

DRIVING IN QUEBEC


The *Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec* (SAAQ) is a provincial Crown corporation that issues driver's licences and car registrations. Please note that in Quebec, it is mandatory to have private automobile insurance. The SAAQ does not insure drivers.

Driver's Licence

If you hold a valid driver's licence from outside Quebec, you have six consecutive months following your arrival in Quebec to exchange it for a Quebec licence.


Please note that if your driver's licence from outside Quebec expires before the end of the six-month period, you must obtain the Quebec driver's licence before it expires.

To exchange your licence and to have your driving experience recognized, you must first make an appointment online by completing the form attached at the bottom of the website page:

 <https://saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/make-appointment/exchange-drivers-licence>



If you are unable to make an appointment or for any other question regarding the exchange of your licence, you can speak to a representative of the SAAQ by calling the following number:

 1-888-356-6616

The following are the **original documents** required at your appointment to replace your driver's licence:

- Driver's licence from another province or territory of Canada
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or right of residence in Quebec
- Proof of residence in Quebec
- Proof that you resided in the province or on the territory that issued your licence if you have obtained it less than 3 years ago.

If you have a driver's **licence issued abroad**, check this link to see if the country of issue has an agreement with Canada or not:



[Canadian or foreign licence - SAAQ \(gouv.qc.ca\)](https://www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca)

Vehicle Registration


To obtain a Quebec licence plate, you must have your vehicle inspected by a SAAQ agent so that it complies with current standards.

The only service centre in Saguenay is in the Chicoutimi District:

Autolook inc.

205, rue des Laurentides

Chicoutimi (Québec)

 418-696-1352

Then, you must go to the SAAQ office and present the following documents:

- Driver's licence from another province or territory of Canada
- Mechanical inspection certificate
- ID card with photo.

To find the **nearest office** or for more details about your driver's licence and vehicle registration, visit the SAAQ website:

 <https://saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/>

Subsequently, you can create an **online account** to make all future requests/ transactions on:

 [SAAQ Online Services](#)

Road Conditions

Visit the Québec 511 website to find out about the state of road networks, warnings in effect, road works, rest areas, etc.

 <https://www.quebec511.info/en/default.aspx>

Winter Tires

The period during which winter tires are mandatory begins on December 1 and ends on March 15. However, it is strongly recommended to extend this period beyond the prescribed dates, due to possible snow cover on the road from November to April.

Child Car Seats


Child car seats and seat belts **are mandatory**. Visit the Child Safety Seats



section on the website:


 **Child Safety Seat**

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