

# Driver's Abstracts: Information Sheet

All requests for Motor Vehicle Information are subject to strict Alberta legislation governing its release. For further information, please see the [Access to Motor Vehicle Information Regulation \(AMVIR\)](#) on Queen's Printer website and on the [Requesting protected motor vehicle data page](#), on the [website](#) of the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services ("Registrar").

Driver's abstract means a family of motor vehicle information products released by the Registrar under Section 5 of AMVIR. Currently, the Registrar **may** release the following driver's abstract information products:

- 3-, 5-, 10-year printed Driver Abstract;
- 3-Year electronic Driver Abstract;
- 3-, 5-, 10-year printed Commercial Driver Abstract.

The preferred release channel for driver's abstracts is through an [Alberta registry agent](#).

## Driver Abstract (SDA)

The Driver Abstract - often referred as Standard Driver Abstract (SDA) - may be released to the driver or to a party having a valid purpose in legislation. A Driver Abstract provides the current status of an operator's licence and lists conviction information, any applicable demerit points, and suspensions. However, the Driver Abstract is neither the confirmation of the individual's driving experience nor the confirmation of the date first licensed.

The Driver Abstract confirms information from an individual's driving record that includes: name, address, date of birth, height, weight, sex, MVID number, operator license number and issue date, expiration date, class, current demerit points, suspended status, reinstatement conditions (if any) and the list of violations (descriptions, demerit/merit points, and suspension term).

The Driver Abstract is released through Alberta registry agents as 3-, 5- or 10-year printed reports.

## Commercial Driver Abstract (CDA)

At the request of the commercial carrier industry, Alberta Transportation and Service Alberta have developed a new driver's abstract report. The Commercial Driver Abstract (CDA) enhances the employer's ability to assess safety risks associated with a driver prior to hiring.

The CDA adds information related to instances of Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) inspections to information from an individual's driving record that is normally embedded in the Driver Abstract. However, unlike the SDA, the CDA does not include driver's height, weight, sex, and date of birth information. The CDA may be released through Alberta registry agents, as 3-year printed reports, to the driver and to those parties identified in [Registrar's Decisions: Notification 01/2011](#). Further, the *Registrar's Decisions: Notifications 01/2012* notifies the public about the release of 5- and 10-year CDAs. Additional information about the CDA is available on the [Alberta Transportation website](#).

## **Requesting a Copy of Your Abstract in the Office of a Registry Agent**

You may request printed copies of your own driver's abstract in person, in the office of any valid [Alberta registry agent](#). You have to present acceptable photo identification and complete the [Request for Personal Driving and Motor Vehicle Information](#) (REG 3394) form (pdf) by checking the appropriate box indicating the type of driver's abstract you require and signing and dating the form in front of the registry agent clerk.

## **Requesting a Copy of Your Abstract if You Are Outside Alberta**

You may request your driver's abstract from any location in the world by using the [Notarized Request for Personal Driving and Motor Vehicle Information](#) (REG 3392) form (pdf). Before you can order your driver's abstract you have to prepare a copy of the appropriate photo ID and date and sign the form in the office of a Notary Public. The Notary Public is required to verify your identity and to notarize both the completed form and the copy of the photo ID used for identification purposes.

You have to contact an [Alberta registry agent](#) to order and pay the applicable costs. Before releasing information the registry agent has to receive the notarized (sealed) documents. The registry agent is required to send to you the original information product by registered mail or courier to the address indicated in the notarized request.

## **Authorizing an Individual to Request Your Abstract on Your Behalf**

When you are out of Alberta, you may ask an individual who is personally known to you and who you **trust** and accepts to represent you to obtain your driver's abstract on your behalf. You have to complete the [Driver Abstract Consent](#) (REG3387) form (pdf) by checking the 5(1)(a) box, dating, and signing PART 1 of the form. You may send the completed form directly to that individual or to the registry agent providing service to you.

The individual representing you **must** be physically present in the office of the registry agent, present the appropriate photo ID, and sign and complete the [Driver Abstract Statement of Intent](#) (REG3388) form (pdf). The form must be signed and dated in front of a registry agent clerk that also signs the form as a witness.

## **Requesting a Copy of a Minor's Abstract in the Office of a Registry Agent**

A parent/legal guardian may apply on behalf of a minor (person under 18 years of age), who is not self-supporting or married. The parent/guardian must supply acceptable identification, complete the [Driver Abstract Statement of Intent](#) (REG 3388) form (pdf) by checking the 5(1)(b)(iv) box and the appropriate box for the type of driver's abstract required. The form must be signed and dated in front of a registry agent clerk that also signs the form as a witness.

## **Other Types of Requests**

Under AMVIR other parties may be authorized to request your driver's abstract. For example, the Registrar may release your driver's abstract to an employer or prospective employer, or to a lawyer (law firm) when that party has your valid written consent. For further information, please consult the [Requesting protected motor vehicle data page](#), on the [website](#) of the Registrar.