

## COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2021

### EXPERIENCE & EQUIVALENCY MANDATORY ENTRY LEVEL TRAINING (MELT) – 40 HOURS

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**OFFICE HOURS:** n/a

#### PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

1. To take the Experience and Equivalency Class 1 MELT Program, drivers must:

a. Hold a current Alberta Class 3 driver's licence;

b. Have held an Alberta Class 3 driver's licence or the equivalent driver's licence from another Canadian jurisdiction for two (2) or more years; and

i. To demonstrate that they meet this criterion, drivers who gained their two year of experience with holding a Class 3 equivalent driver's licence in another Canadian jurisdiction must provide a driver's abstract from the other Canadian jurisdiction.

c. Have two (2) or more years of work experience operating a single motor vehicle with three (3) or more axles.

i. To demonstrate that they meet this criterion, drivers must provide one of the following:

1. A signed letter(s) from an employer that states you have a minimum of two years work experience operating a single motor vehicle with three or more axles. The letter must include the employer's contact information.

2. A daily log book for a two year-period that meets the requirements under outlined in the Drivers' Hours of Service Regulation or the Government of Canada's Commercial Vehicle Drivers Hours of Service Regulations.

3. For individuals who are self-employed - A signed letter(s) from customers or suppliers that specifies that you operate a vehicle with three or more axles to provide your service to them and have provided the service for a minimum of two years. The letter must include the customers' or suppliers' contact information. If you answered "no" to any of the questions above, you will not be eligible for the Experience and Equivalency Class 1 Mandatory Entry Level Training.

2. Eligible drivers must submit a completed application and supporting documentation to [trans.driver.prog@gov.ab.ca](mailto:trans.driver.prog@gov.ab.ca). Once approved, successful drivers will receive an approval letter by email. Drivers must bring the approval letter to a licensed driver training school as verification of their eligibility to take the Experience and Equivalency Class 1 MELT Program.

Link to Experience & Equivalency Class 1 MELT Application:

[Experience and Equivalency Class 1 Mandatory Entry-Level Training Application \(gov.ab.ca\)](#)

**FALL 2021 DELIVERY:** Mixed Delivery. This course is delivered with some face-to-face/onsite components at the GPRC Grande Prairie campus.

**REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:** provided

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:** Students learn techniques to navigate urban, rural, and highway settings safely. Particular attention is paid to pre-trip inspection and the back up of the unit.

**CONTACT HOURS:** 40

**DELIVERY MODE(S):** Classroom and In field practical

**OBJECTIVES (OPTIONAL):**

- Instrument and control familiarization
- Vehicle pre-trip inspection
- Moving forward at slow speed
- Basic shifting and clutch control
- Gear selection
- Peak torque ranges
- Shift points
- Progressive Shifting
- Stopping at various speeds
- Basic turning with a trailer
- Basic backing with a trailer
- Steering, curves, corners, and lane positioning
- Observation of traffic and highway laws
- Trailer coupling and uncoupling
- Visual search: collision avoidance techniques, pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles, animals
- Speed management: stopping distances, planning and timing

- **Space management: blind spots, blocking for corners, space cushion driving, crossing, joining, leaving, traffic blending**
- **Advanced shifting and gear splitting**

**TRANSFERABILITY:**

None

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

- **Instructor evaluated operational skills**

**EVALUATIONS:** GPRC issued and evaluated

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:** Attendance and successful completion of training. Students must attend and pass the Registry performed road test in order to receive a Class 1 designation on their Alberta Operator's license. The student must complete the Alberta Air Brakes course, Motor Vehicle Operator's Medical, and a Registry issued Knowledge test prior to performing a road test. Please note: the aforementioned items are not included in the tuition amount.

**STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

Refer to the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at

[https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms\\_documents/Student\\_Misconduct.pdf](https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/Student_Misconduct.pdf)

\*\*Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available at

<https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

**COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:** Available year round.