

# 2014 Driver Education Program for Newcomers

For some new immigrants coming to Saskatchewan, the lack of a driver's licence is a barrier to gaining or retaining employment. Northeast Newcomer Services understands that having a valid Class 5 driver's licence can enhance a person's life and increase their options for employment significantly.

This program is open to Permanent Residents and Temporary Residents (certain conditions apply) in Saskatchewan, in the area serviced by Northeast Newcomer Services, who are required to complete a driver education program to obtain a Saskatchewan driver's licence.

The Driver Education Program for Newcomers covers the cost of the 6x6 Commercial Driver Education Program (six hours in class and six hours in-car) for eligible applicants. The grant is available to those who have previously not held a driver's licence in another province or country, and those who have not previously received the SGI Driving Grant for Immigrants.

The grant does not cover the cost for additional training hours, testing cost, interpreter cost, traveling cost, extra fuel cost, and fees charged for no-shows and/or cancellation.

Applicants can only receive driver education grant from Northeast Newcomer Services once to a maximum of \$500/applicant.

## **Eligibility:**

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must hold a **valid** Class 7 learner's license (cannot be suspended, expired or owe SGI money)
- Must be a first time driver (cannot hold a driver's license in any other province/country)
- Must be a Saskatchewan resident residing in the area serviced by Northeast Newcomer Service
- Must be a Permanent Resident who has resided in Canada for no more than 2 years
- or Must be a Temporary Foreign Worker on a valid work permit who have been nominated under SINP Program or submitted an application for permanent residence under one of the federal immigration programs; or who are Live-in-Caregivers on a valid work permit. A copy of the applicable immigration document must be provided as a proof.
- Be able to communicate in English or be accompanied by an interpreter (costs cannot be covered with the grant), or take the course with a driving instructor who speaks the language of the applicant
- Priority is given to applicants with a low income (cut-off \$45,000)
- Must meet with the Settlement Advisor at Northeast Newcomer Services for a needs assessment and to develop a settlement plan
- Applicants are only eligible once for this grant. Applicants who have received the SGI Driving Grant in the past are not eligible

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## **In-eligible applicants:**

- Previous recipients of SGI Driver Education Grant for Immigrants
- Visitors to Canada
- Seasonal Labourer
- International Students on a student permit
- Canadian Citizens

## **Application Process:**

- Applicants are required to fill out an application form, prepare a rationale and submit applicable supporting documentation
- Applications have to be submitted in writing either by mail, fax, or email to  
Northeast Newcomer Services  
Box 3069  
Tisdale, SK, S0E 1T0  
Fax: 306-873-2692  
Email: [info@northeastnewcomerservices.com](mailto:info@northeastnewcomerservices.com)
- Applications deadline is August 31, 2014
- The deadline might be reopened depends on the number of intake applications.

## **Check list:**

- Application Form, signed and dated
- Copy of your Saskatchewan Learner's Licence
- Copy of Permanent Resident Card or
- Copy of the Confirmation of Permanent Residence/Record of Landing or  
Copy of your Work Permit and SINP Nomination Letter
- Copy of any correspondence with the immigration office where you submitted your permanent residence application under one of the federal programs
- Copy of the most recent paystubs for 3 months, or T4 form, or most recent income tax assessment (both you and your spouse, if you have one)
- Copy of your most recent CLB test or assessment

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## Application Form

SK Learner's Licence #	Please print your name as it appears on your Saskatchewan Learner's Licence		
Mailing Address		Town or City	Postal Code
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)	Home Phone #	Cell Phone #	Daytime Phone #
Email address			

1. Did/Do you hold a driver's licence in your home country?
  - Yes
  - No
2. Have you taken driver education in the past?
  - Yes
  - No
3. Are you fluent enough in English to converse with the instructor and other students in this course?
  - Yes
  - No

If No, you are taking your training from (please check one of the following options):

- A driver instructor in your own language (\_\_\_\_\_)
- Taking an interpreter to the course

4. What is your CLB level? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you have a qualified supervising driver to practice with?
  - Yes
  - No

6. What is your occupation and place(s) of employment?

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7. What is your gross household income?
- Less than \$45,000/year
  - More than \$45,000/year
8. Would you be willing to meet with the Settlement Advisor at Northeast Newcomer Services for a needs assessment?
- Yes
  - No

9. Why do you feel you need this grant?

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10. How is a driver's licence going to change your life?

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### Choosing a Driver Instructor

You must choose your own driver instructor. They are listed in the Yellow Pages under "Driving"; or on the SGI's website at [www.sgi.sk.ca](http://www.sgi.sk.ca) → Online Services → Driver Instructors; or ask the Settlement Advisor at Northeast Newcomer Services.

***When you decide which driver instructor to hire, remember to tell them that you are applying for this grant and that instruction cannot begin until you are approved.***

Upon approval, Northeast Newcomer Services will notify both you and your driver instructor in writing.

Reimbursements are not issued for training given prior to approval.

Driving School \_\_\_\_\_

Driver Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

Driver Instructor contact information:

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rates: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour in-car x \_\_\_\_\_ hours = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 6 hours in class                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_  
Total                                                                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_

**All training must be completed by December 31, 2014.**

During this time, you are required to practice the skills you have learned between lessons with a supervising driver. Upon completion, the driver instructor must submit class records and an invoice to Northeast Newcomer Services to receive payment. Payment is made directly to the driver instructor.

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Northeast Newcomer Services will contact you once your application is processed. Response times will depend on the number of the applications received. To avoid delay, please ensure your application is completed in full and all required documents are submitted.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**For office used:**

Date the application was received: \_\_\_\_\_