

Advanced Road Test

The Advanced Road Test (ART) is an on-road examination that allows probationary drivers to exit the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) program. Probationary drivers must show that they have mastered safe driving skills and responsible decision-making under challenging conditions, in order to obtain an unrestricted operator's licence. Probationary drivers who do not pass the ART remain within the GDL program and are subject to GDL conditions.

To be eligible for the test, GDL probationary drivers must:

- spend a minimum two years in the GDL probationary stage
- be suspension free for 12 consecutive months just prior to taking the test

Probationary drivers are encouraged to obtain extensive driving experience over the two year probationary period before attempting the ART. They will need to demonstrate advanced driving skills, knowledge of traffic laws, responsible decision-making and proactive driving behavior during the road test.

In most cases, the ART is conducted in localities with a population of over 10,000 Albertans, to ensure traffic volume. The test duration is 50 to 60 minutes in total, including a summary of the results. The ART includes:

- An inspection of the client's vehicle to ensure that it meets legal requirements
- Identification of controls to ensure that the client is familiar with the vehicle
- Numerous left and right turns, including at traffic lights
- School and/or playground zones or areas
- Speed zones of 80 km/hr or higher
- Controlled and uncontrolled intersections
- Lane changes
- Light, moderate and heavier traffic areas
- Parallel parking
- Hill parking
- Angle or perpendicular parking

APPROVED LOCATIONS FOR ADVANCED ROAD TESTS (ART)

Advanced road tests may only be taken in approved cities and towns. Currently, these localities are:

- Airdrie
- Banff
- Bonnyville
- Brooks
- Calgary
- Camrose
- Canmore
- Cochrane
- Cold Lake
- Drumheller
- Edmonton
- Fort McMurray
- Fort Saskatchewan
- Grande Prairie
- Hinton
- Lacombe
- Leduc
- Lethbridge
- Lloydminster
- Medicine Hat
- Okotoks
- Peace River
- Red Deer
- Rocky Mountain House
- Sherwood Park
- Spruce Grove/Stony Plain
- St. Albert
- Stettler
- Strathmore
- Sylvan Lake
- Vegreville
- Wetaskiwin
- Whitecourt

For further information on advanced road test standards, please call Alberta Transportation at (780) 427 – 8901; toll free at 310-0000.