



# NORTH PEACE

## COMMERCIAL DRIVING ACADEMY

### CLASS 1 DRIVING SCHOOL

**Q:** When will you begin accepting students?

Currently, we are in the process of having our instructors and facility provincially certified. This is a lengthy process. Please watch the website, [www.prsd.ab.ca](http://www.prsd.ab.ca), for news regarding more definite timelines.

**Q:** How many students will be in each class?

As per provincial regulations, we can take up to 15 students. At this time, we are still refining the details regarding how many students we will take per session.

**Q:** Have you started a waitlist of interested individuals?

We are collecting the names and contact information of people who are interested in this program.

**Q:** Do you have to be a PRSD student to enroll in the MELT program through the Driving Academy?

No, anyone who meets the basic requirements can enroll.

**Q:** What are the prerequisites for participating in the MELT program?

Prior to participating in the MELT program, students must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Hold an Alberta non-probationary driver's license
- Have successfully completed the Air Brake course, which can be included in the Class 1 Melt program.

It is also strongly encouraged that students complete a successful medical assessment through a physician or nurse practitioner prior to participating in the MELT program. Medical forms are available from a registry agent, or a doctor.

**Q:** What is a non-probationary license?

In order to have a non-probationary license you must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- have completed 24 months of probationary driving
  - Drivers can reduce their probationary period by up to six months by successfully completing a Class 5 or Class 6 driver training program.
- be suspension and demerit free for the last 12 months
- be a Canadian citizen, a Canadian permanent resident, hold a valid work visa, and/or have an approved refugee claim from the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

**Q:** Will the Driving Academy offer the Air Brake course?

Yes, students will be able to complete their Air Brake course through the Driving Academy.

**Q:** How long does it take to complete the MELT program?

The MELT program requires a total of 113 hours. There are 40.5 required classroom hours, 15.5 in-yard hours, and 57 total behind-the-wheel hours.

**Q:** Will you offer Class 3 driver training?

Not at this time.

**Q:** I already have my Class 3, do I need to take the entire Class 1 MELT program?

No. If you have at least two years of continuous Class 3 driving experience, you can take a shortened equivalency version of the Class 1 MELT program. Unfortunately, the Driving Academy is not offering this program at this time.

**Q:** Will I have a Class 1 drivers license after I complete this course?

After you have successfully completed all 113 hours of the MELT program, then you will be eligible to take the Class 1 written exam at a Provincial Registries office and a road test with a provincially-appointed driving examiner.

**Q:** Will you provide a truck and trailer for the Class 1 road test with the Provincial examiner?

Yes, North Peace Commercial Driving Academy students can use our truck and trailer for their road test, if taken locally. There may be a fee for this service.

**Q:** Do you have a truck simulator?

A truck simulator is on our wish list as we recognize the benefit of this technology goes well beyond the Driving Academy. There may be opportunity for Class 2 driving schools, municipalities, emergency services, and individuals with a Class 5 license to also utilize this equipment.

**Q:** Is there opportunity for students of the driving school to also complete High School?

If you did not complete high school, we can connect you with the Peace River School Division's alternative education program where you can continue to work toward high school completion.

For high school students currently enrolled in a Peace River School Division school and on track to graduate, we can coordinate with your school to have you take the MELT program during school hours.

**Q:** Who can I contact for more information?

For more information, please contact:

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