



SUBJECT: Financial responsibility for out-of-province operators

Managers, Victoria	Passenger Transportation Board	Commercial Transport Insp.
Regional CVSE Managers	Trucking Industry	(Inspection Stations)
Area Vehicle Inspectors	Carrier Safety Inspectors	ICBC
Deputy Director, CVSE	Government Agents	
ADM, Highways Department	Law Enforcement Agencies	

PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To advise that effective immediately, out-of-province operators are not required to carry documentary proof that financial responsibility (FR) has been filed with ICBC. FR numbers issued by ICBC may be accepted as proof of FR and verified by CVSE electronically. If the operator does not know the FR number, a filing may be verified electronically by carrier name.

BACKGROUND

The *Motor Vehicle Act* requires out-of-province commercial vehicles to be insured to BC minimum insurance requirements. Vehicle owners or lessees can meet these requirements by having their insurance company file a *Financial Responsibility Certificate* with ICBC. The Certificate is a guarantee of third party liability insurance that meets BC requirements and covers all vehicles owned and operated and/or leased and operated in the name of the insured.

If FR has not been filed with ICBC, out-of-province operators must purchase ICBC Basic insurance sold in conjunction with a Non-Resident Commercial Permit.

Prior to this notice, ICBC notified carriers by mail when their FR filing was approved. Notification included an FR number to be carried in the vehicle(s) as proof of insurance. Carriers have reported that the current paper-based process is slow and cumbersome to administer. ICBC has made procedural changes to improve efficiencies and ease of compliance for carriers.

APPLICATION

Effective immediately, out-of-province operators may quote the FR number issued by ICBC as proof that BC insurance requirements have been met. The FR number can be validated electronically by weigh scales, the Provincial Permit Centre, and roadside enforcement. FR filings may also be validated electronically by name of vehicle owner or lessee (the carrier that filed FR with ICBC).

Any questions that may arise concerning the validation of FR filings should be directed to ICBC Prorate Licensing & Financial Responsibility Department, Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 4:30pm

Greater Vancouver: 604-443-4624 or 604-443-4450

Outside Greater Vancouver: 1-800-661-1866 or 1-800-665-4336 (BC only)

For information about this notice, please contact Jan Lansing, A/Manager Commercial Transport at 250-953-4026 or by email at jan.lansing@gov.bc.ca.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Haywood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" and last name "Haywood" clearly distinguishable.

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