



Vehicle Inspection Program Newsletter

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Auditing Contractor

As of January 1, 2017, facility audits will no longer be contracted out to Transtrue Vehicle Safety; instead this work will be completed by Alberta Transportation. Transtrue will continue to perform facility audits until the end of this year. Alberta Transportation would like to thank Transtrue for their years of service and dedication to the Vehicle Inspection Program.

What does this mean for inspection facilities?

Facilities that are expiring or moving locations before January 1, 2017 will still need to contact Transtrue to book a facility audit. Audit Request forms and information can be found on their website at transtrue.com. They can also be contacted at info@transtrue.com or by calling 1-866-756-3400.

Facilities that are expiring or moving locations after January 1, 2017 will have their audit completed by a Vehicle Safety Investigator. Facilities will continue to complete the appropriate application form on our website at www.transportation.alberta.ca/viplicensing.htm.

Facility applications will be reviewed and licences for existing inspection facilities will be issued regardless of whether or not a facility audit has been completed. All inspection facilities can expect to be audited within 3 months of their licence expiration date (either before or after). Inspection facilities that are found to be non-compliant with the Vehicle Inspection Regulation, the Facility Operating Manual or the applicable inspection manuals, will face disciplinary action, such as, a licence suspension or administrative penalty (fine). **NOTE – Facilities that are suspended or have outstanding administrative penalties will not be issued an inspection facility licence until the disciplinary issues have been resolved.**

Where do we purchase commercial decals?

All decals must be purchased from Transtrue until January 1, 2017. Order forms can be found on their website at transtrue.com.

After January 1, 2017, decals will be available for purchase online from our eFacility system. The cost of the decals will remain the same at \$30 for a book of 20 decals. More information on decal sales will be provided in the coming months.

What does this mean for licensing and audit fees?

Currently, inspection facilities are paying \$250 for the facility licence and between \$315.00 and \$472.50 additional for the facility audit. Up until January 2, 2017, these fees will remain the same.

After January 1, 2017, the licensing fee and audit fee will be combined into one fee, which **will be less than the current fees**. More information on the fees associated with the Vehicle Inspection Program will be released in the coming weeks.

More information will be available on our website at www.transportation.alberta.ca/viplicensing.htm

Alberta has adopted the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators 2014 National Safety Code Standard 11, Part B (NSC 11B). This new standard comprises the inspection criteria for Alberta's Commercial Vehicle Inspection Manual (Version 2.0 October 2016)

The purpose of the NSC 11B is to establish mechanical vehicle inspection criteria for trucks, trailers and buses. It provides a description of the vehicle inspection criteria and procedures to ensure that quality inspections are performed.

The NSC 11B has been adopted across Canada and harmonizes every inspection to the same criteria. The result of this harmonization is that every province recognizes other jurisdiction's inspections on commercial vehicles. This ensures that all inspections relating to commercial vehicles are performed at the same level across Canada.

What is different in the new NSC 11B?

All commercial inspection technicians must review the new 2014 NSC 11B and familiarize themselves with the new standard. It is recommended to compare the previous Commercial Vehicle Inspection Manual (Version 1.1) to the new manual (Version 2.0) for additions and changes.

The 2014 NSC11B inspection criteria is similar in format and design. It has been updated in a number of sections and provides additional methods of vehicle inspection options. Some of these changes are a direct reflection of the questions which have been submitted and questions raised by our partners in Alberta and across Canada.

Questions which had been submitted these past years were brought forward to the CCMTA for review and clarification.

The 2014 NSC11B has now been updated to include all vehicle types listed on the same page. There will no longer be a need to go section to section regarding vehicle types

The 2014 NSC11B provides extensive clarification and explanation on internal brake inspections. This information is found for each vehicle type in the front of the hydraulic brake section and air brake section.

What does this mean for inspection technicians?

Technicians licenced to complete commercial vehicle inspections, must obtain the new Commercial Vehicle Inspection Manual (Version 2.0 October 2016) and begin using the new standard as soon as possible. **Technicians must complete commercial inspections using the new Commercial Vehicle Inspection Manual as of January 1, 2017.**

As of Thursday, October 20, 2016, eFacility will have new commercial Records of Inspection that are aligned with the new NSC 11B standard. Inspections that are in the process of being completed will continue to use the Record of Inspection that has already been started. Inspections created after October 20th will be created using the new Record of Inspection. There will be no opportunity to switch between the old standard and the new standard.

IMPORTANT – The 2014 NSC 11B contains some requirements not currently reflected in Alberta legislation, but will be contained in future amendments to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation. The following inspection criteria are exempt from inspection until such time that regulation is amended to support:

- Emission Controls: sections B, C,D, and E
- Exterior Sun Visor: section A and Figures 1 - 4

Technicians will mark "NA" in these sections on the Record of Inspection until amendments to the regulation are made.

How do I complete the new Record of Inspection?

The new commercial Records of Inspection will closely resemble the old versions and can be completed in the same manner. Radio buttons are available for each component and must be marked as passed (P), failed (F), or not applicable (NA). Components that are marked as "failed" must include a note indicating why the component failed the inspection.

Unfortunately, the axle section of our Record of Inspection has remained unchanged and will only allow users to select a maximum of 5 axles. Measurements for additional axles and/or wheels, can be recorded in the "notes" section. Cam rotation is not required as part of the 2014 NSC 11B, but will still appear on the Record of Inspection. Technicians are asked to mark "NA" for cam rotation until such time as it can be removed from the Record of Inspection.

Where can I find the new Commercial Vehicle Inspection Manual?

The new Commercial Vehicle Inspection Manual (Version 2.0 October 2016) can be downloaded for free from our website at www.transportation.alberta.ca/vipmanuals. As long as the technician can access the inspection manual during the vehicle inspection, the manual can be kept in an electronic format or printed for easy access.

A printed copy can also be obtained from Riley's. Order forms are available on their website at www.rileys.com and going to the CVIP/MVIP Documents section.



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