

# TO DRIVE a Taxi



To drive a taxi, you must hold both a licence and a permit, that is:

- a **Class 4C or higher (1, 2, 3, 4A or 4B) driver's licence or probationary licence;**
- a **taxi driver's permit.**

## Obtaining a Class 4C licence

To obtain a Class 4C licence, you must meet the following conditions:

### 1- Driving experience

You must have accumulated 12 months of experience as a holder of a Class 5 driver's licence or probationary licence.

### 2- Medical examination and vision test

You must go to an SAAQ service centre to undergo a vision test.

Within 90 days of the vision test, you must obtain the *Medical Examination Report* form, have it completed by a physician, and send it to the SAAQ. This form must be accepted before you can begin the process for obtaining a licence.

### 3- Knowledge test

Before you take the knowledge test, we recommend that you study the following publications:

- *Driver's Handbook;*
- *Driving a Passenger Vehicle;*
- *Guide québécois du chauffeur de taxi* (in French only).

You must then make an appointment to take a knowledge test. The test consists of 32 multiple-choice questions; the passing mark is 75%. If you fail the knowledge test, you must wait 7 days before taking it again.

## Obtaining a taxi driver's permit

Once you have obtained a valid Class 4C licence, you must obtain a taxi driver's permit. To do so, you must meet the following conditions:

### 1- Training

You must first receive training, which varies depending on the territory where you wish to work:

- Centre de formation professionnelle pour l'industrie du taxi du Québec
- Centre de formation en transport de Charlesbourg
- Centre de formation du transport routier Saint-Jérôme

TRAINING	TERRITORY			
	Québec	Longueuil and Laval	Montréal	Other territories
Basic training	53 hours	53 hours	53 hours	-
Toponymy and geography	50 hours	-	90 hours	-
Taxi transportation for persons with disabilities	7 hours	7 hours	7 hours	7 hours

Once you have completed your taxi transportation training, you will receive an attestation of training, which you will have to present during your test.

## 2- Taxi driver's permit test

You must make an appointment to take the taxi driver's permit test. The passing mark is 60%. If you fail the test, you must wait one month before taking it again.

- **SAAQ service centre**  
Test to obtain a taxi driver's permit valid everywhere in Québec except for the territory of the city of Montréal
- **Bureau du taxi de Montréal**  
Test to obtain a taxi driver's permit valid only on the territory of the city of Montréal

## 3- Other requirements

In addition to presenting an attestation of training and passing your taxi driver's permit test, you must also:

- **have proficiency in French**  
You must understand, speak and read French well enough to carry out the duties of a taxi driver.
- **provide a "certificat de recherche"**  
You must provide a "certificat de recherche" (issued in French only), which is a document confirming that a criminal record check covering the previous 5 years has been carried out. This certificate must be provided by a municipal police department or the Sûreté du Québec and have been issued within the three previous months. Documents issued by private firms or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are not accepted.
- **if this is your first time applying for a taxi driver's permit**  
You must provide a birth certificate issued by the Directeur de l'état civil or by an equivalent body from another Canadian jurisdiction, or a Canadian citizenship certificate, or a permanent resident card.

### To make an appointment or for more information

#### Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec

saaq.gouv.qc.ca

Québec area: 418-643-7620

Montréal area: 514-873-7620

Elsewhere in Québec: 1-800-361-7620

#### Bureau du taxi de Montréal

514-280-6600

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