

NOVICE DRIVER LICENSING FOR CLASS 6 (MOTORCYCLE) OR M IN CANADA (UPDATED FALL 2006)* **

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	ONTARIO	NOVA SCOTIA	BRITISH COLUMBIA	NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
Effective date	April 1, 1994	October 1, 1994	August 1998 (Modified October 6, 2003)	August 1, 2005
Applicants	All new drivers regardless of age and persons whose licence expired over 3 years ago. Applies to both motorcycles and passenger vehicles. Period is the same whether or not the person holds a class G licence. Effective November 2005, moped riders required to undergo all motorcycle testing (knowledge and road tests) and graduated licensing requirements	All new drivers regardless of age. Applies only to the first class applied for at the novice level, Class 7. Duration of the novice licence is shorter if the person holds a class 5 licence.	All new drivers regardless of age. Applies only to the first class applied for at the probationary licence level. Shorter learner stage and no novice stage if the person holds a Class 5 (full privilege) driver's licence. See overview of BC's motorcycle licensing programs at: http://www.icbc.com/licensing/lic_getlic_mbike-noDL.asp	All new drivers regardless of age. Does apply to motorcycles also.
Learner's licence	1. Class M1	1. Class LM	1. Class 8L	1. Class 7
Period of validity	Minimum 60 days.	6 months without driving course (if class 5, 3 months). 3 months with driving course (if class 5, 1 month).	Class 8 learner's licence (for new riders who are also new drivers) valid for 2 years. Class 6 learner's licence (for new riders who hold a full privilege Class5 driver's licence) valid for 1 year. Class 8 learner's licence must be held for minimum 12 months. Class 6 learner's licence must be held for minimum 30 days.	12 months.
Requirements	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test. Parental consent not mentioned.	16 years old. Vision test, knowledge test, and closed-track test. Parental consent if under 18.	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test. Parental consent if under 19.	15 years old. Vision test and knowledge test.
Contents of knowledge test	Traffic rules. Road signs and signals. Motorcycle operation.	Traffic rules, road signs and signals, motorcycle operation rules. + Test on closed track: balance test. Pre-trip inspection, balance and basic manoeuvres, emergency brake application.	40 questions on rules of the road and safe riding including 7 road signs Pass mark 80 %.	Minimum 20 questions on the "Rules of the Road" and the "Operation of Vehicles".
Use conditions				
Alcohol	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol; 6 months suspension, if alcohol detected.	Zero alcohol (Class 8 learner; does not apply to Class 6 learner).	Zero alcohol.
Demerit points	9 points (instead of 15).	4 points instead of 10 if holder of Class LM (Class 7). 6 points if holder of Class 6N.	Possible 1-month suspension at 4 points and more if more points are accumulated (instead of 15 to 19).	6 points (instead of 15), for one-month suspension.
Accompanying rider	None.	None.	Class 8 learner must be supervised by person 25 or older who holds a valid class 6 driver's licence until the motorcycle skills test has been passed. Class 6 learner must be supervised by person 19 or older who holds a valid class 6 driver's licence until the motorcycle skills test has been passed.	One instructor, on their own motorcycle, with at least 2 years of "Class 5 experience", not counting novice driver time.
Restriction	Only during daylight hours (½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset) and only for the purpose of training.	Only during daylight hours (½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset) – except if class 5 driver's licence.	Only during daylight hours (from sunrise to sunset).	Between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.; shall not operate in speed zones of 70km/h or greater.
Passengers	No passengers.	No passenger.	No passenger.	No passengers.

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special characteristics	Not drive on roads with a posted speed limit over 80 km, including the 400-series highways (except certain highways because no other route available). Suspension of 30 days if peace officer writes a ticket for violation of licence use conditions.	Holder must start over the process if given a suspension. Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new drivers in Nova Scotia must start licensing system with a Class 7 learners license. Can be balance tested for a learner motorcycle license once on system with a Class 7 license. Can upgrade to a 6N in 3 months if a motorcycle training course completed. 	Class 8 learner must display L (learner) sign at rear of motorcycle (does not apply to Class 6 learner). May not drive over 60 km/h. 60 km/h and supervisor restrictions may be removed by passing motorcycle skills test (closed track) – may be taken after minimum 30 days (Class 8 learner) or 14 days (Class 6 learner).	A suspension period will extend the length of the period with a learner's licence.
Training	Optional.	Optional.	Optional. Motorcycle skills test waived if approved motorcycle skills course is taken.	Optional.
Probationary licence or equivalent	2. Class M2	2. Class 6N	2. Class 8N	2. Class 6P
Period of validity	Minimum 22 months without driving course. Minimum 18 months with driving course (at first or second level).	24 months.	Minimum 24 months.	12 months; Registrar has the power to extend longer if driving record is unsatisfactory.
Requirements	Pass first level road test. New requirement of moped riders to complete level 1 road test to obtain licence to operate moped.	Road test except if motorcycle course which includes road test.	Class 8 road test.	Successful completion of the written learner's test
Contents of road test	15 to 20-minute test, basic manoeuvres that deal with starting, turns, lane changes, and parallel parking. Partly on closed track and partly on road.	30-minute test that includes basic manoeuvres such as lane changes, intersections, turning, parking, signalling, obeying signs and signals, etc.	45-minute test in traffic with an examiner following in a car driven by another staff person. Pre-trip inspection. Handling abilities and different manoeuvres. Hazard perception and identification.	
Use conditions	May carry passengers.			
Alcohol	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.
Suspension for demerit points	9 points (instead of 15).	6 points (instead of 10).	Possible 1-month suspension at 4 points and more if more points are accumulated (instead of 15 to 19).	6 points (instead of 15), for one-month suspension.
Restriction	New "L" licence condition restricts licence holders to operating a limited-speed motorcycle (maximum speed 70 km/h) and moped if road tests were taken on either of these vehicles.	Midnight to 5 a.m., except for work purposes (official exemption application, shortest route, and no passenger).		Must be 16 years of age; must have successfully completed 12-month learner stage (class 7).
Passengers				No passengers.
Special characteristics	If a driving course is taken (87% of cases in 2003), an M1-type test is included in the course. The test exemption is valid for 6 months.	Holder must start over the 24-month period if given a suspension.	N (novice) sign at rear of motorcycle. Holder must start over the probation period if given a driving prohibition. Ineligible for apply for commercial (Class 1-4) driver's licence.	A suspension period will extend the length of the period with a probationary licence.
Driver's licence	3. Class M	3. Class 6 (or mention A or C)	3. Class 6	3. Class 6

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Requirements	Exit test; to take the test, applicants must sign a declaration confirming they have acquired driving skills on highways. New requirement of moped riders to complete level 2 road test to obtain full licence to operate moped.	Have taken the <i>Driver improvement program</i> including 6 hours of <i>Defensive Driving</i> or motorcycle training course will shorten time	Class 6 road test (exit test).	Successful completion of the road test.
Contents of road test	30-minute test that deals with advanced knowledge and driving skills; manoeuvres such as starting, turns, lane changes, roadside stop, expressway driving, and driving in a curve. Applicants who bring moped or limited-speed motorcycle (max. speed of 70km/h) not required to test on expressways. New "L" licence condition will be applied to Class M restricting holders to operating limited-speed motorcycles and mopeds.		Manoeuvres on highway system; hazard perception and identification. More advanced test than Class 8 road test. Approximately 1 hour with higher pass scoring than first test.	Pre-Trip Inspection; basic driving skills and maneuvers.
Special characteristics	The first two steps (M1 and M2) must be completed within 5 years maximum; otherwise, tests must be taken over within 6 months of the 5-year cut-off date, failing which the process must be started over entirely. Holders of M2 or M licence with L condition must pass both road tests on large motorcycle to hold unrestricted motorcycle licence.	No novice stage if applicant already holds a class 1 - 5 licence. No road test if the applicant took a motorcycle training program.	No novice stage if applicant already holds a class 5 licence and no novice (Class 8) road test required. Class 6 road test only.	
Modifications currently in development or implementation stage				No changes planned in the near future.
Penalties applied	Penalties under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) and Regulations HTA (depend on the case) .	Normal suspension under Motor Vehicle Act	Minimum penalty for violating any of GLP restrictions is a fine of 109 \$. If a driver gets four penalty points (usually 2 tickets) they can be prohibited from driving for one month. More than four points could lead to a longer prohibition. Violation of the zero-blood alcohol limit is: 1) an immediate 12-hour suspension and 2) a one month driving prohibition (first violation) or 3) a one year prohibition (repeat violations). Besides facing penalties that apply only to new drivers, drivers in GLP are also subject to the regular penalties that apply to all drivers. Please see the following chart outlining BC's penalties and associated points/fines: www.icbc.com/Licensing/lic_fines_pen_fine_chart.asp	Offences penalties do not distinguish between novice and non-novice drivers (except for administrative licence suspensions). Fines for Motor Vehicle Act offences are listed in the Summary Conviction Regulations (available upon request).
Program evaluation carried out	Yes. Prevalence of moped and motorcycle collisions and impact of graduated licensing on motorcycle collisions reviewed prior to program development for L licence condition and to new requirement for mopedists to undergo motorcycle road testing.	Yes	Yes	No formal evaluation at this time due to resource constraints.

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Report on program evaluation	Not available. Major findings: Greatest safety benefits continue to be seen among 16-year-old drivers; average fatal and injury collision involvement rate for the 5 years following implementation of GLS is 72 per cent lower than the average fatal and injury collision involvement rate for the 6 years before the program. Results also show that the average fatal and injury collision involvement rate for drivers aged 16-19 decreased by 37 per cent for the five years following program implementation when compared to the six years before the program. By comparison, average fatal and injury collision involvement rate for drivers aged 25-54 decreased by only 19 per cent during same time period. In the five years after GLS implemented, average collision involvement rate for drivers aged 16-19 decreased by 30 per cent when compared to the six years before the program was implemented. By comparison, average collision involvement rate for drivers aged 25-54 decreased only 10 per cent during same time period. Found in reviewing the collision statistics of motorcycles and mopeds that motorcycle rider fatalities increased by 36.8% from 2002 to 2003 and motorcycle hospital admissions increased by 11.4% in the same period. Moped injury collisions from 1999 to 2003 more than doubled while the number of moped registrations declined by almost one third in the same period. From 2002 to 2003, the number of moped injury collisions rose 33%.	TIRF Report is available on Internet site: www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/rmv/tirf/exec.asp	Report available: <u>Graduated Licensing Program Interim Evaluation Report – Year 3, prepared by Sandi Wiggins, June 30, 2004.</u> This report can be accessed via the following link: www.icbc.com/Library/pdf/glp_year_3_evaluation_report.pdf Major findings: 1) GLP has been effective in reducing new driver crashes. During its first three years, GLP successfully reduced BC's new driver crash rate by 16 %. 2) No evidence was found to support the continued provision of a time incentive to new drivers for completing an ICBC – approved driver education course. The evaluation found new drivers who completed a GLP approved Driver Education course had 27 % higher odds of being involved in a crash during their first 6 months of Novice stage driving than new drivers who take no driver training.	
Program evaluation plan in near future	No. Ongoing monitoring of the GLS program.	No		
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	ALBERTA	MANITOBA	NEW BRUNSWICK	PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
Effective date	Since 1998-New rules May 20, 2003	January 1, 2003	January 1, 1996 (passenger vehicle)	October 2006
Applicants	All new drivers regardless of age. Applies only to first class applied for, both for the learner and the probationary licence.	All new drivers regardless of age. Drivers are required to complete the intermediate stage once in either Class 5 or Class 6. To apply for a class 6 licence, applicants must hold a minimum of a class 5 stage L licence.	All new drivers regardless of age. Graduated licensing applies only to passenger class licences.	All new drivers regardless of age. It is not a probationary license per se, rather, restrictions apply.
Learner's licence	1. Class 7	1 Class 6M and 6L	None	1. Class 6
Period of validity	Licence is valid for five years and must be retained for a minimum of 12 months.	6M: for training course only 6L: 9 months – must hold a valid licence to accumulate time credit.		1 year
Requirements	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test. Parental consent if under 18.	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test: for class 6M Must pass course for class 6L Parental consent if under 18.		16 years Vision test and knowledge test. Parental Consent.
Contents of knowledge test	Knowledge test of 20 questions on traffic rules (score a minimum of 80%). Test will increase to 30 questions early in 2007, with a required minimum score of 25/30.	Traffic rules, and road signs and signals.		No knowledge test
Use conditions				Day time use only No passengers Within 30 km of home.
Alcohol	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.		Zero tolerance
Suspension for demerit points	8 points (instead of 15).	If Novice in Class 5 Driver Improvement Intervention at a lower threshold.		
Accompanying rider	Person 18 or older who holds a non-GLD motorcycle licence. On motorcycle or other motorcycle, or in vehicle (\$200 and 2 demerit points).			Person who holds a driver license
Restriction	Night-time (One hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise the following day) (\$100 and 2 demerit points).	Only during daylight hours (½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset).		Daytime use only while operating with permit No passengers Within 30 km of residence No restrictions after successful completion of road test
Passengers	Under review.	None		No passengers
Special characteristics		May not tow a vehicle.		30 km from residence

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Training	Optional.	1-day practical training mandatory when applying for class 6 L.		Optional.
Probationary licence or equivalent	2. Class 6 probationary or GDL	2. Class 6I	None	Graduated Drivers License
Period of validity	Must be retained for a minimum of 24 months.	15 months-must hold a valid licence to accumulate time credit.		24 months
Requirements	16 years old. Practical test on closed track and in traffic, or in traffic only if no facility available for lot exercises. Under review.	Road test.		16 years Practical road test
Contents of road test	Approximately 30-minute test. Knowledge of vehicle, starting, turning, lane changes, lane driving, parking, intersections with or without lights, level crossings, yield, speed control in light, medium and heavy traffic.	20-minute test. Right and left turns, lane changes, stop signs, etc.		
Use conditions				
Alcohol	Zero alcohol (violation, 30-day suspension).	Zero alcohol.		Zero tolerance
Suspension for demerit points	8 points (instead of 15). Defensive Driving course may result in removal of 3 points once every two years.	If Novice in Class 5 Driver Improvement Intervention at a lower threshold.		1 month suspension if 6 points accumulated in first year of driving. 1 month suspension if 9 points accumulated in second year of driving.
Restriction	No upgrade to a commercial licence. The last 12 months of the probationary licence must be suspension free.			Under direct supervision of a class 6 operator No passengers Day time use only within 30 km of home.
Passengers				No passengers
Special characteristics	May not accompany a learner.			
Driver's licence	3. Class 6	3. Class 6F	1. Class 6 (or endorsement A, C or D (550 cm³ or less))	2. Class 6
Requirements	Enhanced road test (in 2005).	If applicant holds a class 5 full stage, credit is given for the intermediate stage and the road test must be passed to upgrade to class 6F.	Vision test and knowledge test (road signs, traffic rules, knowledge). Test on closed track. Parental consent if under 18.	Completed Driver Education Course or Novice Driver Course and completed road test.

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Road test	The test would determine if the rider can handle complex driving situations safely and responsibly. (1 hour)		Approximately 30 minutes. Knowledge of controls, circle, figure 8, slow ride, serpentine, stop.	45 minutes road test, performance based test assessing applicant's ability to handle vehicle, apply the rules of the road in traffic environment, be able to perform complex driving maneuvers, backing, parking changing lanes and at the same time exercise caution and good judgment in terms of safety and courteous driving practices.
Special characteristics		Zero alcohol in the first 3 years whether or not the person holds a class 5 licence. If Novice in Class 5 Driver Improvement Intervention at a lower threshold.		First year: 1-month suspension at 6 points Second year: 1-month suspension at 9 points, Zero alcohol tolerance.
Modifications currently in development or implementation stage		Effective December 16, 2006 Novice Drivers in Full stage subject to zero alcohol for 3 years.		
Penalties applied	Learner's – Riding without an accompanying driver – 200 \$ and 2 demerit points; Riding at night 100 \$ and 2 demerit points. Learner and Probationary – Violation of zero alcohol – 30 day suspension.	If a Novice Driver has involvement, they may be sent a warning letter, required to complete a driver course or required to attend a Show Cause Hearing where Licence suspension of up to 10 years may be considered. If the Licence is suspended there is a 50 \$ reinstatement fee. No fine for suspension.		Riding unaccompanied Zero alcohol Tolerance
Program evaluation carried out	No	No		Yes, monitoring is ongoing
Report on program evaluation				
Program evaluation plan in near future	A review is planned as part of the general GDL review.	No, there will be an evaluation in the future, but nothing has been set as of yet.		
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	NEWFOUNDLAND ⁽¹⁾ (1) the information was not updated for 2006	YUKON	SASKATCHEWAN	QUÉBEC
Effective date	January 1, 1999	September 11, 2000	September 2004	June 30, 1997- updated January 1, 2001
Applicants	All new drivers regardless of age. Applies only to the first class applied for with reference to the probationary licence; period of the motorcycle novice class is shorter if the person holds a class 5 licence; conditions vary.	All new drivers regardless of age. Applies only to the first class applied for at the novice level.	Restrictions during the first 2 years (probationary licence). All new drivers regardless of age. Applies only to the first class applied for, both for the learner's and the probationary licence.	All new drivers regardless of age must first hold a learner's licence. The probationary licence is for drivers aged 16 to 24. It is valid for 24 months or until age 25, whichever comes first. Applies only to the first class applied for in connection with the probationary licence for a passenger car or motorcycle.
Learner's licence	1. Class 6I	1. Class 7- code 34 (GDL learner)	1. Class 6	1. Class 6R and 6A
Period of validity	12 months without course (if class 5, 3 months). 8 months with course (if class 5, 1 month).	6 months; no reduction if driver course.	6 months.	6R: for 1-month training course. 6A: for 7-month supervised training.
Requirements	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test (score 85%) plus balance test. Parental consent if under 19.	15 years old. Vision test and knowledge test. Parental consent if under 18.	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test.	16 years old. Vision test and knowledge test for 6R. Complete course for class 6A. Closed-track test for 6A. Parental consent if under 18.
Contents of knowledge test	Road signs and signals. Motorcycle operation rules. Safe driving.	Knowledge of traffic rules, road signs, laws and safe driving rules.	Test on motorcycle traffic rules and safe driving practices.	Road signs and signals (12/16). Highway Safety Code (12/16). Driving techniques (24/32). MOST test on closed track (51/68).
Use conditions				
Alcohol	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.
Suspension for demerit points	6 points (instead of 12).	7 points (instead of 15).		4 points (instead of 15).
Accompanying rider	Person who has held a motorcycle licence for at least 4 years. On another motorcycle or in a car.	Person who has held a class 6 licence for 2 years. On motorcycle (not recommended), other motorcycle or car.		Person who has held a motorcycle class licence for at least 2 years (other motorcycle).
Restriction	Nighttime driving prohibited (½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise).	Only during daylight hours, never between midnight and 5 a.m.	Not to operate from 1/2 hr after sunset until 1/2 hr before sunrise.	
Passengers	No passengers.	No passengers.	No passengers.	No passengers.
Special characteristics	Prohibition from driving on roads with a posted speed limit over 80 km. If suspension, first level must be completed again but credit is given for driving course and test.	Learner's licence vest. If failure to meet conditions or a penalty is imposed, the learner stage must be repeated	Operate only within 100 km. radius of address shown on driver's licence.	

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Formation	Optional.	Optional.	Optional, except for 15-year old.	Mandatory.
Continued	NEWFOUNDLAND⁽¹⁾ (1) the information was not updated for 2004	YUKON	SASKATCHEWAN	QUÉBEC
Probationary licence or equivalent	2. Class 6II	2. Class 6- Code 36 (GDL Novice)	2. Class 6 –probation	2. Classes 6A-6B or 6C
Period of validity	12 months	18 months	1 year	24 months
Requirements	Road test.	Road test. 16 years old. Have completed at least 30 hours of practical training with a supervisor confirmed in a legal declaration co-signed by a parent or supervisor.	Road test. 16 years old.	Road test.
Contents of road test	Test in traffic. Knowledge of traffic rules, road signs and signals, riding and riding skills.	Road test.	Approximately 30 minutes. Start, stop, intersections with or without lights, road signs and signals, driving in correct lane, parallel parking, turns, hazard prevention, safe driving.	Approximately 45 minutes. Score 75%. Driving skills while performing basic manoeuvres (intersections, turns, curves, straight lines, lane changes, etc.), obeying rules, safety techniques, and motorcycle handling.
Use conditions				
Alcohol	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.	Zero alcohol.
Suspension for demerit points.	6 points (instead of 12).	7 points (instead of 15).		4 points (instead of 15).
Restriction	Midnight to 5 a.m.	Midnight to 5 a.m., except if accompanied by a person who has held a class 6 licence for 2 years.		
Passengers		May not take on passengers under 13 years old.		
Special characteristics	If demerit point suspension, must complete a driver course. Completing the course permits the removal of 4 points. If suspension, second level must be completed again but credit is given for road test.	If failure to meet conditions or a penalty is imposed, the novice stage must be repeated.	Driver must avoid offences during this period. Period may be extended to 3 years if interview is required because driving record is not satisfactory.	
Driver's licence	3. Class 6 (or endorsement 6)	3. Class 6	3. Class 6 (or endorsement M)	3. Classes 6A-6B or 6C
Requirements	If applicants hold a class 5 licence, they may skip level II but must pass the road test to be admitted to this level.	If applicants hold a class 5 licence, they may skip the novice stage but must pass the road test to be admitted to class 6. Must apply to MV for full completion of Novice stage.	After two years provided there is no incident on record.	If an applicant has already ended the probationary period for class 5 or is age 25 or over, the road test is taken at this level.

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Road test		No exit road test required		
Special characteristics				
Modifications currently in development or implementation stage				
Penalties applied		The individual receives a 1 month suspension for his first demerit point suspension within 1 year as well as a \$50 reinstatement fee and a registrars review (prior to restarting the current phase), their 2 nd demerit point suspension within 1 year results in a 2 month suspension, \$100 reinstatement fee and automatic referral to the Driver Control Board (driver must comply with any reinstatement conditions imposed by the Driver Control Board). Upon completion of any demerit point will be reduced to "3".	A probationary driver is asked to attend an interview or a Traffic Safety Workshop after two low risk convictions or one high risk conviction or accident. The probationary period is extended by one month. Following the interview, the driver may be asked to attend a Defensive Driving course or a Driver Improvement Training course, take more driver training or a another test. If the driver is interviewed more than once, a suspension period of 1, 3 or 6 months is imposed. There are no fines associated with the suspensions but the driver pays for the courses or training.	A learner's licence or probationary licence is suspended for 3 months following the accumulation of 4 demerit points, rather than 15 points for the driver's licence. Once the suspension is over, the licence is valid again but the length of the period of validity of the learner's licence or probationary licence is extended by 3 months. Learner's licence and probationary licence holders are prohibited from consuming alcohol. If an offence is committed, 4 demerit points are entered on the driver's record, resulting in a 3-month licence suspension. The offender may also be fined between \$300 and \$600.
Program evaluation carried out		No	No	No
Report on program evaluation				
Program evaluation plan in near future		Yes, in 2005.	Yes, in 2004-2005..	Yes, in 2007.
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