



## PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND Driver License Reciprocity

### RECIPROCAL LICENSE EXCHANGE

Driver licensing requirements in Prince Edward Island are based on where your country of origin license was obtained. In addition to having reciprocal arrangements with every Canadian province and territory as well as every U.S. state, Prince Edward Island has reciprocal licence exchange agreements with the following jurisdictions:

- Austria for Class 5 and 6
- Australia for Class 5 and 6
- France for a Class 5
- Germany for Class 5 and 6
- Japan for Class 5 and 6
- South Korea for Class 5 and 6
- Switzerland for Class 5 and 6
- Taiwan for Class 5 and 6
- Ukraine for Class 5 (effective August 15, 2022)
- United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland) for Class 5 and 6
- United States for Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

### UNILATERAL EXCHANGE

Effective Monday January 24, 2022, holders of an active Class 5 driver`s license or equivalent from the following countries will not be required to complete a written exam or road test for a PEI Class 5 driver`s license, if they are able to present a valid driver license and one (1) of the supporting documents listed below.

- Belgium
- Denmark
- Ireland
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden

Supporting documents for a unilateral exchange of a driver`s license

- A valid International Drivers Permit (IDP)

- An original copy of a driving record (driver abstract) from the home jurisdiction issued within 30 days.
- An original letter from licensing agency in the home jurisdiction stating driver status issued within 30 days.
- An original letter from the Embassy or Consular office of the license holder stating driver license status issued within 30 days.

### NON-RECIPROCAL LICENSE EXCHANGE

If you're from any other country not listed as "reciprocal" or "unilateral", you can still apply for a Prince Edward Island licence. In addition to filling out the application, you will need to:

- take a written knowledge test (rules of the road and sign test);
- enrol in the Novice Driver Course for Newcomers (NDCN);
- participate in the Graduated Driver Licensing Program or enroll in a certified driving school; and,
- pass a road test.

You have up to 120 days to complete the process of exchanging your licence, but we recommend you start early as you will need to qualify for your Class 7 (Instruction Permit) by passing a written knowledge test first and then wait for an available appointment for your road test.

### NON-RECIPROCAL LICENSE EXCHANGE – EXPERIENCED DRIVING CREDIT

A second option to obtain a PEI Class 5 driver's license is available to you if you are an experienced driver from a non-reciprocal country and can prove you have at least two years driving experience under your country of origin driver's license.

You can apply to the Licensed Driver Education Program through a certified driving education school on PEI.

### NOTES:

- It is important to note under the *Highway Traffic Act*, new residents may use their driver's license to drive in Prince Edward Island for up to **four months** after they become a resident of the Province. This may be extended if an individual has started but not completed the driver license exchange process within the four months.
- Individuals with a six-month Visitor's Visa are not required or eligible for a PEI driver's license. Visitors may drive for the duration of their Visitor's Visa.
- A non-resident employed in the PEI agricultural or fishing industry under the Government of Canada Guest Worker Program who holds a valid foreign driver's license equal to a PEI Class 5 and an International Driver's Permit, may operate a vehicle that requires a Class 5 driver's license in this province for up to eight months in any one year without being required to do a driver's license exchange.
- If you are a full-time student attending an educational institution in PEI (UPEI or college), you may drive in PEI with your home license if your license is current and valid and, if required, accompanied by an International Driver's Permit.