

# TO DRIVE An Emergency Vehicle



To be allowed to drive an emergency vehicle such as an ambulance, a police vehicle or a fire truck, you must hold a Class 4A or higher (Class 1, 2 or 3) probationary licence or driver's licence. Class 4A also authorizes the holder to operate vehicles in Classes 4B, 4C, 5, 6D and 8.

## Summary of Class 4A Requirements

	YES	NO
Driving experience	X	
Learner's licence		X
Vision test	X	
Medical assessment	X	
Mandatory driving course		X
Knowledge test	X	
Road test		X

### Driving Experience

- To obtain a Class 4A licence, you must:
  - have held a valid Class 5 probationary licence or driver's licence for at least 24 months;
  - or
  - hold a valid Class 5 probationary licence or driver's licence **and** have completed an SAAQ-recognized course in driving an emergency vehicle.

### Medical Assessment and Vision Test

- Go to an SAAQ service centre in order to:
  - undergo a vision test;
  - obtain the medical assessment form that must be completed by your physician. You must return the completed form to the SAAQ.

## Knowledge Test

- Make an appointment to take the test in one of the SAAQ's service centres.
- Remember to bring along to your appointment:
  - your current probationary licence or driver's licence;
  - the authorization letter you received from the SAAQ following your medical assessment;
  - payment for the knowledge test fee and for a new licence.
- The knowledge test is comprised of 30 multiple-choice questions covering the following:
  - road signs and traffic signals;
  - the *Highway Safety Code*;
  - techniques involved in driving an emergency vehicle.

You must have at least 22 correct answers in order to pass.

- **If you fail:**
  - you must wait seven days before taking the test again;
  - you must make another appointment to take the test again.

## Proper Preparation

- To prepare yourself for the knowledge test, you are urged to study:
  - *Driving a Passenger Vehicle*;
  - *Driver's Handbook*.

These publications are sold by Publications du Québec and are also available in most bookstores.

### To make an appointment:

- **Online services**  
[saaq.gouv.qc.ca/test](http://saaq.gouv.qc.ca/test)

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### For more information:

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