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National Safety Code carriers: a year in review

As of December 31, 2014 a total of **26,765** National Safety Code (NSC) carriers were operating in the province of Alberta.

This is a three per cent increase in the number of carriers from 2013.

Of these NSC carriers,

- 1,815 operated buses;
- 24,950 operated trucks;
- 8,638 operated with a Federal Operating Status; and
- 18,127 carriers operated with a Provincial Operating Status.

These carriers were responsible for the operation of over **126,000** commercial vehicles.

This is a four per cent increase in the number of regulated commercial vehicles from 2013.

Of these commercial vehicles,

- 183 were federally regulated buses;
- 1,890 were provincially regulated buses;
- 75,000 were federally regulated trucks; and
- 49,009 were provincially regulated trucks.

22 per cent of all NSC regulated vehicles operating in Alberta were registered to a fleet with fewer than five vehicles.

Between January and December, 2014 Carrier Services issued:

- 3,289 new Safety Fitness Certificates;
- 251 new Operating Authorities; and
- 242 permits (e.g. those related to Hours of Service, Gas and Water Well Service Exemptions, and Divided Record Authorities).

For more information about the National Safety Code program, visit transportation.alberta.ca

Heavy haulers: keep up to date with winter weights

The Government of Alberta has a network of 45 conventional frost probes and 20 electronic thermistors placed in strategic locations along highways across the province.

Every winter, these probes and thermistors take frost depth readings that are used to support the placement of heavier winter axle weights for the heavy haul industry. In the spring, thaw depth readings are used to support the removal of winter axle weights requirements.

Winter weight season usually begins in late-November or early-December across northern Alberta when frost depth

reaches at least one metre and progresses further south as determined frost depth levels.

Spring weight season usually begins in early March across southern Alberta when frost begins thawing out and the thaw line moves further north until the entire province is in spring weights around late-March or early-April.

To keep up to date with winter weights, carriers can access the [frost/thaw contour map](#). This map is updated on Mondays and Thursdays.

For more information about winter weight requirements, contact Transport Engineering at 1-855-762-3226.



Thank you for your participation

The Government of Alberta continually reviews its regulations in order to ensure we have up-to-date legislation that helps reduce fatalities and serious injuries on Alberta's roads.

A number of Alberta's transportation regulations are currently being reviewed, including the:

- [Commercial Vehicle Certificate and Insurance Regulation](#);
- [Drivers' Hours of Service Regulation](#); and the
- [Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation](#).

Last fall, commercial bus and truck carriers were invited to take part in consultation sessions to discuss key issues and strategies that need to be considered in the review of these regulations.

Consultation sessions took place between October 22 and November 24 in multiple locations across the province, including: Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer.

Thank you to those who participated in these sessions and provided valuable feedback!

Your input will be considered as the review of these regulations continues.

Online applications now available!

The National Safety Code (NSC) Program aims to improve road safety throughout Canada with the implementation of safety standards for the operation of trucks and buses.

Select application forms are now available for online submission, including:

Application for Safety Fitness Certificate	Application for issuance of a permanent Safety Fitness Certificate to authorize operations of vehicles which fall within the NSC program.
Declaration Form	Document may be requested by Alberta Transportation to confirm that the required safety and maintenance programs are developed and implemented.
Application for Change of Operating Status	Application to amend the Operating Status on the current SFC to authorize operation point to point within Alberta only ("Provincial"), or to authorize operations to leave Alberta ("Federal").
Application for Name Change	Application to amend a certificate(s) issued to reflect a corporate name or surname change.

These applications can be accessed on the [Alberta Transportation](#) website. Guidelines are provided to assist carriers to successfully submit the appropriate application. Upon submission, the electronic application is automatically sent to Alberta Transportation for review. Applicants will receive a confirmation email that contains a copy of the application, with a receipt of payment (if applicable).

For those who do not have access to the Internet, contact Alberta Transportation to request a printed copy of the application.

For more information, visit transportation.alberta.ca.

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DID YOU KNOW?



Carriers that hold the Federal Oil Well Service Vehicle Cycle Exemption Permit must now ensure all drivers have Oilfield Driver Awareness (ODA) training.

This training will be available to all carriers beginning in February, 2015.

ODA training has replaced the General Oilfield Driver Improvement (GODI) and Light Duty Vehicle (LDV) courses.

For more information, visit enform.ca



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