

**TO:** All Enforcement Agencies in Alberta

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**SUBJECT: ALBERTA-RESTRICTED CLASS 1 DRIVER'S LICENCE**

Effective April 1, 2025, the Government of Alberta is introducing new training and licensing for Class 1 drivers which will replace Mandatory Entry Level Training. This includes a new Alberta-restricted Class 1 driver's licence for Class 1 drivers who have completed core training and have passed the Class 1 knowledge and road test. These drivers will be issued a licence with the wording "**ELT 1 Class 1 AB Only**" which means they can only operate Class 1 vehicles in the province.

Drivers that hold an Alberta-restricted Class 1 driver's licence with the wording "ELT 1 Class 1 AB Only" must still have the air brake "Q" endorsement on their Alberta driver's licence if they operate any vehicle or combinations of Class 1 vehicles equipped with air brakes.

To have the provincial restriction removed, Alberta's Class 1 drivers are required to take a "Competence Building" course at a Driver Training School in the province. Drivers who have had their restriction removed will simply have "**ELT 1**" printed on their licence.

Due to the unique positioning of the City of Lloydminster and Highway 17, Alberta's Class 1 drivers who hold a provincially restricted licence may need to travel across the Saskatchewan border within Lloydminster or on Highway 17. In these instances, the holder of a Class 1 Alberta-restricted licence may operate vehicles or combinations of vehicles requiring a Class 1 licence:

- within the City of Lloydminster on either the Alberta or Saskatchewan side, or
- on Highway 17 in Alberta or Saskatchewan providing the trip starts and ends in Alberta and no *goods or services* are received or provided in the adjacent jurisdiction.

Note: The Class 1 driver may access convenience services (gas, food, hotel) while inside the city limits of Lloydminster.

With the exception listed above, the holder of an Alberta-restricted Class 1 driver's licence cannot operate a Class 1 vehicle outside of Alberta. Doing so is contrary to the restriction on their operator's licence and should be enforced with the appropriate sanctions within the jurisdiction.

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