

2023 Task Force on VWD Policy Meeting – Nunavut Jurisdictional Report

Re-organization and Building on Capacity

In relation to Qanuqtuurniq (Being innovative and resourceful), the Department of Economic Development and Transportation (EDT) presented a business case to the Nunavut Legislative Assembly during the summer of 2022 to re-organize and build on capacity of the Motor Vehicles Division and it was approved. From the results of an internal review of service capacity of the Motor Vehicles Division, it was found that more staff are needed to keep up with current service demands. Therefore, additional positions for issuing services, driver examinations/enforcement and technical support were created. As part of the re-organization process, the Motor Vehicles Division Headquarters is to move from Gjoa Haven to Rankin Inlet, to be more central within the territory of Nunavut. Therefore, the positions of Director and Senior Driver Examiner will eventually move to Rankin Inlet.

As of October 2022, all third-party issuing agents, known as Government Liaison Officers (GLOs) were upgraded from “off-line” motor vehicle issuing service capacity and now have access to Nunavut’s MVIS (Motor Vehicle Information System) database. This upgrade in service level allows GLOs to issue original driver’s abstract reports and original vehicle registration certificates instead of 90-day temporary vehicle registration certificates, as these temporary certificates had to be processed at any one of the (3) regional Motor Vehicles Division offices. As for issuance of driver’s licences and general identification cards, these applications no longer must be downloaded into a specially encrypted USB key by the GLOs and shipped to a regional Motor Vehicles Division office by air cargo pack and be uploaded by Motor Vehicles Division issuing staff for final processing. All driver’s licence and general identification card applications in communities where GLOs provide this service are now transferred electronically through a secure portal via the Government of Nunavut’s Core Business Network, which drastically reduces the time it takes from first application to final delivery of the new driver’s licence or general identification card to each client throughout the territory of Nunavut. The GLOs can also now receive virtual training or technical support in real time via Microsoft Teams, which reduces the need for a Motor Vehicles Division staff member to physically travel to the GLOs community to provide basic training or technical support.

Motor Vehicle Safety and Inspections Program

In relation to Pilimmaksarniq/Pijariuqsarniq (Development of skills through observation, mentoring, practice and effort) the Nunavut CVSA-NASI (Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance-North American Standard Inspection) Program is expected to be revitalized during the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Due to logistical issues in 2017 and 2018, including further delays occurred in getting appointed Motor Vehicle Officers certified/re-certified during the height of COVID-19 pandemic as there were strict travel restrictions going in and out of Nunavut for training purposes. The City of Iqaluit Municipal Enforcement Department may require some of their officers to be CVSA-NASI certified as there is an expected increase of local commercial vehicles transporting bulk goods and dangerous goods to and from the newly built deep seaport. There is a concern about regulating weights and dimensions, including cargo securement of commercial vehicles traveling on the deep seaport road. Work is to be completed soon with drafting a new Over-Weight and/or Over-Dimension Permit application form in a fillable PDF format. Nunavut’s MVIS (Motor Vehicle Information System) database is already programmed for issuing Over-Weight and/or Over-Dimension Permits.

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