

**SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT OF THE *PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION ACT***

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Motor Vehicle Inspectors	Government Agents	MOT (Director, Chair
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Managers, Licensing	Commercial Transport Inspectors	
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Services)	Passenger Transportation Branch	

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**PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR**

To advise that amendments have been made to Divisions 10, 11, 19, 25 and 37 of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* to include reference to the *Passenger Transportation Act* and regulations. This enables enforcement of the provisions in these divisions related to both Motor Carrier and Passenger Transport licensed carriers. Order in Council Number 162 is attached for your information.

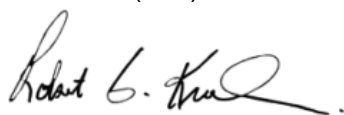
**BACKGROUND**

The *Passenger Transportation Act* and regulations came into effect on June 28, 2004, replacing the *Motor Carrier Act* and regulations. Consequential amendments to the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* to include reference to the *Passenger Transportation Act* have now been made. Divisions 10, 11, 19, 25 and 37 now provide dual reference to the *Motor Carrier Act* and the *Passenger Transportation Act* to allow simultaneous enforcement of these acts while the transition of licensees occurs.

While the transition period for Motor Carrier licensees to obtain Passenger Transportation licensing was to end on February 28, 2005, there remain a number of Motor Carrier licenses which are not yet converted to the new regime. Thus, the Passenger Transportation Branch has, for carriers who applied for conversion before February 11, 2005, extended the application of the provisions of the former MCA and regulations until the Motor Carrier licensee withdraws from service or the licensee obtains a new licence under the PTA.

During this interim period, Motor Carrier licensees will continue to display a Motor Carrier Licence plate and decal and be required to carry an accompanying certificate (cab card) and their Conditions of License in the vehicle. Until further notice, licensees' filed rates, time and route schedules, where applicable, will also remain in full force.

The Passenger Transportation Branch website can be referred to for details on the transition [www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt). Specific inquiries can also be directed to the Passenger Transportation Branch at (604) 453-4250.



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