

**GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
EXEMPTION BY REGISTRAR**

The Assistant Deputy Minister of the Transportation Safety Services Division, Alberta Transportation, pursuant to section 62(1)(a)(iii) of the *Traffic Safety Act*, and section 114(1) of the *Vehicle Equipment Regulation* (122/2009), subject to the conditions and restrictions noted below, hereby exempts; a police vehicle; an ambulance as defined in the *Emergency Health Services Act* that is registered in the name of a person who is an ambulance operator under that Act; and an emergency vehicle used primarily for the transportation of fire fighters or other emergency response workers or fire fighting equipment; from the requirement of section 24 of the *Vehicle Equipment Regulation* (122/2009).

Conditions:

- 1) A person shall not drive or operate: a police vehicle; an ambulance; or an emergency vehicle used primarily for the transportation of fire fighters or other emergency response workers or fire fighting equipment; equipped with a flashing lamp unless the flashing lamp is allowed or required under this exemption.
- 2) Flashing lamps allowed or required by this exemption may remain mounted on the vehicle even if the lamp is off.
- 3) A flashing lamp allowed or required by this exemption must be removed from a vehicle that is no longer used in performing the duties for which a flashing lamp is allowed or required under this exemption.
- 4) A police vehicle may have red flashing lamps or blue flashing lamps or both, and amber flashing lights. If a police vehicle has flashing lamps, the lamps must be mounted one of the following configurations with:
 - the blue flashing lamps on the right side, and the red flashing lamps on the left side, or
 - both the red and blue flashing lamps on the left exterior of the vehicle, with the red lamp either directly above the blue lamp, or with the blue lamp immediately to the right of the red lamp, or
 - interior flashing lamps with; a flashing blue lamp or a flashing red lamp; a flashing red lamp and a flashing blue lamp, with the red lamp either directly above the blue lamp, or with the blue lamp to the right of the red lamp; or a lamp that flashes blue and red alternately.
 - Amber flashing lights mounted and used at the discretion of the police authority.

5) An ambulance must have one or more flashing red lamps or a combination of flashing red and white lamps; or a combination of flashing red, white, and amber lamps:

- The red light emitted by a flashing lamp must be visible from all directions outside the vehicle.
- The white light emitted by a flashing lamp must not be visible from behind the vehicle.

6) An emergency vehicle used primarily for the transportation of fire fighters or other emergency response workers or fire fighting equipment must have one or more flashing red lamps; a combination of flashing red and white lamps; or a combination of flashing red, white, and amber lamps:

- The red light emitted by a flashing lamp must be visible from all directions outside the vehicle.
- While calling for the right of way, the white light emitted by a flashing lamp must not be visible from behind the vehicle, and the amber light emitted by a flashing lamp must not be visible to the front of the vehicle.
- While blocking or stopped on the highway right-of-way, must not emit any white flashing light.

7) A person shall not turn on or use the flashing lamps on:

- a police vehicle unless it is being used by a peace officer in carrying out the officer's duties, or
- an ambulance unless it is being used in response to a medical emergency, or
- an emergency vehicle used primarily for the transportation of fire fighters or other emergency response workers or fire fighting equipment, unless the vehicle is being used in response to a fire or other emergency.

This exemption expires on December 1, 2014.



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