

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS REGISTRAR'S EXEMPTION

Pursuant to section 6.1 of Alberta's Operator Licensing and Vehicle Control Regulation (AR 32/2002), which comes into force on March 31, 2024, and subject to the conditions and restrictions noted below, the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services hereby exempts eligible farmers and their eligible family members from the requirements of section 15.1(1) of the Operator Licensing and Vehicle Control Regulation.

Definition:

Farmer: A farmer is defined as a person:

- actively and directly farming, in Alberta;
- responsible for management decisions and operating costs;
- having control of the farming assets, either by holding title to the assets or having a rental agreement with the person holding title; and
- having annual farm commodity production worth at least \$10,000 or \$5,000 to \$9,999 if the only other significant sources of income are Canada Pension Plan or Old Age Security

For the purposes of this exemption, a farmer is a person engaged in any of the following:

- the cultivation of land;
- the raising of livestock, including diversified livestock animals within the meaning of the *Livestock Industry Diversification Act* and poultry;
- the raising of fur bearing animals, pheasants or fish;
- the production of agricultural field crops;
- the production of fruit, vegetables, sod, trees, shrubs and other specialty horticultural crops;
- the production of eggs and milk;
- the production of honey; or
- the operation of agricultural machinery and equipment including irrigation pumps;
- the application of fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides, fungicides and herbicides, including application by ground and aerial spraying for agricultural purposes;
- the collection, transportation, storage, application, use, transfer and disposal of manure, composting materials and compost.

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Family Member:

A family member of a farmer who meets the above criteria is also eligible for a farm-restricted Class 1 licence. "Family member" is defined as:

- the spouse or adult interdependent partner of the farmer, or whether by blood, marriage or adoption or by virtue of an adult interdependent relationship, a child, parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew or first cousin of the farmer.

Conditions:

1. A person intending to utilize this exemption must declare their eligibility when applying for a farm-restricted Class 1 licence.
2. A farmer or eligible family member approved by the Registrar, or their designate, for a farm-restricted Class 1 operator's licence is exempt from completing any entry level training established by the Registrar.
3. The farmer or family member must satisfy all other requirements of a Class 1 operator's licence.
4. The holder of a farm-restricted Class 1 licence may operate vehicles or combinations of vehicles which require a Class 1 licence only:
 - Within the province of Alberta; and
 - While engaged in necessary transportation (including return trips, picking up materials, etc.) for the following purposes only:
 - The delivery of animals, farm products, grains, or farm produce:
 - to the farmer's farm, if those commodities are to be used by the farmer in the operation of the farm; or
 - to a market, if the commodities being transported were either grown or raised by the farmer on the farmer's farm; or
 - Transporting material or equipment that is owned by the farmer and used by the farmer in the operation or maintenance of the farmer's farm.
 - If eligible as a family member, the above restrictions apply, and in addition to those restrictions, the family member may operate the vehicle or combination of vehicles

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requiring a Class 1 licence on behalf of the eligible farmer(s) listed in their Application as a family member only.

5. A farm-restricted Class 1 licence will be subject to licence code restriction "N". Under that code restriction, the holder may not operate vehicles or combinations of vehicles which require a Class 2 or 4 licence for any purpose unless that person has completed the required knowledge and road tests as well as completed any other conditions of a Class 2 or 4 licence.

This exemption comes into effect March 31, 2024.

Signature:



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Date:

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