

Save-Way Driving School

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A NOTE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

The Beginning Driver Education Program that you have signed up for includes ten hours of in-car, one-on-one training. These ten hours are the minimum required by the Ministry of Transportation but, in many cases, are not enough.

In fact, NO ONE can learn to drive in ten hours. Therefore, it is *essential* that a new driver practice at every opportunity. At bare minimum, student drivers should practice two hours per week and if at all possible, drive every day. With busy schedules this may be difficult, but it is important. Please schedule time for practice and be sure, each week, to practice parking techniques (including parallel parking) and the three-point turn. Unless you are on the freeway or driving between midnight and 5am, the student should be driving.

Not everyone learns at the same rate and even with lots of practice, some students will need additional training. If things are not going well the Instructor will suggest (but not require) additional lessons. The cost for private lessons for the general public is \$75 per hour. Students enrolled with Save-Way Driving School, and their families, get a \$15/hr discount. Please note: this discount does not apply when students take the road test in the training vehicle.

Save-Way also offers additional training packages for students: an additional 5 hours of in-car training at a cost of \$250 and an additional 10 hours for \$450. These packages are optional, but are highly recommend for those with little or no driving experience or for those who simply will not have the opportunity to practice as much as they should.

On another subject, the length of time it takes to complete driver training is very difficult to know. Student performance, scheduling or cancelled appointments greatly influences the length of time required to complete the course. Some students can complete the training in as little as five weeks but it can take as long as 12 months (the Ministry of Transportation gives us one year to complete all training). Bottom line: it takes as long as it takes. The most important thing is not how quickly it gets done, but that the student learns to drive.

Ideally, a beginner should take the course as soon as possible, after (or shortly before) getting their G1 driver's license. That way, they learn good habits right from the beginning and there is no scramble to get done before the eight-month mark for taking the G1 exit test (to move on to the G2 level). For whatever reason, if the student waits several months before signing up, s/he should not expect to be done on time. For example, if a student obtained his/her G1 in January, then waited until June to take driver training, it may not be possible for the student to take the G1 exit test by September. Patience is required.

The policy at Save-Way is to schedule one appointment at a time so that the instructor may assess the student's skill and progress and at the end of that lesson, schedule the next. If a student is truly desperate to complete the course quickly, Save-Way offers "Express Service". For an additional fee of \$100, all ten hours will be scheduled at once (five 2-hour lessons). These lessons will be spaced approximately one week, but no less than three days, apart. The student **must** commit to practicing a *minimum* of one hour per day, and, if lessons are taken during the school year, **may** necessitate the student having to miss some classes.

The advantage to the "Express Service" (and the only advantage) is that the student will be done quickly. This severely limits the time for practice between lessons and if the student does not meet minimum skill levels for earning the certificate, s/he simply will not earn the certificate and will need additional lesson (see the first half of this note).

It must be stated very strongly that **EXPRESS SERVICE IS NOT RECOMMENDED**. There is a reason people refer to this kind of accelerated training as a "crash-course".

Please read the note, check the appropriate boxes, sign below and return this note to me.

Additional training:

- I would like 5 hours of additional in-car training. Payment of \$250 is included.
- I would like 10 hours of additional in-car training. Payment of \$450 is included.
- I do not feel a need for additional training at this time but may consider it in the future.

“Express Service” (CRASH COURSE):

- I accept that learning to drive may take a bit of time and I do not want express service.
- Against the recommendation of a trained professional driving instructor, I want to get this over with as quickly as possible and I want the Express Service. Payment of \$100 is included.

Date: _____

Student name (please print)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian name (if student under 18) (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me (Scott Hutchinson) on my cell phone at **613-227-0498**.