Pilot Project: Delivery of Class 4 Road Tests for Tourism Operators

Purpose:

The following pilot project outlines the process for tourism operators seeking a combined Class 5 and Class 4 road test, as well as those who already hold a Class 5 licence and are seeking a Class 4 road test. The purpose of this pilot project is to streamline the licencing process while maintaining road safety and testing standards.

Scope:

This pilot project applies exclusively to drivers for tourism operators who require Class 4 driver's licences. For the purposes outlined herein, a tourism operator is defined as:

- A business being located in the Yukon
- Operates the passenger vehicle of 12 or more seats that
    - Drives passengers for the operations consisting of those here for leisure purposes (as long as this also covers those who are here for sports, arts, and events)
    - Drives passengers for the operations consisting of those that are staying in accommodations
    - Drives passengers for the operations consisting of those here for Conferences, Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, or Exhibitions

This Pilot is implemented without prejudice, is not precedent-setting, and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles may modify or terminate this Pilot Project at any time without notice.

The Pilot Project will be delivered as follows:

Combined Class 5 and Class 4 Road Tests

- Drivers who successfully complete the Class 4 knowledge test and book a Class 5 road test may request to combine their Class 5 and Class 4 road tests into a single examination (see *Notification* below).
- This combined road test will eliminate the average 8-week waiting period between Class 5 and Class 4 road tests, providing drivers with a more efficient path to licencing.
- No special accommodation will be made to expedite the scheduling of the Class 5 road test. The driver must follow the standard process for booking this test.
- A Class 4 road test requires a 1-hour time slot, while a Class 5 road test requires only 30 minutes.
- If the driver passes the combined road test, Motor Vehicles will issue them a Class 4 driver's licence. If the driver fails the road test they will not be issued any licence class and will be required to book another road test. See 'Rebooking and Wait Times' below.
- The availability of combined Class 5 and Class 4 road test appointments depends on the availability of 1-hour time slots. In some cases, the combined road test may be scheduled later than the originally booked Class 5 road test to accommodate this requirement.

Class 4 Road Tests for Existing Class 5 Licence Holders

- Drivers seeking a Class 4 licence must complete all licencing requirements, including the Class 4 knowledge test, before their road test can be scheduled.
- Drivers who already hold a Class 5 licence and are seeking a Class 4 licence will have their Class 4 road test expedited to the extent practicable and reasonable, in an effort to reduce wait times. This accommodation is provided one time only per driver (i.e. if unsuccessful on the road test the driver will be subject to the current normal wait period for any subsequent booking).
- Expedited scheduling is dependent on availability and is not guaranteed. The ability to expedite will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Other Requirements and Responsibilities

Driver Responsibilities:

- It is the responsibility of the driver to come fully prepared to pass the combined or Class 4 road test. This includes possessing the required driving skills and knowledge for both Class 5 and Class 4 licencing, and valid insurance and registration for their vehicle.

Rebooking and Wait Times:

- In the event of a failed road test, no accommodations will be made to accelerate the scheduling of subsequent road tests for Class 5 or Class 4. Drivers must adhere to the regular wait times and booking availability.

Notification:

- The tourism operator must inform the Senior Driver Examiner of the request to combine the road tests after their drivers' Class 5 road test is scheduled.
- The tourism operator must inform the Senior Driver Examiner of the successful completion of the Class 4 knowledge test by their driver in order to facilitate the efficient booking of road tests.

Effective Date:
This policy is effective October 16, 2024.



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