

CLASS 1 APPRENTICE TRAINING



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CHAPTER 10 DRIVING A ROAD TRAIN



CONDUITE D'UN TRAIN ROUTIER

To operate a road train, you must comply with the conditions established by the Regulation on the Special Permit for Operating a Road Train. You must also hold a Class 1 driver's license with a T endorsement. **Before being eligible for the addition of this endorsement, you must have sufficient experience driving a combination of road vehicles. You must have held a Class 1 driver's license for at least 5 years and have completed specific training.**



THE SPECIAL OPERATING PERMIT

Some road trains may exceed the total weight and length specified in the Regulation on Load and Dimension Standards Applicable to Road Vehicles and Combinations of Road Vehicles. In this case, the operator or owner must obtain a special operating permit. This permit is issued by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, and the operator or owner can obtain it at a service point designated for this purpose by the Société. When traveling on the road network, you must have the originals of the permit and its annexes with you.

THE REQUIREMENTS

The driver's license

To drive a road train covered by the Regulation, you must hold a Class 1 driver's license with a T endorsement.

- To obtain the T endorsement, you must:
- Have held a **Class 1 license for at least 5 years;**
- Successfully complete the mandatory training program for driving a road train longer than 25 meters at one of the transport training centers (Charlesbourg or Saint-Jérôme)



POWER AND SPEED

To account for the specific dimensions of road trains, their stability, and the geometry of the roads, the Regulation sets a speed limit for road trains. To ensure the safety of other road users, it also requires that the driver maintain a certain distance from other vehicles. Thus, you must drive at:

- A maximum **speed of 90 km/h;**
- **At least 150 meters from any road vehicle ahead of you, unless you need to overtake it. This distance generally allows you to brake and stop without difficulty.**

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

The driver of a road train must:

- Refrain from operating on Sundays and public holidays;
- Drive only on roads where they are authorized to do so;
- Refrain from driving on highways during the following hours from Monday to Friday:
- Between 6:30 AM and 9:00 AM and between 3:30 PM and 6:00 PM (in the city of Quebec),
- Between 5:30 AM and 9:30 AM and between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM (on the island of Montreal).

WEATHER CONDITIONS

- For safety reasons, the driver of a road train must operate only when:
- Visibility allows them to see at a distance of 500 meters or more;
- The roadway is clear (no snow or ice).

THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

It is prohibited to transport dangerous goods in a road train longer than 25 meters when the quantity of dangerous goods requires the display of hazard placards.