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TITLE: Approved Form of Financial Responsibility Card
[Pink Card]

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PURPOSE

This bulletin is issued by the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance (Superintendent) pursuant to section 792.1 of the *Insurance Act* (“Act”).

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide details of the approved form of:

- (1) The financial responsibility card (FRC), commonly known as the “pink card”, issued pursuant to section 822(6) of the Act; and
- (2) Temporary FRCs.

Section 822(6) reads as follows:

822(6) *A financial responsibility card issued pursuant to this section must be in a form approved by the Superintendent.*

This bulletin does not apply to FRCs issued directly by the Superintendent in accordance with Section 825 of the Act.

APPROVED FORM OF FRC

Consistent with other jurisdictions in Canada, the Superintendent has approved the form for the FRC.

Except as provided below in the section titled “TEMPORARY FRC”, the FRC:

1. Must contain at least the following information:
 - a) Insurer’s licensed legal name prominently displayed
 - b) Policy number
 - c) Insured’s name
 - d) Insured vehicle make, model, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
 - e) Effective and Expiry dates
 - f) The words “Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Card Canada Inter-Province Applicable Within Canada and the United States of America”;
2. Must be an original document in hard copy on pink paper, with the provincial and territorial shields in white in the background ([see Appendix 1](#)), and

3. Is not valid unless the referenced automobile insurance policy is in force.

TEMPORARY FRC

A temporary FRC:

1. Must include the information noted above in item (1) under “APPROVED FORM OF FRC”;
2. Must be printed in hard copy;
3. Does not have to be pink in colour;
4. Is a valid FRC for up to a maximum of 30 days from the date of its issuance; and
5. Is valid only when the insurance policy or binder it references is in force, and one of the following circumstances exists:
 - a) An applicant has applied for a new insurance policy and has an insurance binder;
 - b) An insured is waiting for the new insurance policy;
 - c) An insured has submitted a policy change request which results in a new FRC; or
 - d) The FRC is accidentally destroyed, stolen, or otherwise cannot be located.

FUTURE CHANGES TO CONTINUE ALIGNMENT WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The Superintendent is committed to ensuring that the approved form of the FRC in Alberta aligns with other jurisdictions in Canada. In order to remain aligned, the Superintendent will provide updates and issue further Bulletins to communicate any necessary changes.

Any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin may be directed to the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance at 780-427-8322 or toll free by dialing 310-0000 then 780-427-8322 or e-mail to TBF.insurance@gov.ab.ca.

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Attachments:

[Appendix 1 – Sample Pink Card](#)

[Appendix 2 – Superintendent letter: Financial Responsibility Cards, leased and fleet vehicles](#) (June 6, 2000)

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Appendix 1:

