



College of Paramedics of Manitoba		
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1.0 PURPOSE:

To provide eligibility criteria for those who wish to enroll in an approved Emergency Medical Responder Program in Manitoba but who cannot or have not satisfied the current requirement for enrollment of a Class 5 Driver's License.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Class 5 Driver's Learner stage License: the entry level driver's license which is required to operate a passenger vehicle and light truck (cars, SUV, pickup trucks)

Class 5 Intermediate (I) stage driver's license: a driver must possess a Class 5 (Intermediate) license for a *minimum 15 months* to obtain a Class 5 (Full) driver's license.

Class 5 Full (F) stage driver's license:

On completion of the 15-month intermediate stage, a driver can graduate to the Class 5 (Full) Class 5 license stage. Drivers with a full Class 5 may upgrade to full Class 1-4 after passing the appropriate tests.

Class 4 Driver's License: A Class 4 Driver's License is considered a professional driver's license and is required to operate an emergency vehicle.

Requirements for Class 4 Driver's License: Must hold a minimum Class 5I (Intermediate Stage) license or Class 5A (Authorized Instruction Stage) license to obtain Authorized Instruction in Classes 2-4. A driver must possess a Class 5 (Full) driver's license to obtain a Class 4 driver's license.

Emergency Medical Responder Program Approval Criteria (Student Enrollment)

January 1, 2023: Driver's License – Minimum Class 5 Full upon enrollment. Students must be made aware by the Education Provider of the requirement of a minimum Class 4 for operation of an emergency vehicle.



3.0 POLICY

Candidates wishing to enroll in an approved Emergency Medical Responder Program may be doing so to engage in employment that does not require a Class 4 driver's license. (Example Emergency Medical Dispatcher). Exemption from the Class 4 driver's license may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

4.0 PROCEDURE

- 4.1 The Candidate must engage in a consultation with the Education provider to ensure they understand a Class 4 driver's license is required for the operation of an emergency vehicle (ambulance and/or Low acuity patient transport vehicle), and that lack of a Class 4 driver's license may limit employment opportunities.
- 4.2 The Candidate must write/contact the College of Paramedics of Manitoba and request an exemption,
- 4.3 The Education provider must provide documentation to confirm of the consultation (4.1 of this policy) with the candidate has occurred.
- 4.3 Upon review of the requested documentation and request, the College of Paramedics of Manitoba will issue a letter of exemption to the chosen Emergency Medical Responder Program and notify the applicant that the exemption has been granted.