



Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) Applicant Information Sheet

Requirements for First Time Applicants: Commercial Class 1 Truck Driver's License

Effective August 5, 2024, PEI residents applying for a Class 1 driver's license for the first time are required to complete a mandatory entry-level training program before scheduling a road test.

Existing PEI Class 1 Drivers

If you are a commercial truck driver with a valid Class 1 driver's license issued before August 5, 2024, you are not required to enrol in the MELT program.

Scheduled Road Test

If you have an appointment scheduled for a road test or, you call/visit an Access PEI location to book an appointment before August 5, 2024, you are not required to enrol in the MELT program.

Eligibility for Mandatory Entry-Level Training

Applicants must be at least 19; hold a non-expired, valid Class 5 driver's license for a minimum of 2 years; not be in the Graduated Driver Licensing Program; and provide a completed [Driver's Medical Certificate](#) by a doctor or nurse practitioner.

Length of Training

Applicants will apply directly to a provincially licensed [commercial driver training school](#) to complete MELT. On PEI, drivers can enrol in either a 6 or 12-week course. The provincial government has mandated a minimum of 140 hours of training plus 100 hours of observation which equates to a 6-week program.

Provincial Funding for MELT

Training schools set the cost for the Class 1 MELT program. Applicants are responsible to pay all fees. However, you may be eligible for up to 70% assistance from the Province. Please visit [PEI MELT Funding](#) for information.

MELT Testing

Under MELT, drivers will be writing an additional knowledge test based on the PEI [Commercial Vehicle Driver's Handbook](#). The full testing regime will consist of a written Commercial Drivers Knowledge Test, a written Air Brake Test, a Pre-trip Inspection, and the Road Test. All testing will be completed at a Highway Safety Office.

Certificate of Completion

Only provincially licensed commercial driver training schools will be able to submit certification of a driver's completion of the MELT program to Highway Safety. This will be required prior to any testing.

More Information:

[MELT for Commercial Class 1 Truck Drivers](#)
[MELT Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

MELT training can only be provided by Licensed Commercial Driver Training Schools and Instructors

[ASTA Safety & Commercial Driver Training](#)
(902) 206-0122

[JVI Provincial Transportation and Safety Academy](#)
(902) 894-5726
1-800-383-5957

The Province of PEI is not authorized to administer the MELT written knowledge test or road test if it cannot be electronically verified that the training requirements have been met by the licensed driver training school.

PEI's MELT program includes in-class theory, practical in-yard and in-cab instruction, highway driving, and air brake training.

For further information, visit
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/meltpei>

Application Process for the PEI MELT Program Follow these steps to apply for your Class 1 training, funding, and testing:	
Step 1	Contact a Commercial Driver Training School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals are encouraged to contact a commercial driver training school of their choice from Table B of the approved list of commercial driving schools. ▪ The commercial driving school will provide information on course requirements, eligibility and cost.
Step 2	Complete a Driver's Medical Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The commercial driving school will provide a Driver's Medical Certificate. Alternatively, you can visit a Highway Safety or Access PEI location to pick up a form or you can print a copy from the PEI Government website: Driver's Medical Certificate. ▪ A doctor or nurse practitioner must complete and sign this form in-person. ▪ A vision test must be included. If a doctor or nurse practitioner does not offer a vision test, Access PEI can administer the test for you.
Step 3	Submit the Completed Driver's Medical Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Take the completed medical certificate to the driving school. The school will forward your medical to Highway Safety for review and approval. If your medical is approved. Highway Safety will inform the school and you can begin your MELT program with the next available cohort.
Step 4	Find out about funding opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As part of the funding eligibility process with SkillsPEI, you may be asked to complete a truck driver's occupation assessment with the PEI Trucking Sector Council. ▪ To inquire about funding options and eligibility criteria, please visit the PEI MELT Funding page. ▪ Applicants are encouraged to discuss the training course that best suits their needs (6 or 12-week course).
Step 5	Complete the training components of MELT at a commercial driver training school
Step 6	MELT Graduate Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Once you pass the training portion, you will receive a MELT certificate of completion. Your name and a copy of your certificate will be sent to Highway Safety as proof that you have completed your MELT training.
Step 7	Testing at Highway Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The driving school will book your air brake test, commercial driver's knowledge test, and road test with Highway Safety. ▪ For each test, ensure you bring your current driver's license and the MELT certificate of completion to Highway Safety. ▪ If you pass the written tests, the next step is to attend your pre-trip inspection and road test for your Class 1 driver's license.

Questions about eligibility, or the MELT learning modules: contact a [commercial driver training school](#).

Questions about possible funding opportunities: visit [PEI MELT Funding](#) for information.

Questions on the written and practical testing requirements: please contact [Highway Safety](#) at (902) 368-5271 and you will be directed to the appropriate staff person.