## NORTH PEACE

## COMMERCIAL DRIVING ACADEMY

## **CLASS 2S DRIVING SCHOOL**

**Q:** What are the prerequisites for participating in the Class 2S driver training program?

Prior to participating in the Class 2 program, students must:

- Be at least 18 years of age and hold a valid Class 5 driver's license
- Obtain a satisfactory medical report, completed by a physician or nurse practitioner. Medical forms are available from a registry agent, or a doctor.

**Q:** How often do you train new bus drivers?

We try to schedule training as soon as possible after the minimum requirements are met.

Q: How much does the Class 2S program cost?

There is no fee for the Class 2 MELT program through the North Peace Commercial Driving Academy and Peace River School Division. Training fees do apply for non-PRSD trainees.

Q: How long does it take to complete the Class 2S program?

The Class 2S program requires 18 hours of classroom instruction, 11.5 hours of in-yard instruction, and 24 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction for a total of 53.5 hours.

Q: Will I have a Class 2S drivers license after I complete this course?

After you successfully completed all 53.5 hours of the program, then you will be eligible to take the Class 2S written exam at a Provincial Registries office and a road test with a provincially-appointed driving examiner.

Q: Can I obtain the S-endorsement training only?

Yes, if you already have a valid Class 1 or Class 2 license. This would require a minimum of 16 hours of classroom and on-road training with an instructor.

Q: Will you provide a bus for the Class 2S road test with the Provincial examiner?

Yes, North Peace Commercial Driving Academy students can use one of our busses for their road test, if taken locally. There may be a fee for this service.

Will I be paid for the time I invested into the course if I become a bus driver **Q**: for the Peace River School Division?

Yes, upon successfully obtaining your Class 2S license, the PRSD does provide payment for the time drivers invested in their training.

Q: What hours are typically required of a school bus driver?

Typically three to four hours per day depending on the bus route.

Q: Can my toddler or preschooler ride the bus when I am driving?

Yes, upon approval by the transportation manager.

Q: Do I need to be certified in First Aid?

It is not a condition of pre-employment, but upon hiring the PRSD will arrange training.

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Q: How many bus routes does the PRSD operate?

Currently, we operate 70 bus routes, including a specialized run for the St. Thomas More school in Fairview. Our drivers collectively travel approximately 12,500 km every day.

Q: I am a College student, can I apply to be a bus driver?

Yes! If the AM/PM bus route times work with your class schedule, then driving bus is an excellent way to earn money to help pay for tuition.

Q: Who do I contact for more information?

For more information, please contact: Merlin Lee or Tammy Glenn Peace River School Division Transportation Office 780-624-3006

