

SUBJECT: Changes to the Canadian Agreement on Vehicle Registration (CAVR)

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PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To advise that as of September 1, 2008, BC is allowing farm, recreational and government vehicles from a Canadian province to travel intra-jurisdictionally for short periods without the payment of administrative or licensing fees under the Canadian Agreement on Vehicle Registration (CAVR).

In order to qualify for licensing reciprocity (an exemption from obtaining BC licensing or non-resident permits), the following conditions must be met:

- vehicles must be operated in accordance with the provisions below, and
- vehicles must be properly licensed in the province where the vehicle owner is ordinarily resident.

Farm Vehicles

Farm vehicles are provided licensing reciprocity without weight, geographic or time restrictions. Farm vehicle operators are no longer required to purchase a cab card through the Insurance Corporation of BC. In order to qualify for reciprocity, vehicles must be:

- registered as farm vehicles in their base jurisdiction, and
- engaged in the transportation of the registrant's own goods that are related to the operation of the registrant's farm business.

Recreational Vehicles

Motor vehicles of any weight designed or redesigned as recreational vehicles (i.e., including truck-tractor conversions) are provided licensing reciprocity. In order to qualify for reciprocity, vehicles must be:

- used exclusively for touring purposes, and
- in BC for a maximum period of up to six months from the date of last entry into the province.

Government Vehicles

All vehicles registered to the federal government or to a provincial, regional, or municipal government are provided licensing reciprocity without weight, time or geographic restrictions.

BC Licensing

A non-resident permit or prorated licence is required for the following out-of-province vehicles operating on a BC highway:

- farm vehicles transporting goods other than the registrant's own farm goods,
- recreational vehicles being used for any purpose other than for touring, and
- recreational vehicles that have been in BC for longer than six months since the date of last entry into BC.

Automobile Insurance

In order to satisfy BC's insurance requirements, many out-of-province vehicles must either purchase BC insurance or file for proof of financial responsibility. For more information about financial responsibility filings, please contact ICBC's Prorate and Financial Responsibility Department at 604-443-4624 or 1-800-665-4336.

Social Service Tax (PST)

Operators and owners of vehicles who use their vehicle for commercial purposes in BC must pay the Social Service Tax (PST). The tax calculation formula depends on the form of licence and type of operation in the province.

For more information, contact the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue at 1-877-388-4440 or 604-660-4524, or on the web at www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/ctb.



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