

Information for Commercial Carriers

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This booklet is intended as a guide only and as such has been written as a plain language summary to help you understand some of the laws in British Columbia affecting commercial carriers. You should refer to the **Commercial Transport Act (CTA)**, the **Commercial Transport Regulations (CTR)**, **Motor Fuel Tax Act (MFTA)**, **Passenger Transportation Act (PTA)** and other acts for a full statement of the law. In the event of a conflict between this booklet and any provision of the above acts and regulations, the acts and regulations shall apply. All acts and regulations are subject to change without notice.

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1. Maximum Legal Sizes and Weights

Metric Conversion Chart

1 m = 3.28 ft.	1 ft. = .30 m
1 cm = .39 in.	1 in. = 2.54 cm
1 kg = 2.2 lbs.	1 lb. = .45 kg

Non-Commercial Vehicles

Size

- a) a vehicle having a total outside width, with or without load, not exceeding 2.6 m, except that loads of loose hay, loose straw, or loose fodder may project over the sides of the vehicle such a distance as results in a total outside width not in excess of 3.1 m. Mirrors that measure not more than 20 cm in width are not included in the 2.6 m
- b) a vehicle having a height, with or without load, not exceeding 4.15 m
- c) a single vehicle having an overall length, with or without load, not exceeding 12.5 m, except as provided in clauses d) and e)
- d) a trailer, the overall length not exceeding 12.5m, except the overall length may be extended to include refrigeration and/or heating unit, or air deflector attached to the front of the trailer or non-load carrying equipment may extend 30 cm beyond the front or 10 cm beyond the rear
- e) a semi-trailer having an overall length not exceeding 14.65 m but not including an air deflector, heater or refrigerator unit attached to the front of the trailer.
A semi-trailer over 14 m long but not exceeding 14.65 m long may only be equipped

with 2 axles in contact with the ground

- f) a combination of vehicles having an overall length, with or without load not exceeding 20 m, except as provided in clauses g) and h)
- g) a combination of vehicles that contains more than one articulation point, and has an overall length, including its load, not exceeding 23 m

Note: There are restrictions on such items as drawbar lengths, front kingpin to rear distance, projection, overhangs, lift axles, etc. Please refer to the regulations for full restrictions.

Weight

- a) Single axle 9,100 kg
- b) Tandem axles
 - less than 1.2 m..... 16,500 kg
 - 1.2 m to 1.85 m 17,000 kg
- c) The allowable maximum licensed gross vehicle weight is governed by tire size, 100 kg per cm of tire width, and the number and spacing of axles as shown in Table 1 on page 7.

Note: During spring break-up, load limitations are imposed by the Ministry of Transportation. These limitations are usually fixed at legal axle loads on the main numbered highways (no overload permits will be issued) and 70 per cent or 50 per cent of legal axle loading on the secondary highways and side roads throughout the province.

Commercial Vehicles

- a) means
 - i) a truck tractor and semi-trailer combination
 - ii) an A train
 - iii) a B train, or
 - iv) a C train
 - in which at least one semi-trailer or full trailer
 - v) was manufactured after August 31, 1988
 - vi) after December 31, 2004 is licensed under

- Section 6 of the *Commercial Transport Act*
- vii) after June 30, 1990 is registered for the first time in the province
- b) means
- i) a C train with a C converter dolly, or
 - ii) an intercity bus in which the C converter dolly or intercity bus
 - iii) was manufactured after December 31, 1992
 - iv) after December 31, 1999 is licensed under Section 6 of the *Commercial Transport Act*
- c) means
- i) a truck
 - ii) a truck and pony trailer combination, or
 - iii) a truck and full trailer combination in which the truck or both vehicles of the combinations
 - iv) were manufactured after December 31, 1992
 - v) after December 31, 2004 are licensed under Section 6 of the *Commercial Transport Act*
- d) means a combination of vehicles equipped with a tridem axle on a semi-trailer, pony trailer or full trailer

Size and Weight

- a) a vehicle having a total outside width, with or without load, not in excess of 2.6 m
 - b) a vehicle having a height, with or without load, not in excess of 4.15 m
 - c) projection forward of kingpin maximum 2-metre radius
- d) **Tandem Drive**
- i) tandem drive truck tractor wheelbase not to exceed 6.2 m and the interaxle spacing not to be less than 3.0 m
 - ii) tridem drive truck tractor wheelbase minimum 6.6 m, maximum 6.8 m and the interaxle spacing not to be less than 3.0 m

- e) **Truck Tractor and Single Semi-trailer**
- i) maximum overall length including load, 23.0 m
 - ii) maximum overall length of semi-trailer, 16.2 m
 - iii) wheelbase of semi-trailer not less than 6.25 m, not more than 12.5 m and
 - iv) effective rear overhang on semi-trailer not to exceed 35% of the semi-trailer's wheelbase
- f) **A and C Trains**
- i) maximum overall length including load, 25 m
 - ii) distance from front of lead semi-trailer to rear of full trailer, maximum 20 m
 - iii) wheelbase of lead semi-trailer or the following full trailer, not less than 6.25 m or more than 12.5 m
 - iv) hitch offset, maximum 1.8 m
 - v) the sum of axle loads on all axles of the full (rear) trailer cannot exceed the weight of the tractor drive axles plus the weight of the lead trailer axles
 - vi) trailer converter dolly equipped with tandem or tridem axle unit not allowed
 - vii) maximum gross vehicle weight 53,500 kg
- g) **B Train**
- i) maximum overall length, including load, is 25 m with tandem drive and 26 m with tridem drive
 - ii) wheelbase of lead semi-trailer, minimum 6.25 m, maximum 12.5 m; wheelbase of second semi-trailer, minimum 6.25 m, maximum 12.5 m
 - iii) distance from front of lead semi-trailer to rear of second semi-trailer, maximum 20 m
 - iv) maximum gross vehicle weight 63,500 kg

- h) **Straight Truck**
- i) maximum overall length, 12.5 m
 - ii) wheelbase of twin steer truck, minimum 4.4 m, maximum 10 m
 - iii) effective rear overhang not to exceed 4.0 m
 - iv) maximum gross vehicle weight 34,000 kg for 4 axles
- i) **Straight Truck and Pony Trailer**
- i) maximum overall length, 23 m
 - ii) maximum overall length of pony trailer, 12.5 m
 - iii) wheelbase of pony trailer not less than 5.5 m for single and tandem axles, 6.25 for tridem axles
 - iv) distance from front of cargo unit on truck to rear of pony trailer, maximum 20 m
 - v) hitch offset, maximum 1.8 m for tandem drive and 2.5 m for tridem drive
 - vi) effective rear overhang not to exceed 4.0 m on pony trailer
 - vii) tridem axle spread on pony trailer minimum 2.4 m, maximum 2.5 m, legal weight 21,000 kg
 - viii) maximum gross vehicle weight including twin steer truck 60,200 kg
- Note: Commercial dimensions and weights do not apply to pony trailers with GVW rating less than 10,000 kg.*
- j) **Straight Truck and Full Trailer**
- i) maximum overall length, 23 m for single/ tandem drive
 - ii) maximum overall length of full trailer, 12.5 m
 - iii) wheelbase of full trailer not less than 4.4 m for single axle dolly and tandem trailer, 6.25 m for all other axle combinations
 - iv) distance from front of cargo unit on truck to rear of full trailer, maximum 20 m
 - v) hitch offset, maximum 1.8 m for single/ tandem drive and 2.5 m for tridem drive
 - vi) effective rear overhang maximum 4 m

k) **C Train with C Converter Dolly**

- i) maximum overall length, 25 m
- ii) distance from front of lead semi-trailer to rear of full trailer, maximum 20 m
- iii) wheelbase of lead semi-trailer or the following full trailer, not less than 6.25 m or more than 12.5 m
- iv) hitch offset, maximum 1.8 m
- v) the sum of axle loads on all axles of the full trailer (rear) cannot exceed the weight of the tractor drive axles plus the weight of the lead trailer axles
- vi) this combination must be equipped with a C Converter Dolly which satisfies all requirements of the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards
- vii) maximum gross vehicle weight 60,500 kg

l) **Intercity Bus**

- i) maximum overall length, 14. m (if overall length is greater than 12.5 m, a minimum of 3 axles is required)
- ii) effective rear overhang not to exceed 4.0 m
- iii) maximum gross vehicle weight 22,500 kg for a 3 axle vehicle

Interaxle Spacing (Minimum distances)

	Single	Tandem	Tridem
Single	3 m	3 m	3 m
Tandem	3 m	5 m	5.5 m
Tridem	3 m	5.5 m	6 m

- j) a combination of 2 vehicles that has a single articulation point, with an overall length, including its load, not exceeding 21.5 m and is carrying a non-reducible load of logs, wood poles or wood piling

Track Width

Semi-trailers and full trailers manufactured after December 31, 1993, must have a track width (outside of tire to outside of tire) of not less than 2.5 m nor more than 2.6 m. (Container chassis trailers are exempt.)

Weight

- a) truck tractor steering axle, maximum 5,500 kg, except a self-loading truck tractor or bed truck
- b) tridem drive truck tractor steering axle, maximum 7,300 kg, except permanently mounted equipment will be allowed 9,100 kg
- c) single axle equipped with dual tires, maximum 9,100 kg
- d) tandem axle, maximum 17,000 kg
- e) tridem axle on semi-trailer and trailer, minimum 2.4 m to maximum 3.7 m axle spread, legal 24,000 kg
- f) in c) and d) above any axle cannot exceed 9,100 kg or any 2 adjacent axles cannot exceed 17,000 kg
- g) maximum single tire weight 3,000 kg, except steering axle of straight truck is allowed maximum single 9,100 kg, maximum twin steer 17,000 kg (subject to tire size 100 kg/cm tire width and rated tire capacity)

Note: The maximum allowable weight on a tridem axle for T.A.C. lowbed semi-trailers, granted by an overload permit, is 28,000 kg (2.4 to 3.0 m axle spread), or 29,000 kg (over 3.0 to 3.7 m axle spread).

2. Axle Weight – Spacing of (Non-Compliant Commercial Vehicles)

The number and spacing of axles to carry maximum legal weights are shown below.

Table 1 – Maximum Weight

Column 1	Column 2
Distance between the centres of the first axle and last axle of any group of a vehicle or combination of vehicles	Maximum gross weight of axle group
less than 1.00 m	9,100 kg
1.00 m up to but not including 1.20 m	16,500 kg
1.20 m up to but not including 1.90 m	17,000 kg
1.90 m up to but not including 2.30 m	18,000 kg
2.30 m up to but not including 2.60 m	19,000 kg
2.60 m up to but not including 3.00 m	20,000 kg
3.00 m up to but not including 3.40 m	21,000 kg
3.40 m up to but not including 3.80 m	22,000 kg
3.80 m up to but not including 4.20 m	23,000 kg
4.20 m up to but not including 4.60 m	24,000 kg
4.60 m up to but not including 5.00 m	25,000 kg
5.00 m up to but not including 5.30 m	26,000 kg
5.30 m up to but not including 5.70 m	27,000 kg
5.70 m up to but not including 6.10 m	28,000 kg
6.10 m up to but not including 6.50 m	29,000 kg
6.50 m up to but not including 6.90 m	30,000 kg
6.90 m up to but not including 7.20 m	31,000 kg
7.20 m up to but not including 7.60 m	32,000 kg
7.60 m up to but not including 8.00 m	33,000 kg
8.00 m	34,000 kg

Maximum allowable spacing for tandem axles in B.C. is 185 cm unless the first and/or last is a steering axle or one that articulates in the manner of a steering axle.

Spread-axle tandems that have a spacing greater than 185 cm (6 ft.) but not more than 307 cm (10 ft. 1 in.) are allowed on a semi trailer if their combined axle weight is not more than 9,100 kg (20,000 lbs.). Tandem axles of this type are measured as a unit and the weight of both axles together must not be more than 9100 kg (20,000 lbs.).

Commercial vehicles may not have lift axle or self-steering axle in contact with the ground except auto

pits will be allowed, as long as dimensions meet the Commercial Transport Regulations. The control for a lift axle within a combination of vehicles must be located adjacent to that axle and not inside the operator's compartment.

3. Mobile Homes

In general the maximum allowable dimensions for mobile homes, modular and half-houses, including the towing vehicle, under permit in British Columbia, are as follows:

- Mobile Home, etc.
 - Length (basic structure).....20.5 m
 - Overall length
(including single axle drive towing vehicle)
.....27.5 m
 - (including tandem axle drive towing vehicle)
.....28.5 m
 - Overall width (to include drip mouldings,
door knobs, etc.).....4.4 m
 - Overall height.....4.57 m

Mobile homes, etc. are not allowed travel on the following highways and bridges:

- First Narrows Bridge (Vancouver, BC)
- Highway 99, between Steveston Highway and Highway 17

Movement of mobile and modular homes in excess of 3.2 m up to and including 3.8 m in width is not permitted:

- on Sundays and general holidays
- from 2 p.m. of any Friday until daylight of the following Monday from the last Friday in June until Labour Day
- from 2 p.m. of any day preceding a general holiday to daylight of the day following the general holiday

Movement of mobile and modular homes in excess of 3.8 m in width is not permitted on Saturdays, Sundays, general holidays or after 2 p.m. on any Friday.

4. Permits (all types)

Overload Permit

Must be obtained for any vehicle or combination of vehicles, with or without load, in excess of the weight allowed by Table 1 of the regulations made pursuant to the Commercial Transport Act or in excess of the gross vehicle weight for which the vehicle is licensed. Overload permits are only issued when loads cannot be reduced or when a vehicle is not licensed up to its allowable weight. Overload permits must be obtained prior to operation on any highway and may be obtained from any inspection station (formerly known as weigh scales), appointed agents, government agents, or phoning the permitline at: 1-800-559-9688.

Note: The maximum allowable weight on tandem axles granted by an overload permit is limited to 23,000 kg and on single axles is limited to 11,000 kg. The maximum allowable weight on a tridem axle vehicle, granted by an overload permit is 28,000 kg (2.4 to 3.0 m axle spread) or 29,000 kg (over 3.0 to 3.7 m axle spread). Tridem pony trailers are not permitted to exceed the legal weight of 21, 000 kg.

Oversize Permit

Prior to operation on a highway a permit must be obtained for vehicles and/or loads in excess of the legal dimensions (see Part 1, **Maximum Legal Sizes and Weights**) and are only issued for loads not readily reducible in size. Permits are not normally granted for loads or vehicles in excess of 4.4 m wide. Should it be necessary to move a load that is wider than 4.4 m, permission must be requested in writing from the Commercial Transport section (Weights and

Dimensions) of Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch . (See Part 16, **Departments**, for the address and phone numbers.) Every permission request must provide details of the commodity to be moved and the reasons it cannot be reduced in size.

Drivers requiring oversize/overweight permits must contact the nearest inspection station (formerly known as weigh scale) in advance for authorization to proceed. When drivers are asked to park and bring in papers, bring in all registrations and permits for all vehicles as well as Log Book and Pre-trip Inspection Report.

If your local inspection station is closed, call the toll-free vehicle permit line at **1-800-559-9688**. Staff are available to answer questions and issue permits 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Temporary Operation Permit

As of January 1, 1992, a new Temporary Operation Permit replaced both the Temporary Testing & Demonstration Permit, and the Temporary Operation Permit. It is available at all Autoplan outlets and B.C. government inspection stations (weigh scales). This permit now allows you to operate a vehicle from 1 to 15 days, and allows for general vehicle use. Some restrictions apply to commercial vehicles.

Non-resident Single Trip Permits

Operators of non-resident commercial vehicles may operate in British Columbia by obtaining a single trip non-resident permit which is valid for one trip into and out of the province for a period not exceeding 30 days. Non-resident permits may be obtained from any Inspection station, appointed agent, or government agent. The fee for such a permit is 1/12 of the annual fee for a vehicle of like

gross weight.

Quarterly Non-resident Commercial Permit

A commercial vehicle registered and licensed outside the province may be granted a permit valid for a period of up to 3 months upon payment of a fee equal to 1/4 of the annual fee for a vehicle of a like weight. Quarterly permit holders are limited to transporting passengers or goods into, through, or out of the province. This permit does allow for the operation from place to place within the province of a commercial vehicle which enters the province carrying specialized equipment which will be exported out of the province on the same vehicle.

A quarterly period shall commence on the first day of January, April, July and October and shall terminate on the last day of March, June, September and December respectively.

Holders of quarterly permits must possess valid motor vehicle inspection certificates, and are subject to the following statutes as required in the following:

Social Service Tax Act – see Part 10 of this booklet

Passenger Transportation Act – see Part 9 of this booklet

Motor Fuel Tax Act – see Part 11 of this booklet (if using diesel powered equipment)

Highway Crossing Permit

A person or company wishing to cross a public highway from an industrial road (e.g., a logging road) on a regular basis with an unlicensed vehicle must first apply at a Inspection station or local office of the Commercial Transport Department for a crossing permit. If the application is approved, a permit will be issued. Insurance coverage is also required and may be obtained with the permit.

Crossing permits may also be obtained for licensed and insured vehicles operating oversized or

overloaded to make a direct crossing of a public highway from an industrial road (e.g., a logging road) restriction as above.

Payment

Inspection Stations (Weigh scales) accept payment by cash (Canadian or U.S. currency), comcheques, or by weigh scale credit account. The credit account may be used for oversized/overweight and highway crossing permits only. For credit account information telephone 250-387-4851 or 250-387-4859. Visa/ Mastercard and debit cards are also accepted at Inspection Stations to purchase all permits.

5. Pilot Cars

Pilot cars are limited to the following categories:

- passenger vehicles
- single commercial vehicles not exceeding 5,500 kg gross vehicle weight

While escorting a vehicle or a vehicle and load in excess of 27.5 m in length and less than 3.2 m in width, the pilot car must display a roof-mounted “Long Load”, “Oversize Load” or “D” sign.

Oversize vehicles or loads in excess of 3.2 m in width up to and including 3.5 m in width may be exempted from a pilot car during daylight hours providing the towing unit is equipped with and operating 1 or 2 rotating amber lights. When a vehicle or load is in excess of 3.2 m the accompanying pilot car must display a roof-mounted “Wide Load”, “Oversize Load” or “D” sign of the following design:

(Commercial Transport Regulations, Division 8)

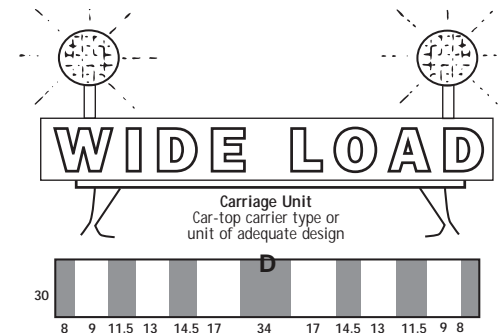
- Box shall be 180 cm by 35 cm by 10 cm. Inside and outside surface shall be baked enamel (white on inside) to give a good reflective quality. Eight lamps shall be mounted in the box,

spaced to give even lighting of the sign background. This box shall house all wire connectors, switches, flashers, etc.

- In the case of a “Wide Load,” “Long Load” and “Oversize Load,” the sign shall be double faced of 3 mm yellow plexiglas background with 28 cm by 4 cm black letters. In the case of a “D” sign refer to Table 3 illustrated in the following.
- Lamps shall have a rating of 12.5 volts, minimum 5 candela and design, amps 3.
- Mounted on top of this sign box shall be 2 amber lamps (1 at each end) of a 2-way light design, of at least 17.75 cm in diameter which meet CSA Standard D-106.1 1972, flashing at 60-90 flashes per minute, or 2 standard 203 mm rotating amber or strobe lights (one at each end with 2 sealed beam units per lamp).

This sign unit, as shown in TABLE 3, must be designed to mount on cartop carriers or equal mountings, and be capable of folding horizontally when not in use.

TABLE 3



- All dimensions are shown in centimetres. [en. BC Reg. 143/83, s. 17.]
- Shaded areas are RED.
- Unshaded areas are WHITE.
- The letter “D” shall be 20 cm in height and have a nominal 3 cm stroke.

A pilot car, when escorting an oversize vehicle or load on a 2 lane or 3 lane highway, shall precede the oversize vehicle or load at a distance of not less than 100 m nor more than 500 m*.

When escorting an oversize vehicle or load on a 4 lane or divided highway, the pilot car shall follow the oversize vehicle or load at a distance of not less than 100 m nor more than 500 m.

**Despite this, on 2, 3 or 4 lane highways a pilot car required for escorting overlength vehicles, and loads in excess of*

27.5 m in length and not exceeding 3.2 m in width shall travel to the rear of the escorted vehicle.

Permits may be issued with additional pilot car requirements.

Passenger Transportation authority is not required for the operation of pilot cars in the province of British Columbia.

A permit is not required to install amber flashing lamps on pilot cars, providing these lamps are only used while escorting oversize vehicles or loads.

6. Miscellaneous Information

A combination of 3 commercial vehicles is not permitted on any highway unless it exceeds 11,000 kg gross vehicle weight. A single drive axle tractor cannot license or operate on any B.C. highway at a weight greater than 38,000 kg.

The maximum gross vehicle weight any combination of commercial vehicles may license for in British Columbia may not exceed 63,500 kg. A commercial vehicle cannot operate on any B.C. highway unless the gross horsepower ratio of the towing vehicle bears a relationship of no more than 150 kg to one horsepower.

7. Prorate and Reciprocity

The province of British Columbia is a member of two interjurisdictional licensing (prorate) agreements:

i) International Registration Plan (IRP)

Members include:

- all U.S. states except Alaska
- all Canadian provinces except Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut

ii) Canadian Agreement on Vehicle Registration (CAVR)

Members include:

- all Canadian provinces
- does not include Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut

As of April 2001, the CAVR Agreement has changed. CAVR provides limited reciprocity for vehicles.

Registration of commercial motor vehicles under either of these agreements allows carriers to operate between two or more member jurisdictions.

Apportioned registration fees and taxes are based on the distance travelled in all jurisdictions.

It is a carrier's responsibility to ensure that the various jurisdictional requirements (i.e., IFTA or motive fuel, operating authority and financial responsibility) are met prior to prorate licensing in B.C. See Part 7 (iii), **Windshield Decals**, for further information.

The following information will provide apportioned registration requirements for both B.C.-based and hosted (out-of-province) carriers travelling under these agreements.

i) International Registration Plan (IRP)

Carriers may prorate register a commercial motor vehicle or vehicles if they travel into 2 or more IRP jurisdictions, and are used to transport passengers for hire, or are designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property. Carriers must apply to their base jurisdiction for IRP registration.

Vehicle requirements for IRP registration are:

- power unit(s) with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 11,800 kg (26,000 lbs.)
- power unit(s) with 3 or more axles regardless of weight
- power unit(s) used to pull another unit and the combined weight exceeds 11,800 kg (26,000 lbs.)
- regular route and charter buses
- 2-axle vehicle(s) with a gross vehicle weight of 11,800 kg or less
- household goods carriers

Note: Under IRP, vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of less than 11,800 kg (26,000 lbs.) may be registered at the option of the registrant. B.C. requires that all hosted (out-of-province) commercial motor vehicles from IRP jurisdictions, regardless of weight, be prorate licensed for travel in the province (unless specifically exempted); otherwise vehicles will be required to purchase a non-resident commercial permit.

ii) Canadian Agreement on Vehicle Registration (CAVR)

Canadian vehicle owners may prorate register under CAVR in limited circumstances. Out of province carriers travelling into B.C. with qualifying vehicles are required to apply directly to the B.C. Inter-jurisdictional Licensing Office. Vehicles are not assessed license fees outside their base jurisdiction, but are subject to an administration fee and the taxes applicable

under the B.C. Social Service Tax Act (See Part 10, **Social Service Tax Act**, for further information).

As of April 1, 2001, CAVR provides limited registration reciprocity for the following Category B Vehicles:

- Alberta based commercial motor vehicles (or combination of vehicles) with a gross vehicle weight of less than 5,500 kg designed, used or maintained for the transportation of property.
- farm vehicles regardless of weight if the registrant owns or leases a farm in B.C.
- farm vehicles with a gross vehicle weight under 13,601 kg

Commercial motor vehicles used exclusively for inter-jurisdictional operation in BC are not required to register under CAVR or IRP and are exempt from registration under the terms of the CAVR agreement. Social Service Taxes apply and are to be paid directly to the Consumer Taxation Branch.

Licence Plates/Decals and Vehicle Identification/Cab Cards

British Columbia Based Vehicles:

- Trucks, tractors, truck-tractors and buses will be issued B.C. APPORTIONED number plates with a 'P' prefix series. Trailers will be issued regular B.C. commercial trailer plates.
- All prorate registered vehicles based in B.C. will be issued a cab card as part of the Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence (APV250). The cab card will list the maximum gross vehicle weight (in pounds for U.S. or kilograms for Canada) or number of axles for each jurisdiction for which the vehicle is licensed. Both the cab card and registration

portion of the document must be carried in the vehicle at all times.

Out-of-Province Based Vehicles:

- Commercial motor vehicles will have an APPORTIONED base plate or BASE PLATE & PRP decal issued by the base jurisdiction. It is the carrier's responsibility to ensure that the various provincial requirements (i.e., operating authority and financial responsibility) are met prior to travelling into B.C.
- All out-of-province apportionable vehicles travelling into the province will have a cab card issued by the base jurisdiction indicating the maximum gross vehicle weight in kg for which the vehicle has been licensed for operation in B.C.
- Trailers and semi-trailers properly licensed in their base jurisdiction are the only vehicles granted full reciprocity in the province of British Columbia.

Note: If there is any question as to which category your vehicle applies, please contact your prorate office.

For further information regarding prorate licensing in British Columbia contact:

ICBC	Direct Ph:
Inter-jurisdictional Licensing	604-443-4450
PO Box 7500	Fx: 604-443-4451
Vancouver, BC V6B 5R9	Toll Free Elsewhere in
Canada and USA.	1-800-663-3051

One-Way Allocated Rental Vehicles

- a) Canadian Non-Resident Commercial Vehicles (includes 10 provinces under IRP under 11,800 kg GVW:

Commercial vehicles with a registered GVW of less than 11,800 kg are granted free reciprocity for both intra and inter-provincial operations. The registration certificate must identify the

vehicle as being "One Way Allocated". Quebec registration will show the phrase "Location a sens unique". Recent changes to the IRP agreement also allow one-way vehicles to apportion and be granted apportioned (prorate) licenses. Only vehicles used, or intended for use in two or more IRP jurisdictions qualify for the apportioned license.

Any "One-Way" vehicles operating "FOR HIRE" have the license fees and social service taxes paid under the terms of the prorate license agreement. Motive Fuel Tax is not applicable to vehicles under 11,800 kg. A valid Passenger Transportation License (or temporary Motor Carrier Permit) must be obtained if the vehicle is carrying passengers for hire.

- b) Canadian Non-Resident Commercial Vehicles over 11,800 kg GVW (these vehicles do not qualify for "One-Way designation):

Commercial vehicles registered 11,800 kg or more, vehicles licensed under 11,800 kg and actually weighing 11,800 kg or more must have prorated/apportioned registration from their base jurisdiction and will have cab card credentials or be sold a Non-Resident Commercial Vehicle Permit. The weight of towed vehicles should be included in the 11,800 kg total.

- c) US, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut plated vehicles do not qualify for "One-Way" designation. US vehicles must have prorated/apportioned registration from their base jurisdiction or be sold a Non-Resident Commercial Vehicle Permit. Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut vehicles must be sold a Non-Resident Vehicle Permit. This Non-Resident Permit does not allow intra-provincial (point to point operation).

The initial allocation application must be made with the CAVR Committee at the following address:

CAVR Tel: (613) 736-1003
Committee Secretary Fx: (613) 736-1395
CCMTA
2323 St. Laurent Boulevard
Ottawa, ON K1G 4K6

iii) Windshield Decals

A commercial vehicle based in either an IRP or CAVR jurisdiction other than British Columbia must meet the following requirements for travel in the province:

- Vehicle is Licensed for B.C. – Vehicle operators must carry a cab card that lists the licensed gross vehicle weight for B.C., or purchase a non-resident commercial permit. See Part 4, **Permits**, for further information on permits.
- Valid Financial Responsibility Filing – Vehicle operators must provide proof of financial responsibility (valid FR number) or purchase insurance on a non-resident commercial permit (issued licence exempt). See Part 8, **Financial Responsibility**, for further information on FR filings.
- Valid Passenger Transportation Authority – For hire, passenger operations must have proof of extra-provincial operating authority for B.C. See Part 9, **Passenger Transportation Act**, for further information on operating requirements.
- Motive Fuel Registration (NON-IFTA JURISDICTIONS ONLY) – If a vehicle from a non- IFTA jurisdiction (Alaska, Hawaii, District of Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Mexico and other) is not registered under IFTA in another

jurisdiction, then proof of motive fuel registration must also be provided or a temporary motive fuel user permit must be purchased. See

Part 11, **Motor Fuel Tax Act** for further information on motor fuel tax.

iv) Non-Resident Commercial Permits (NRCP)

These permits will be issued to operators of commercial vehicles from jurisdictions that are not members of a prorate agreement with B.C. An NRCP will also be issued to vehicles that are not licensed for B.C. under a prorate agreement, to vehicles that have applied for prorate licensing and have not received the proper credentials or to operators that are unable to produce the prorate licensing credentials. These permits are available at the nearest provincial inspection station (weigh scale) and drivers should ensure that they contact the inspection station in advance for authorization to proceed. See Part 4, **Permits**, for further information on non-resident commercial permits.

Note: Since January 1, 1996, out-of-province trailers licensed in another jurisdiction are not required to purchase a non-resident permit (or any other B.C. licence) for travel in the province of British Columbia.

8. Financial Responsibility

It is compulsory in British Columbia for vehicles operating on highways within the province to be insured with the following basic coverage:

- commercial vehicles – \$1,000,000 third-party liability
- commercial vehicles engaged in transport of dangerous goods – \$2,000,000 third-party liability

- taxis – \$300,000 third-party liability
- buses – \$500,000 third-party liability

All persons or firms entering B.C. under an extraprovincial undertaking (commercial enterprise) are required by law to do one of two things. One option is to file proof of insurance coverage (**Financial Responsibility Certificate** – Form MV23) with the Inter-jurisdictional Licensing Department of ICBC at a cost. This certificate, however, may only be filed by insurance companies authorized to transact automobile insurance and who have Power of Attorney and Undertaking filed with the B.C. Superintendent of Financial Institutions. The other option is to obtain the compulsory insurance coverage from the nearest Inspection station upon the purchase of a Non-Resident Commercial Vehicle Permit. See Part 4, **Permits**.

For information regarding filing Financial Responsibility, contact:

ICBC Tel: 604-443-4450
Financial Responsibility Section Fax: 604-443-4451
PO Box 7500, Stn Main Toll Free in B.C.
Vancouver, BC V6B 5R9 1-800-665-4336

9. Passenger Transportation Act

All persons who transport passengers and charge or collect compensation must have a licence or permit issued under the *Passenger Transportation Act*.

The new *Act*, which replaces the *Motor Carrier Act*, received Royal Assent on May 13, 2004. The Act establishes a new regulatory structure for licensing commercial passenger vehicles, defined as either:

Special Authorization:

- “Inter-city Buses”, such as vehicles providing scheduled services (set time, regular route and fixed terminal points)
- “Passenger Directed Vehicles”, such as taxis, limousines or other passenger type vehicles with a carrying capacity of not more than 11 passengers excluding driver

General Authorization:

- “General Passenger Vehicles”, such as hotel shuttles, sightseeing and charter buses designed to carry more than 11 passengers

Inter-city buses and passenger directed vehicle operators will continue to be required to meet both economic entry criteria as well as safety requirements, while general passenger vehicle operators must only meet safety requirements to obtain a licence. As such, the Act will continue to maintain public safety while making it easier for some operators to enter the marketplace and respond to changing business needs.

In addition, the Act creates a series of offences for which tickets may be issued and are subject to prosecution in the courts. These sanctions apply to both licenced and unlicenced operators.

The *Passenger Transportation Regulation* addresses the operation of commercial passenger vehicles and the conditions that apply to each category of operation. The regulation also identifies certain types of vehicles that are exempt from the provisions of the regulations.

The Registrar is responsible for developing

application guides and forms, accepting all applications, verifying safety requirements and issuing all licences. The Registrar is also responsible for initiating enforcement and compliance actions against licenced operators, through administrative penalties, including licence suspension/cancellation and refusal to issue a licence, as well as through administrative fines.

The new *Passenger Transportation Board* is responsible for, among other matters, determining whether applications for inter-city buses or passenger directed vehicles meet an economic test, adjudicating licence applications for inter-city buses and passenger directed vehicles, and for receiving appeals regarding penalties imposed by the Registrar.

All application forms should be submitted to:

Registrar of Passenger Transportation
Passenger Transportation Branch
Ministry of Transportation
#104-4240 Manor Street
Burnaby, BC V5G 1B2

Victoria Telephone: 250-356-0528
Burnaby Telephone: 604-453-4250

10. Social Service Tax Act

British Columbia became a member of the International Registration Plan (IRP) on January 1, 1996. To accommodate British Columbia's entry into IRP, the existing one-time proportional tax on multi-jurisdictional vehicles was replaced with an annual multi-jurisdictional tax.

The annual tax applies to all multi-jurisdictional vehicles, including those licensed under other

agreements, such as IRP, and those that are not registered under any interjurisdictional agreements. Under the *Social Service Tax Act*, every vehicle will be subject to provincial social service tax based on the taxable value of the vehicle, excluding the value of any trailer, and the percentage of travel in British Columbia to the total distance travelled. The tax will be paid annually at the time the vehicle is licensed for use in British Columbia.

Where social service tax was previously paid under the *Social Service Tax Act* Section 5 or 11 on the purchase of a multi-jurisdictional vehicle, the vehicle may be eligible for a credit or refund of tax. A credit or refund is not available for leased vehicles.

To be eligible for the credit or refund, the tax must have been paid on the purchase of the vehicle, or paid upon bringing or sending the vehicle into the province. In addition, the vehicle must have been purchased, or first brought or sent into the province, after December 31, 1991. The credit does not apply to leased vehicles. Carriers should contact the Refund Section, Consumer Taxation Branch, PO Box 9628 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, B.C. V8W 9N6 for more information on refunds or credits.

Vehicles that operate solely in British Columbia are subject to tax on the full purchase price or lease price for such vehicles.

For further information on a carrier's social service tax obligations, carriers should also refer to Consumer Taxation Branch Bulletin SST073, *Tax on Multi-jurisdictional Carriers* and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia's, *British Columbia Apportioned Registration Manual*, or contact Taxpayer Services in Vancouver at 604-660-4524, elsewhere in Canada call 1-877-388-4440, or by e-mail to CTBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca, or for additional information see website: www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb

11. Motor Fuel Tax Act

The *Motor Fuel Tax Act* imposes tax on fuel products purchased or consumed in British Columbia. Under the Act, inter-jurisdictional carriers operating in British Columbia must obtain proper authorization and periodically report the amount of fuel purchased and used in the province.

Since January 1, 1996, interjurisdictional commercial motor carriers operating in British Columbia must now report their fuel purchases and uses, and remit any taxes due, as follows:

British Columbia Based Carriers

- 1) British Columbia became a member of the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) on January 1, 1996. Since then, British Columbia based inter-jurisdictional motor carriers must be registered and licensed under IFTA. Carriers wanting to register with IFTA must complete an IFTA application form, pay a one-time initiation fee of \$200, and pay an annual licence fee of \$100. Application forms are available on the internet at www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/ or by contacting the Fuel Tax Section, Consumer Taxation Branch. Once approved, the Consumer Taxation Branch will forward an IFTA licence and decals to the applicant. The licence or a photocopy of the carrier licence must be maintained in the cab of each motor vehicle, and decals must be displayed on the exterior portion of both sides of the cab. Licences and decals are valid for the calendar year January 1 through December 31. Each year the branch will issue renewal applications to each carrier. IFTA carriers must file an IFTA quarterly tax return with the province. The tax return indicates the tax due for, or refund due

from, each member jurisdiction. Payment for any taxes due must accompany the tax return. A refund may be claimed for any overpayment of tax of \$20 in a reporting quarter, or credits may be carried forward and used on subsequent returns.

Carriers Based Outside British Columbia

- 1) As of January 1, 1996, out-of-province carriers who are registered with IFTA in another jurisdiction do not have to register for fuel tax reporting purposes with British Columbia. The IFTA licence and decals issued to them by their base jurisdiction will allow them to travel through the province without any further fuel tax authorization. Through the comprehensive quarterly fuel tax return filed with their base jurisdiction, such carriers will report fuel purchased and used in British Columbia and make a payment to their base jurisdiction for any British Columbia taxes due.
- 2) Out-of-province carriers who are based in an IFTA jurisdiction, but who are not registered with IFTA, must obtain a **Motive Fuel User Permit** each time they enter the province. Motive Fuel User permits must be purchased at the inspection stations (weigh scales) upon entry into British Columbia. A Motive Fuel User permit is purchased with a deposit of 7 cents for each kilometre to be travelled in the province. If the permit expires prior to the completion of the trip, a second permit is required. Application for refunds may be made to the Refund Section in Victoria for carriers who purchased fuel in the province during the trip, or who purchased a second permit, for the excess of the tax deposit.
- 3) Out-of-province carriers who are based in non-IFTA jurisdictions, may apply for IFTA

(International Fuel Tax Agreement) registration with British Columbia through the Fuel Tax Section, Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Provincial Revenue. Out-of-province carriers not registered under IFTA through a member province or state must obtain a Motive Fuel User Permit, each time their vehicle(s) enter the province.

Motive Fuel User permits must be purchased at the Inspection Stations upon entry into British Columbia. A Motive Fuel User permit is purchased with a deposit for each kilometre to be travelled in the province. If the permit expires prior to the completion of the trip, a second Motive Fuel User permit is required. Refunds will be issued upon request to carriers who purchased fuel in the province during the trip, or who purchased a second permit, for the excess of the tax deposit.

For further information on a carrier's motor fuel tax obligations, please see website:

www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb or contact the Fuel Tax Section at:

Fuel Tax Section - Consumer Taxation Branch
Ministry of Small Business and Revenue
PO Box 9442 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria B.C. V8W 9V4
In Victoria phone: (250) 387-0635
Toll-free in Vancouver (604) 660-4524 and request transfer to (250) 387-0635
Toll-free access elsewhere in BC call 1-877-388-4440 and request a transfer to (250) 387-0635 Fax: (250) 387-5882

12. Vacation and Educational Bus Charters

Following are the requirements for persons or companies wishing to travel in B.C. by vacation or educational bus charter:

- The vehicle must be properly licensed in its "home" jurisdiction and must comply with the regulations governing lights, brakes, etc. These regulations are fairly uniform and if the vehicle is acceptable in its "home" jurisdiction it will most likely be acceptable in B.C.
- A non-resident commercial vehicle permit is required to cover a single trip into or through B.C. which must be completed within 30 days. Fee for this permit is calculated on the gross vehicle weight of the vehicle being used for the trip. School buses registered to a school district are exempt from this permit fee.
- The permit must be obtained at the first Inspection Station (weigh scale), appointed agent or government agent after crossing the border into B.C. See Part 4, **Permits**, of this booklet.
- If a 2 axle vehicle is over 11,800 kg. GVW (26,000 lbs), a motive fuel user permit must also be obtained. See Part 11, **Motor Fuel Tax**, of this booklet for information in this regard.

13. Commercial Vehicle Fees

Commercial – Vehicle Type 2

These fees are effective April 1, 1999.

Licence Fee based on the Gross Vehicle Weight of the Vehicle

Conditional Factor	GVW in Pounds	GVW in Kilograms	Annual Fee
	(lb)	(kg)	(\$)
LOG	All Weights	All Weights	Quarterly
AMB, BCG BCR, NAT 100	All Weights	All Weights	FREE Free
AMB, CHA CON, FED FPP, IND IN, MG, RP	All Weights	All (do not prorate) Weights	\$10 prorate
CLL	All Weights	All Weights	\$25
Conditional Factor	GVW in Pounds	GVW in Kilograms	Annual Fee
	(lb)	(kg)	(\$)
	0 - 1102	0 - 500	42
	1103 - 2205	501 - 1000	49
	2206 - 3307	1001 - 1500	60
	3308 - 4409	1501 - 2000	74
All others	4410 - 5512	2001 - 2500	85
	5513 - 6614	2501 - 3000	97
	6615 - 7716	3001 - 3500	108
	7717 - 8818	3501 - 4000	127
	8819 - 9921	4001 - 4500	147
	9922 - 11023	4501 - 5000	173
	11024 - 12125	5001 - 5500	193
	12126 - 13228	5501 - 6000	213
	13229 - 14330	6001 - 6500	230
	14331 - 15432	6501 - 7000	250
	15433 - 16535	7001 - 7500	266
	16536 - 17637	7501 - 8000	292

Conditional Factor	GVW in Pounds	GVW in Kilograms	Annual Fee
	(lb)	(kg)	(\$)
	17638 - 18739	8001 - 8500	320
	18740 - 19842	8501 - 9000	347
	19843 - 20944	9001 - 9500	376
	20945 - 22046	9501 - 1000	395
	22047 - 23149	10001 - 10500	416
	23150 - 24251	10501 - 11000	437
	24252 - 25353	11001 - 11500	450
	25354 - 26455	11501 - 12000	469
	26456 - 27558	12001 - 12500	488
	27559 - 28660	12501 - 13000	502
	28661 - 29762	13001 - 13500	526
	29763 - 30865	13501 - 14000	553
	30866 - 31967	14001 - 14500	580
	31968 - 33069	14501 - 15000	607
	33070 - 34172	15001 - 15500	638
	34173 - 35274	15501 - 16000	680
	35275 - 36376	16001 - 16500	721
	36377 - 37479	16501 - 17000	761
	37480 - 38581	17001 - 17500	806
	38582 - 39683	17501 - 18000	837
	39684 - 40786	18001 - 18500	861
	40787 - 41888	18501 - 19000	890
	41889 - 42990	19001 - 19500	917
	42991 - 44092	19501 - 20000	944
	44093 - 45195	20001 - 20500	977
	45196 - 46297	20501 - 21000	1003
	46298 - 47399	21001 - 21500	1030
	47400 - 48502	21501 - 22000	1057
	48503 - 49604	22001 - 22500	1084
	49605 - 50706	22501 - 23000	1111
	50707 - 51809	23001 - 23500	1140
	51810 - 52911	23501 - 24000	1170
	52912 - 54013	24001 - 24500	1199
	54014 - 55116	24501 - 25000	1239
	55117 - 56218	25001 - 25500	1285
	56219 - 57320	25501 - 26000	1326
	57321 - 58422	26001 - 26500	1367
	58423 - 59525	26501 - 27000	1395
	59526 - 60627	27001 - 27500	1424

Conditional Factor	GVW in Pounds	GVW in Kilograms	Annual Fee
	(lb)	(kg)	(\$)
60628 - 61729	27501 - 28000	1450	
61730 - 62832	28001 - 28500	1479	
62833 - 63934	28501 - 29000	1505	
63935 - 65036	29001 - 29500	1534	
65037 - 66139	29501 - 30000	1565	
66140 - 68343	30001 - 31000	1591	
68344 - 70548	31001 - 32000	1644	
70549 - 72753	32001 - 33000	1696	
72754 - 74957	33001 - 34000	1751	
74958 - 77162	34001 - 35000	1805	
77163 - 79366	35001 - 36000	1890	
79367 - 81571	36001 - 37000	2018	
81572 - 83776	37001 - 38000	2088	
83777 - 85980	38001 - 39000	2159	
85981 - 88185	39001 - 40000	2229	
88186 - 90390	40001 - 41000	2300	
90391 - 92594	41001 - 42000	2373	
92595 - 94799	42001 - 43000	2445	
94800 - 97003	43001 - 44000	2514	
97004 - 99208	44001 - 45000	2585	
99209 - 101413	45001 - 46000	2690	
101414 - 103617	46001 - 47000	2799	
103618 - 105822	47001 - 48000	2871	
105823 - 108027	48001 - 49000	2940	
108028 - 110231	49001 - 50000	3012	
110232 - 112436	50001 - 51000	3061	
112437 - 114640	51001 - 52000	3127	
114641 - 116845	52001 - 53000	3192	
116846 - 119050	53001 - 54000	3257	
119051 - 121254	54001 - 55000	3322	
121255 - 123459	55001 - 56000	3387	
123460 - 125663	56001 - 57000	3452	
125664 - 127868	57001 - 58000	3516	
127869 - 130073	58001 - 59000	3581	
130074 - 132277	59001 - 60000	3647	
132278 - 134482	60001 - 61000	3710	
134483 - 138687	61001 - 62000	3775	
136688 - 138891	62001 - 63000	3840	
138892 - 139994	63001 - 63500	3905	

Licence Fee Based on the Gross Vehicle Weight of the Vehicle

Conditional Factor Fee	GVW in (lb)	GVW in Pounds (kg)	Annual Kilograms (\$)
	0 - 4409	0 - 2000	45
SCV* Only	4410 - 11023	2991 - 5000	69
For All	11024 - 15432	5001 - 7000	110
Weights	15433 - 19842	7001 - 9000	164
	19843 - 24251	9001 - 11000	216
	24252 & over	11001 & over	260

*Special Commercial Vehicle

Trailer and Semi-trailer Fees

Annual Licence Fees:
For each trailer and semi-trailer (except as otherwise provided in conditional licences) \$32.00

Non-resident Permit Fees and Premiums

Single Trip Permits

The fees for the power unit are calculated according to 1/12 of the annual licence fee (listed in this section) for the gross weight of the power unit and trailers.

If the registered owner has not filed financial responsibility in B.C. (see Section 8, **Financial Responsibility**), the insurance premiums will be charged on the permit as follows: Power Unit \$60

Quarterly Permits

The fees for the power unit are calculated according to 1/4 of the annual licence fee (listed in this section) for the gross weight of the power unit and trailers.

If the registered owner has not filed financial responsibility in B.C. (see Section 8, **Financial Responsibility**), then insurance premiums will be

charged on the permit as follows:
Power Unit \$600

Overload Permit Fees

Fee for each 10 km of operation or fraction thereof (Minimum \$25.00)

Overload in kilograms (kg)	(\$)
0-2000.....	0.95
2001-3000.....	1.15
3001-4000.....	1.40
4001-5000.....	1.60
5001-6000.....	1.85
6001-7000.....	2.15
7001-8000.....	2.45
8001-9000.....	2.95
9001-10000.....	3.35
10001-11000.....	3.75
11001-12000.....	4.25
12001-13000.....	4.95
13001-14000.....	5.60
14001-15000.....	6.25
15001-16000.....	7.25
16001-17000.....	8.25
17001-18000.....	9.15
18001-19000.....	10.10
19001-20000.....	10.90
20001-21000.....	11.85
21001-22000.....	12.70
22001-23000.....	13.95
23001-24000.....	14.95
24001-25000.....	16.10
25001-26000.....	17.85
26001-27000.....	19.85
27001-28000.....	21.40

The fee payable for overload permits issued to vehicles exceeding 28,000 kg is \$21.40 plus \$1.85 for each 900 kg or portion thereof exceeding 28,000 kg for each

10 km of operation or fraction thereof.

The amount due for each overload permit issued shall be rounded to the nearest dollar and any amount ending in fifty cents shall be raised to the next highest dollar.

Note: Permits are available only from Commercial Transport Inspection Stations, Government Agents, and Appointed Agents.

Oversize Permit Fees

For each single trip permit	15.00
For each term permit not exceeding one month.....	30.00

Crossing Permit Fees

For each vehicle, per licence year.....	30.00
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Trailer Floater Fees

First plate.....	240.00
Each additional plate.....	240.00
Plate replacement.....	100.00

14. Seat Belts

The wearing of seat belts in British Columbia became mandatory October 1, 1977.

Common sense and safety factors should be the primary reasons for wearing seat belts, but the law also imposes a penalty. A person who fails to comply commits an offence and is liable to a maximum fine.

Exemptions: Anyone who for any physical or psychological reason is unable to wear a seat belt, should check with a doctor. If there are valid medical grounds, you will be provided with a medical certificate exempting you from wearing a seat belt. There is exemption also for a person whose work requires him or her to alight from and re-enter a vehicle at frequent intervals and who does not drive in that vehicle over 40 km/h. Seat belts also need not

be worn while driving in reverse.

Where the lap and upper torso belts are separate, it is only necessary to use the lap belt; although it is recommended you use both for additional protection.

For further information concerning seat belt installations required by model year for all vehicle types, please check with your nearest ICBC office.

15. Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement

Commercial Transport (Weights and Dimensions)

The *Commercial Transport Act and Regulations* and The *Commercial Transport Procedures Manual* provides Inspectors with interpretation guidelines.

Establishes transportation policies and safety standards regarding the area of weights, dimensions, load security and vehicle configuration requirements through fixed and portable Inspection Stations. Under established conditions (policy) and for prescribed fees, permits to exceed legal limits are issued by Inspection Stations (e.g. term oversize/overweight). Applications to move extraordinary size and weight loads are reviewed by Head Office staff prior to permit issuance (e.g. heavy equipment, non-compliant vehicle configurations, 5 metre wide loads, etc).

National Safety Code (NSC)

A Canadian program founded in National Standards that are mirrored in provincial regulations.

National Safety Code regulations are contained in Division 37 of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* (MVAR). Division 37 sets out regulations for hours of service, maintenance of logbooks, trip inspections, application, record retention and other requirements.

For National Safety Code information, call 250-952-0576 in Victoria.

Dangerous Goods

The *Dangerous Goods Act and Regulations* (DGAR) applies to the safety requirements, safety standards and safety marks for containers, packages and road vehicles. The DGAR sets out the requirements for classification, documentation and training of people who handle or transport dangerous goods. For Dangerous Goods information, call 250- 952-0577.

Vehicle Inspection Program (CVIP/PVIP)

Develops and approves Inspection and repair standards at a national level facilitated by the Canadian Council of Motor Transporters Association (CCMTA).

Division 25 of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, Inspection Standards (Safety and Repair) Regulations* (otherwise referred to as the *Vehicle Inspection Manual*), and a Minister's regulation under the Motor Vehicle Act, apply in BC.

A privately-delivered mandatory inspection program which is monitored and regulated by government. The inspections are performed by "Authorized" Inspectors (AI) at "Designated" Inspection Facilities (DIF).

Introduced in the mid-1980's following a period of government downsizing and the cessation of the government operated vehicle inspection stations. Motor Vehicle Inspectors, who perform a facility audit function, all came from the government program.

The B.C. mandatory inspection program applies to all commercial motor vehicles that are licensed for more than 8,200 kg., all vehicles that require Passenger Transportation licence and commercial trailers.

B.C. authorities will accept proof that shows a vehicle passed the appropriate inspection in another jurisdiction.

Carriers with fleets of 15, or more, vehicles that are required to have periodic mandatory inspections, may be eligible for the Preventative Maintenance Program. Carriers must submit a maintenance plan

16. Regional Offices

Please contact the following offices for regional enforcement queries:

Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast

3rd floor, 2100 Labieux Road
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6E9

Phone: 250-751-7172
Fax: 250-751-7176

Fraser Valley

104 - 5460 - 152nd Street
Surrey, BC V3S 5J9

Phone: 604-575-3443
Fax: 604-575-3447

Greater Vancouver

#102 - 4240 Manor Street
Burnaby, BC V5G 1B2

Phone: 604-575-3443
Fax: 604-453-4203

Okanagan

#102-1278 Dalhousie Drive
Kamloops, BC V2C 6G3

Phone: 250-314-6018
Fax: 250-314-6014

Kootenays

100 Cranbrook Street, N
Cranbrook, BC V1C 3P9

Phone: 250-426-1262
Fax: 250-426-1251

Northern Interior

3990 - 22nd Avenue
Prince George, BC V2N 3A1

Phone: 250-561-5627
Fax: 250-561-5629

Peace River

3rd Floor 1201 103rd Avenue
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4J2

Phone: 250-784-2245
Fax: 250-784-2280

For obtaining a permit 24 hours a day please phone the permitline at 1-800-559-9688 or the nearest Inspection Station (Weighscale).

17. Departments

Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement

- Commercial Transport (Weights and Dimensions)
- Vehicle Inspection Program
- National Safety Code (NSC)
- Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
- Dangerous Goods

Mailing Address

PO Box 9250 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9J2

Phone Mainline: 250-952-0577
NSC Mainline: 250-952-0576
Fax: 250-952-0578
Website: www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse

Passenger Transportation Branch

#104 - 4240 Manor Street
Burnaby, BC V5G 1B2

Toll Free: 1-888-453-4280
Phone: 604-453-4280
Fax: 604-453-4253

ICBC Interjurisdictional Licensing

(Prorate) and (Financial Responsibility)
PO Box 7500 Stn Terminal
Vancouver, BC V6B 5R9

Phone: 604-443-4450
Fax: 604-443-4451
Toll Free in BC: 1-800-665-4336
Website: www.icbc.com

Fuel Tax Section - Consumer Taxation Branch Ministry of Provincial Revenue

PO Box 9442 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9V4

Fuel Tax Refunds - Consumer Taxation Branch Ministry of Small Business and Revenue

PO Box 9628 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9N6

In Victoria Phone: 250-387-0635

Toll-free in Vancouver (604) 660-4524 and request transfer to (250) 387-0635

Toll-free access elsewhere in BC call

1-877-388-4440 and request a transfer to
(250) 387-0635

Fax: (250) 387-5882

Website: www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb

18. Inspection Stations and Telephone Numbers

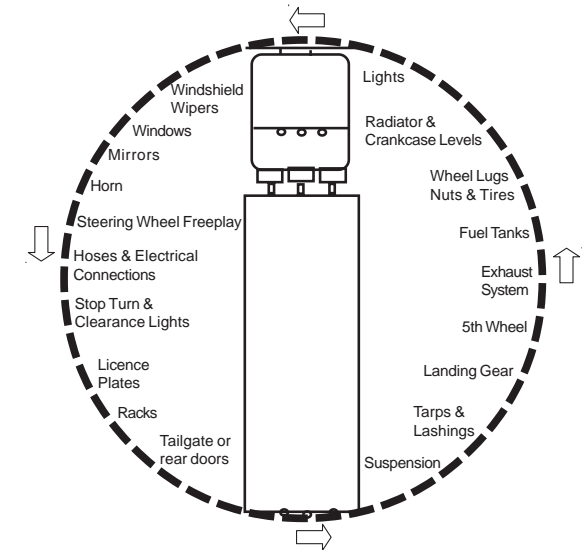
Numbers and locations subject to change without notice.

Scale	Address	Phone
Provincial Permit Centre	1201 - 103rd Avenue Dawson Crk BC V1G 4J1	250-784-2231 Fax: 250-784-2426
Duncan North	7201 Trans Canada Hwy Duncan BC V9L 6A3	250-748-7931 Fax: 250-748-7957
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The Circle Check

This drawing shows a general method of making a systematic circle check before taking out a truck at the beginning of a day's work. Details of the check can, of course, be varied according to the type of vehicle, but generally the principle of making a complete circle should be followed in all cases. Be particularly cautious when you are walking with your back to traffic.

Some of the points to look out for are given in the sample.



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