

Identification of Valid Ontario Driver's Licences

Valid Ontario driver's licences issued between 1999 and 2004

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Driver's licence for new drivers: Licence uses blue bar under photo if driver has less than four years of driving experience (not based on age).

Validation: Licence has holographic overlay, micro- and rainbow printing.

Licence number: Coded as follows:

P	=	first letter of last name
9030	=	code for last name
3847	=	first name and middle initial
5-4	=	year of birth
5218	=	month, day of birth (females have 50 added to birth month number)



Licence Term: Up to six years, usually expiring on birthday. Maximum seven years during phase-in period of changing licence term from three to five years. 90-day to six-month extensions available. Under limited circumstances, licence can be extended for five years, one time only. Photo update required on renewal.

Valid Ontario driver's licences issued since December 15, 2004



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Driver's licence for new drivers: Licence uses blue bar under photo if driver has less than four years of driving experience (not based on age).

Validation: Licence has holographic overlay of Ontario's corporate logo in a diagonal design that covers most of the front of the card. There is also a larger design horizontally aligned over the photo box. It is visible in all positions except landscape to ensure visibility of the photo. Licence has rainbow printing and micro-text printing. UV ink printing consists of a large stylized trillium offset to the right of the centre of the card. Corporate logo is printed vertically in UV ink on the right side of the card, near the bottom. UV features can only be viewed with a UV light.

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