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To: Eligible high school driver education students and their parents/guardians

Re: **Mandatory requirement to complete 30 hours of in-class and 6 hours of in-car**

Required training hours

All new drivers in Saskatchewan are required to take one of the following driver education programs to obtain a Class 5 driver's licence. Students who have obtained their Class 7 learner's licence prior to starting the program are still required to meet the minimum required training hours and attend one of the programs listed below.

1. High school 30&6 program

- 30 hours of classroom instruction
- 6 hours of in-car instruction
- Must be enrolled in a high school driver education class to participate
- Must be at least 14 years 9 months old to enroll and participate
- Program is funded by SGI

2. Commercial 6&6 program

- 6 hours of classroom instruction
- 6 hours of in-car instruction
- Must be at least 16 years old to participate
- Program cost is student's responsibility

NOTE:

- Classroom instruction must precede in-car instruction.
- Students with existing learner's licences will not receive special privileges to enroll in a class ahead of students who do not have a learner's licence.
- Students must enroll in a class a **minimum of 9 months** prior to their 16th birthday to allow enough time to complete the program.
- Drive schedules are determined based on the class date and not age. Students enrolled in an earlier class will receive their training first.
- Students who validate their learner's licence less than 9 months prior to turning 16 will have to wait the full 9 months before they are eligible for the road test, even if it is after their 16th birthday.

Scheduling and communication

Current enrollment numbers are very high throughout the province, we are experiencing a shortage of instructors everywhere, and our instructors are extremely busy with scheduling and delivering classes daily.

Instructors also provide services to several different high schools throughout the year, which keeps them very busy. As a result, they receive a high volume of inquiries on a regular basis and are not able to respond immediately.

While waiting to complete the required in-car hours, and to allow instructors time to focus on completing these drives for each student, **we ask that both students and parents/guardians respect the instructor's time and follow these guidelines:**

- Be patient and wait for drive schedules to be posted or communicated.
- Avoid contacting the instructor unnecessarily and outside of regular business hours.
- When contacting the instructor, communication must be done through **EMAIL ONLY**. Any other form of communication (texts or phone calls) will not be accepted.
- Please allow instructors **5 to 10 business days** to respond to your email.

Student responsibilities

With getting a driver's licence, comes added responsibilities. The following is list of expectations for students who want to obtain a licence and take the driver education program:

- Get an SGI customer number and register for MySGI prior to enrolling in the driver education program. For more information, please visit <https://sgi.sk.ca/new-drivers>.
- Enroll in the first class you are eligible for to ensure the program can be completed prior to your road test eligibility date. **Note:** Age does not take priority, and the date of the classroom session determines when drives will be completed.
- Read all communications received from the driver instructor and inform their parent/guardian of requirements/communications.
- Attend all classes, check the drive schedule, and show up on time for scheduled drives.
- Provide the instructor at least 24 hours notice if you cannot make the class or the scheduled drive.
- Attend scheduled testing sessions, including the in-person vision testing. If these sessions are missed, students will be required to complete all testing at SGI and pay any associated costs.
- Once all testing is complete, validate their learner's licence at an issuer prior to the first scheduled drive. Students who show up without a valid learner's licence will not be allowed to drive.

Contacting SGI

If you have any questions, concerns, or require further clarification, please send us an email to class5drivereducation@sgi.sk.ca and include the following information:

- Student's first and last name
- Student's SGI customer number
- Name of high school
- Driver instructor's name
- Date of class currently enrolled in, if applicable
- Reason for contacting us
- Include all relevant details to help us understand and respond to your inquiry

Please allow 5 to 10 business days for a response.

Thank you,
SGI Driver Education and Training