Commercial Vehicle Safety Compliance in Alberta
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The Alberta government’s mandate is to ensure the transportation system supports Alberta’s economic, social, and environmental vitality. As the number of heavier vehicles on the highways increases, the Alberta government must work more diligently than ever to provide a safe, efficient and quality network of highways.

The Government of Alberta has prepared this manual to assist commercial truck and bus companies and their employees to operate safely and in compliance with transportation safety laws.

More specifically, this manual was developed to:

- Assist existing and future drivers, managers and owners of commercial vehicles in understanding safety laws and safe operating procedures;
- Provide direction and information for new commercial drivers;
- Assist carriers in developing, updating and implementing their safety and maintenance programs;
- Provide resources and contact information to carriers operating in Alberta;
- Increase trust and understanding between industry and government.

This manual has several modules, each of which provides information on a particular topic. To gain a full understanding of compliance requirements, it is recommended that a carrier obtain the complete manual rather than just one module. If the carrier should choose to obtain only certain parts of this manual, it is recommended that they obtain the full introduction and the appendices.

This is a guide only and is not meant to be a substitute for the actual legislation.
INTENDED USERS

This manual has been developed to assist:

- Carriers and owner/operators involved in operating commercial trucks and buses including:
  - Provincial carriers, including owner/operators, who operate commercial vehicles registered for a weight of 11,794 kilograms or more who operate only within Alberta;
  - Federal carriers, including owner/operators, who operate commercial vehicles registered for a weight of more than 4,500 kilograms who also operate outside of Alberta (including farmers);
  - Carriers, including owner/operators, who operate commercial passenger vehicles with a manufacturer’s seating capacity originally designed for 11 or more persons, including the driver.
- Carriers, owner/operators and their employees including management, administration and general staff in understanding their responsibilities and relevant acts, regulations and requirements;
- Safety professionals responsible for ensuring the safe operation of commercial vehicles and driver safety;
- Carriers, including owner/operators, who handle or transport dangerous goods;
- Persons obligated to comply with Operating Authority requirements (relevant to carriers providing passenger transportation service)

Note: A “carrier” is any person who operates a commercial bus or truck company.
APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Although this manual was created to better inform carriers and their employees of how to comply with safety laws relevant to the National Safety Code, it is their responsibility to ensure they are aware of the full regulations. This manual is intended to summarize legislative requirements and may not in any way serve as a substitute for the regulations set forth by the Alberta and federal governments.

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Compliance in Alberta manual refers to the following documents:

- The Alberta Traffic Safety Act and related regulations;
- Canada’s Motor Vehicle Transport Act, 1987 and related regulations;
- Canada’s Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act;
- Alberta’s Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act;
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods Clear Language Regulations;

To obtain full copies of Alberta’s relevant Acts and Regulations, carriers may contact The Queen’s Printer Bookstore at:

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10611-98th Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2P7
Phone: 780-427-4952
Fax: 780-452-0668
Website: www.qp.gov.ab.ca

To obtain full copies of Canada’s relevant Acts and Regulations, carriers may contact Transport Canada at:

330 Sparks Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N5
Phone: 613-990-2309
Fax: 613-954-4731
Website: http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/acts-regulations/menu.htm
RESOURCES FOR CARRIERS

Resources are available to assist commercial truck or bus carriers in following Alberta's transportation regulations and/or the National Safety Code (NSC). The Alberta government does not provide on-site training to assist carriers with such requirements as safety and/or maintenance programs, however, carriers may refer to any of the following sources for help:

**Alberta Transportation**

There are free education resources available to the public on the Alberta Transportation website at [www.transportation.alberta.ca/5608.htm](http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/5608.htm).

There is also a list of associations and other organizations that may assist commercial carriers online at: [www.transportation.alberta.ca/5611.htm](http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/5611.htm)

**Alberta Motor Transport Association (AMTA)**

The AMTA may provide you with contact information for consultants and offers various courses relevant to transport safety. The AMTA may be contacted at:

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Rocky View, Alberta T1X 0K3  
Phone: 800-267-1003  
Fax: 403-243-4610  
Website: [www.amta.ca](http://www.amta.ca)

**Lethbridge Community College**

Lethbridge Community College offers a program in partnership with the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Branch of the Alberta Solicitor General Department. This program provides training relevant to current transportation legislation such as hours of service, weights and dimensions, licensing and compliance to transportation safety legislation.

**Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Program (limited seats available)**  
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