



# Driving in BC

## Lesson: Getting a BC Driver's License

### CLB 5-6 Instructional Package



## Lesson Plan: Getting a BC Driver's License (CLB 5-6)

### CLB Outcomes

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 **CLB 6-II: Giving Instructions**

Give sequential instructions and directions for everyday activities and processes.

 **CLB 5-II: Comprehending Instructions**

Understand simple to moderately complex, step-by-step instructions and instructional texts for multistep procedures related to everyday situations.

 **CLB 5-II: Reproducing Information**

Reduce a page of information to a list of important details.

### Content Outcomes

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- Identify the key steps in the process of getting a BC driver's license
- Identify the rules associated with the graduated licensing system
- Identify where to get more information about getting a BC driver's license

### Resources

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- People's Law School (PLS) [Driving in BC](#) wikibook or *Driving in BC* booklet (hard copy, dated March 2011)
- PLS worksheets "Driving in BC: Getting a License"
- Computer Lab (optional)

### External Resources and Referrals

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- For more information on licensing, visit [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com).
- Invite a driving school instructor to speak to the class about common mistakes drivers make
- Visit an ICBC driver licensing centre near you; students can pick up a copy of ICBC's *Learn to Drive Smart* booklet

### Assessment Plan and Tools

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- Self-assessment checklist

## Sample Lesson Plan

Time	Sample Tasks	Expected Outcome	Resources
10'	<p><b>Warm up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In pairs or small groups, students talk about pictures</li> <li>Go over vocabulary, if needed</li> <li>Assess level of knowledge of/ interest in driver licensing in BC</li> </ul>	<p>Generate interest</p> <p>Activate prior knowledge</p>	<p>PLS Worksheet: <b>Get Ready!</b></p>
15'	<p><b>Predict and read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy and cut strips</li> <li>Students put the strips in order and then confirm their predictions by reading "Getting a BC Driver's Licence" in the <a href="#">Driving in BC</a> wikibook, or pages 3-5 in the Driving in BC booklet</li> <li>Go over any new vocabulary, encourage students to apply word attack strategies i.e.:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask for peer support</li> <li>Look at base form of word</li> <li>Guess the meaning from context</li> <li>Look in monolingual dictionaries</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Identify the key steps in the process of getting a BC driver's license</p> <p>Identify where to get more information about getting a BC driver's license</p>	<p>PLS Worksheet: <b>Predict!</b></p> <p><a href="#">Driving in BC</a> wikibook or <i>Driving in BC booklet</i></p>
15'	<p><b>Research and write notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In pairs, students can complete the list of steps, referring to the <a href="#">Driving in BC</a> wikibook, or pages 3-5 in the Driving in BC booklet as needed</li> </ul>	<p>Reduce a page of information to a list of important details.</p>	<p>PLS Worksheet: <b>Research and Write!</b></p> <p><a href="#">Driving in BC</a> wikibook or <i>Driving in BC booklet</i></p>
10'	<p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In small groups, students compare driver licensing cross-culturally</li> </ul>	<p>Think critically</p> <p>Relate information to their own lives</p>	<p>PLS Worksheet: <b>Talk about it!</b></p>

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20'	<p><b>Read and compare</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Model finding the information in the <a href="#">Driving in BC</a> wikibook or Driving in BC booklet and selecting one rule to put in the chart</li> <li>In pairs, students complete the diagram</li> <li>Get pairs to present their answers with justifications</li> </ul>	<p>Understand simple to moderately complex, step-by-step instructions and instructional texts.</p> <p>Identify the rules associated with the graduated licensing system</p>	<p>PLS Worksheet: <b>Read and Compare!</b></p> <p><a href="#">Driving in BC</a> wikibook or <i>Driving in BC</i> booklet</p>
25'	<p><b>Role play giving instructions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teach and practice gambits for giving instructions</li> <li>Teach and practice pronunciation</li> <li>Identify register (level of informality)</li> <li>Students practice the dialogue in pairs until they are comfortable</li> <li>In new pairs, students practice the role play without a script</li> </ul>	<p>Give sequential instructions and directions for everyday activities and processes</p>	<p>PLS Worksheet: <b>Act it out!</b></p>
20'	<p><b>Find out more</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students find more information about getting a license by conducting internet research</li> </ul>	<p>Get more information about getting a BC driver's license</p>	<p>Computer Lab</p> <p><a href="http://www.icbc.com">www.icbc.com</a></p>
10'	<p><b>Self-Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allow students to fill out self-assessment form independently</li> </ul>	<p>Self-assessment</p>	<p>PLS Worksheet: <b>What did You learn?</b></p>

## Get Ready!

Look at the picture below. What do you see? What is happening? What do you know about getting a driver's license in BC?



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## Predict!

Copy and cut these into strips. Get your students to put them in order **before** they look in the booklet. **Note:** These steps are for newcomers **who had a license in their home country.**

Find an ICBC Licensing Office near you. Their website is [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com).

Study the booklet, “Learn to Drive Smart.”

Take a practice knowledge test on the website [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com).

Go to an ICBC Licensing Office to take the Knowledge Test.

If you pass the Knowledge Test, make an appointment for the Road Test.

If you pass the Road Test, fill in some forms and pay a fee to apply for a driver’s license.

Congratulations! You now have a BC driver’s license.

## Research and Write!

In pairs or small groups, complete the steps for people who have never had a driver's license. Fill in the missing phrases.

1. Find an \_\_\_\_\_ near you. Their website is [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com).
2. \_\_\_\_\_, "Learn to Drive Smart."
3. \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge test on the website [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com).
4. Go to an ICBC Licensing Office to take the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. If you pass the Knowledge Test, make an appointment for \_\_\_\_\_.
6. If you pass the Road Test, fill in some forms and \_\_\_\_\_ to apply for a driver's license.
7. If you have never had a driver's license, you start with a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. After 12 months, you take a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. If you pass the test, you receive a \_\_\_\_\_. After two years, you take a road test to receive a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Congratulations! You now have a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Talk about it!

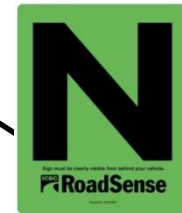
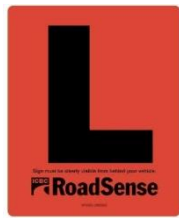
How does this compare to getting a driver's license in your country of origin?

Is it more or less difficult to get a driver's license here? Why?

Have you tried to get a driver's license in Canada? Do you want to? Why or why not?

# Read and Compare!

In small groups, fill in this comparison diagram.



Rules for  
drivers with an  
**L** license

Rules for both

Rules for  
drivers with  
an **N**  
license



## Act it out!

Practice asking for and giving instructions.

### Start like this:

A: Hi, Sarah. How's it going? Did you get to the Farmer's Market?

B: No, I didn't. In the end, I just decided it was too far to bus.

A: Oh, what a shame.

B: Hey. You have your driver's license, right? What do I need to do to get mine?

[Give instructions and ask for clarification]

### Finish like this:

B: Ok, so before I book the road test, I have to pass the knowledge test.

A: That's right.

B: Wow, I'm glad I asked you. You've saved me a lot of time.

A: Hey, no problem. I'm happy to help. I can help you study if you want.

B: Really? That's awesome, thanks. I'll take you up on that.

A: Please do. Anyway, I've got to run. Call me when you want to get together to study.

B: OK. Thanks again, Sarah. Have a good weekend.

A: You, too. See you.

## Giving Instructions

### Asking how to do something

- Hey. You have your driver's license, right? What do I need to do to get mine?
- Cindy, I need to get my driver's license. Do you know how I can do that?

### Describing how to do something

- Oh, yeah. It's pretty easy. First, go to the \_\_\_\_, then take the \_\_\_\_. Finally, \_\_\_\_.
- Make sure you \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't forget to \_\_\_\_\_

### Asking for clarification

- Woah. Slow down. I need to write this down.
- Ok, so before I can \_\_\_\_, I have to \_\_\_\_\_.
- What happens if \_\_\_\_\_.

## Find out More!

Use a computer at school or at home to find out the following information. (Hint: remember the ICBC website is [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com) )

1. Where is the ICBC Driver's Licensing Centre closest to your home? Write the full address.

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2. What is the BC Services card?

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3. Include one more piece of information that you think is important.

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## What did you learn?

Fill this out on your own.

	Yes, I can do this on my own.	I need to review this.	I can't do this yet.
I can list the key steps in the process of getting a BC driver's license.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can list some of the rules associated with the graduated licensing system (L and N licenses).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can find information about getting a BC driver's license.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can ask for and give instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can understand written instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can write a list of important steps.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What else did you learn today? What other questions do you have about driving in BC?

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4. Go to an ICBC Licensing Office to take the Knowledge Test.
5. If you pass the Knowledge Test, make an appointment for the Road Test.
6. If you pass the Road Test, fill in some forms and pay a fee to apply for a driver’s license.
7. If you have never had a driver’s license, you start with a learner’s license.
8. After 12 months, you take a road test.
9. If you pass the test, you receive a novice license. After two years, you take a road test to receive a full license.
10. Congratulations! You now have a BC Driver’s License!

## **Read and Compare!** ANSWER KEY

### **Rules for Learner's Licence**

- You must always have a licensed driver 25 years or older sitting beside you.
- You cannot drive between midnight and 5 a.m.
- Your car must have an "L" sign (for learner) on it.

### **Rules for Novice Licence**

- You can have only one passenger with you unless:
  - You have a licensed driver 25 years or older beside you, or
  - Your passengers are close family members.
- Your car must have an "N" sign (for novice) on it for 24 months.

### **Rules for both Learner's and Novice Licences**

- You cannot drink any alcohol when you are driving – your blood alcohol must be zero.

## Find out More!

### ANSWER KEY

1. Where is the ICBC Driver's Licensing Centre closest to your home? Write the full address.

*Answers will vary*

2. What is the BC Services card?

*Provides access to BC provincial government services for residents; serves as a health card, license, and access to services that need photo ID.*

3. Include one more piece of information that you think is important.

*Answers will vary.*