

# Notice to Young Drivers Concerning Class Action Against Short-Term Vehicle Rental Companies

Please read this notice carefully, your rights may be affected

**A Class action has been authorized against short-term vehicle rental companies regarding Quebec drivers aged 16 to 24**

On April 13, 2021, in Court file number 500-06-001016-191, the Honorable Judge Chantal Tremblay of the Superior Court of the District of Montreal authorized a class action for persons belonging to the following group:

*“Since August 16, 2016, any natural person in Quebec under the age of 25 who has entered into a short-term vehicle rental contract or has been refused such a contract with one or more of the following companies*

*1- 2642-0398 Québec inc. (Autoplateau location)*

*2- 9007-3529 Québec inc. (Autorentacanada.com)*

*3- Budgetauto inc.*

*4- Aviscar inc.*

*5- 2313-7292 Québec inc. (Discount car and truck rentals and Via route)*

*6- L'équipe Dany Sévigny inc. (Discount car and truck rentals and Via route Sherbrooke)*

*7- Enterprise Canada, the car rental company (Enterprise, National and Alamo)*

*8- 9093-4233 Québec inc. (Globe Car)*

*9- Globe car and truck rentals inc.*

on February 9, 2022, in the same Court file number 500-06-001016-191, the Honourable Judge Lucas Granosik authorized the exercise of a class action for persons belonging to the following group:

*Since June 30, 2021, any natural person in Quebec under the age of 25 who has entered into a short-term vehicle rental contract or has been refused such a contract with one or the other of the following companies:*

10- Hertz Canada Limited;

11- Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group Canada inc.

(hereinafter: the Group)”

The plaintiff **Option consommateurs** represents the members in this class action, in collaboration with a designated person, Mr. **Guillaume Rousseau**.

Option consommateurs blames these short-term vehicle rental companies (hereinafter: Companies) for exercising a discriminatory and injurious practice by charging additional fees or refusing to conclude a rental contract for some or any type of vehicle due to the age of one of the drivers named in the rental contract.

### Does it concern me?

The class action has been authorized for persons belonging to Group.

So it concerns you if since August 16, 2016 or, for Hertz Canada Limited and Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group Canada inc. since June 30, 2021, while you were under the age of 25, you entered into a short-term vehicle rental contract or you were refused such a contract with one of the Companies.

### What is it about?

A class action is a process that allows a person or organization to take legal action on behalf of a group of people who claim to have experienced a similar problem. Here, Option consommateurs has taken a class action on behalf of a group of young drivers.

This class action is to force the defendant rental car companies to cease their discriminatory and injurious practices based on the age of the drivers and to compensate the members of the Group.

This class action will be brought in the district of Montreal.

### What should I do if I want to participate?

If this class action concerns you, you do not have to register or do anything else to be part of it. You are automatically included in the class action.

A member other than a representative or a stakeholder cannot be called upon to pay the legal costs of the class action.

Any member wishing to intervene in this class action may ask the court to have his intervention received, if it is considered useful to the Group.

### What do I have to do if I want to exclude myself?

A member who does not wish to be included in this procedure may exclude himself from the Group by sending an exclusion request to the clerk of the Superior Court of the district of Montreal, preferably by registered or certified mail before the expiry of the exclusion period, to the following address:

Greffe de la Cour supérieure du Québec  
1, Notre-Dame street East,  
Montreal, H2Y 1B6

By sending the exclusion form to the registry, you will no longer be part of the class action. Excluding yourself could allow you to sue on your own for the damages that you claim to have suffered. However, you will not be able to obtain payment if the class action is successful or if a settlement is reached between the parties. The deadline to exclude yourself is **June 9, 2022**, the postmark being proof of the date of dispatch.

If you are a member and have not opted out by **June 9, 2022**, as indicated above, you will be automatically bound by any judgment to be made on the authorized class action.

### To find out more

For more information on this class action, we invite you to consult the following website: <https://spavocats.ca/class-actions/young-drivers/> or to visit the website of the Register of class actions at the following address: <https://www.registredesactionscollectives.quebec/en>.

If you have any questions, you can also contact:

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