

TO DRIVE

A Minibus or A Small Bus (24 or Fewer Passengers)



To be allowed to drive a minibus or a bus equipped to carry no more than 24 passengers, you must hold a Class 4B or higher (Class 1, 2, 3 or 4A) driver's licence.

To be allowed to drive a vehicle used to carry school children, you must hold a certificate of competence.

A Class 4B driver's licence also allows the holder to operate vehicles in Classes 4C, 5, 6D and 8.

Minibus

A two-axle motor vehicle with single wheels and equipped with no more than five rows of seats for carrying more than nine occupants at any one time, or equipped with wheelchair restraint devices.

Bus for 24 or Fewer Passengers

A motor vehicle, other than a minibus, designed to carry more than nine occupants but not more than 24 passengers at a time and used chiefly for that purpose, or equipped with wheelchair restraint devices.

Summary of Class 4B Requirements

| | YES | NO |
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| Driving experience | X | |
| Medical assessment | X | |
| Vision test | X | |
| Knowledge test | X | |
| Learner's licence | | X |
| Road test | | X |
| Certificate of competence (to carry school children) | X | |

Driving Experience

To obtain a Class 4B licence, you must have held a Class 5 probationary licence or driver's licence for at least 12 months.

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. The SAAQ may request additional medical information, if needed.

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 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 a minibus or bus equipped to carry no more than 24 passengers.

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.

Certificate of Competence

To be allowed to drive a minibus or bus used to carry school children, you must hold a certificate of competence, which is issued after completing the basic training or a refresher course and upon payment of the applicable fee. To register for training or get information on the certificate, contact either the Centre de formation en transport de Charlesbourg or the Centre de formation du transport routier Saint-Jérôme.

Proper Preparation

- To prepare yourself for the knowledge test, we recommend that you 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

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