



# Vehicle Inspection Program

## Commercial and Private Vehicles

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The Vehicle Inspection Program in British Columbia is a privately-delivered mandatory inspection program which is monitored and regulated by government by various *Motor Vehicle Acts & Regulations, The Standards of Safety and Repair* (otherwise referred to as the Vehicle Inspection Manual). This program is facilitated at a national level by the Canadian Council of Motor Transporters Association (CCMTA) and to meet commitments under the Mandatory Periodic Commercial Vehicle Inspection Programs Reciprocal Agreement, to which BC is a signatory. This agreement provides recognition across Canadian jurisdictions for mechanical inspections conducted in British Columbia and some jurisdictions outside of Canada.

The BC mandatory inspection program applies generally to commercial motor vehicles that are licensed for more than 8,200 kg., commercial trailers, private vehicles newly registered in British Columbia, vehicles that require inspection in the Passenger Transportation Branch, and vehicles directed to inspection by Peace Officers and Law Enforcement.

The inspections are performed by mechanics authorized as "Authorized" Inspectors (AI's) at private sector garages, service stations and dealerships designated as "Designated" Inspection Facilities (DIF's), and at Preventative Maintenance Program Facilities (PMP) for large fleets.

The Vehicle Inspection Program is monitored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Division by Peace Officers and Police Agencies through facility audits and roadside inspections by Motor Vehicle Inspectors, weigh scales, Portable Inspectors, and Law Enforcement.

The mission of the Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement is to strive to improve safety through enforcement, education, and the delivery of effective and efficient road safety programs.

As part of our Mission the Vehicle Inspection Program is to provide Police, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Peace Officers, and other Enforcement agencies with a mechanism to order vehicles suspected of having significant mechanical defects to undergo a mechanical inspection and repair or to remove vehicles with critical defects from the road.

Primary Statutory Provisions under this program include the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, Divisions 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 25* and the *Standards of Safety and Repair* (Vehicle Inspection Manual) conducted on commercial vehicles.