

Driver Education Update and FAQ

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Attention Parents:

As you are aware, the Premier of Saskatchewan suspended classes indefinitely as of March 20, 2020 based on the recommendations from Saskatchewan Health. This has impacted our ability to deliver the Driver Education program to Chinook students. Please review the following questions and answers:

1. *Are students presently able to schedule drives with Chinook Driver Education instructors to allow them to complete their six drives, as part of the driver education program?*

No, not at this time. Due to the social distancing measures ordered by the Government of Saskatchewan, we are not allowed to facilitate student drives until further notice. Students are still required to complete six hours of student drives (which cover a variety of topics as part of the Driver Education program) prior to taking their road test for their Class 5 Novice 1 licence.

2. *Are students' 30 hours of in class instruction going to continue while classes are suspended?*

This is a possibility. SGI has recently has given us the option of continuing to offer classes through an online format. We are presently working with our instructors to build the capacity to continue classes online. Our goal is to develop online options to support student learning, while ensuring some level of accountability. This will only be available through an online option.

3. *When would these online classes begin?*

Our goal is to have online classes ready to begin by early May. The start date may vary at different locations.

4. *When will we get more specific information about the online class?*

Over the next few weeks, Driver Education instructors will be in contact with parents and students directly. They will be calling parents to see if students are interested and have technology to begin a class, or finish a class they are already in. Any students opting out of this opportunity will be added to our classes next year, whenever they might begin.

5. *Can I still write the exam for my Class 7 learner's licence?*

Students may call SGI to make an appointment to write their learner's exam at the SGI office. The basic knowledge exam, the signs exam and a vision test are all completed at the scheduled appointment.

6. *What are other options for students who are 15 years or older and do not yet have their learner's licence?*

SGI has an option to begin the process with a form for first time drivers that needs to be signed by the parent and school principal. The principal's signature verifies that the student is enrolled or intends to be enrolled in driver education at their school. The *Signature/Guarantor Form for First Time Drivers* and further requirements can be found under option 2 "Take high school driver education" at <https://www.sgi.sk.ca/new-drivers>.