions	Cannot drive between midnight and 5.00 a.m.	Same
Requirements for both G1 and G2.	Current	Proposed
G1 and G2 BAC Level	G1 and G2 drivers must drive with zero BAC.	Zero BAC for all drivers up to and including age 21.
Sanctions for Violating GLS Restrictions	For each conviction for violating a G1 or G2 restriction a novice driver receives a 30-day license suspension. There are no repeat offender provisions.	Introduce escalating sanctions for any combination of repeat violations of G1/G2/M1/M2 restrictions or convictions for pointable HTA offences within a 5-year period. Novice driver receives a 30-day license suspension for the first conviction, 90-day suspension for the second conviction and would have their license cancelled for the 3rd conviction. The person would lose all credit for any time spent in GLS including any time discount and would have to re-apply to enter G1. Once they enter G1 again they would complete all program requirements as if they were a new, never-licensed driver.

G2 Requirements	Current	Proposed
G2 Length	Minimum of 12 months.	Minimum of 18 months.
G2 Passengers	<p>Teen G2 drivers can carry passengers from midnight to 5 a.m. as follows:</p> <p>First six months: G2 drivers 19 or under can carry only one passenger aged 19 or under.</p> <p>After the first six months, and until the G2 driver earns the full G license or turns 20, three passengers aged 19 or under.</p> <p>There are exemptions for family members or an accompanying driver who meets the requirements of an accompanying driver in G1.</p>	<p>Prohibit teen G2 drivers from carrying more than one passenger aged 19 and under all day during the first year of G2;</p> <p>There would be exemptions for family members or an accompanying driver who meets the requirements of an accompanying driver in G1.</p>

Enforcing Zero Tolerance for Young Drinking Drivers

Drivers aged 19 to 21 are over-represented in drinking and driving collisions. Ontario wants to put a stop to this trend by making it illegal for any person aged 21 or under to drive after drinking any alcohol. Young drivers in all license classes will be required to have a zero blood alcohol concentration (BAC) whenever they are behind the wheel.

New Measures For Suspended Drivers

An estimated three-quarters of all suspended drivers continue to drive. The proposed legislation will help get these dangerous drivers off our roads by giving police the power to immediately impound their vehicles for seven days – at the roadside.

Suspended Drivers	Current	Proposed
Driving without an Ignition Interlock Device (I.I)	<p>Upon conviction, the driver of a non-commercial vehicle is fined:</p> <p>\$200-\$1,000 and *</p> <p>For a commercial vehicle:</p> <p>\$200-\$20,000 and *</p> <p>* ignition interlock period is extended by 12 months for a first-time offender who was initially subject to a one-year ignition interlock condition; and by 36 months for a second-time offender who was initially subject to a three-year I.I. requirement.</p>	Same
	<p>Vehicle owners who knowingly permit a driver having an I.I license condition to operate a vehicle that is not equipped with an I.I. device may also be charged.</p>	<p>Same fines apply plus 7-day vehicle impoundment (regardless of vehicle owner knowing that the driver has an I.I. condition).</p>

	<p>Vehicle Owner – if not the driver (Non-commercial)</p> <p>\$200-\$1,000</p> <p>Vehicle Owner – if not the driver (commercial)</p> <p>\$200-\$20,000</p>	
Driving with vehicle BAC over 0.08 or Fail to provide a breath sample	<p>90-day administrative license suspension and charge under the Criminal Code</p> <p>No vehicle impoundment provisions</p>	Same plus 7-day vehicle impoundment
Suspended Drivers (for some offences, excluding defaulted fine but including non-payment of family support)	<p>Upon conviction, the driver is fined:</p> <p>\$1,000 to \$5,000 (first offence)</p> <p>\$2,000 to \$10,000 (subsequent offences)</p> <p>Plus six months additional suspension and up to six months possible imprisonment</p>	Same plus 7-day vehicle impoundment

Measures For Impaired Drivers

Drinking and driving is still a factor in about a quarter of all road fatalities every year. To help police get drunk drivers off our roads, the proposed legislation will also allow police to immediately impound for seven days vehicles being driven by convicted impaired drivers who do not have a court-ordered ignition interlock installed.

	Current	Proposed
Zero Blood Alcohol Level	- Zero BAC applies only to novice drivers within G1 and G2 of the Graduated Licensing System.	Zero BAC would apply to novice drivers within G1 and G2 of the Graduated Licensing System AND to all drivers, in all license classes up to and including age 21.
When reinstating drivers license after being suspended for blowing in the Warn Range (0.05-0.08 BAC)	- There is no fee or penalty when reinstating one's driver license after a 12 hour suspension for drinking and driving in the Warn Range.	\$150 Administrative monetary penalty would be levied for those reinstating their driver's licenses after receiving escalating suspensions for blowing in the Warn Range; these escalating sanctions were created under Bill 203 and will be operationalized in mid-2009
Opportunity to take Second Breath Test	- HTA Sec. 48 (6), which has not changed under Bill 203, allows the opportunity for a "second breath test" when driver blows .05 BAC and over at roadside. The second breath test has to performed on an approved instrument.	Amend Sec 48 (6) to provide that the second breath test could be taken on a second roadside screening device or an approved instrument.

Other Measures

Ontario is also proposing a number of legislative measures and regulatory amendments, including:

Encouraging safer driving behaviour by raising fines for serious driving offences, such as failing to stop for a red light, not wearing a seat belt and not moving over for emergency vehicles.

Recognizing power-assisted bicycles (also known as e-bikes) in legislation, and setting out powers to regulate their operating requirements.

A two-hour time limit for drivers who blow in the warn range and allowing a second breath test to be conducted on a roadside screening device.

Making school buses safer by adopting the Canadian Standards Association's proposed 2007 school bus vehicle standards

Permitting the use of child car seats and restraints for children with medical conditions.