

NATIONAL SAFETY CODE



The National Safety Code (NSC) is a set of 16 standards developed by Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA)'s member jurisdictions, in consultation with the motor carrier industry to ensure road safety, promote efficiency, and achieve consistent safety standard practices across Canada. These standards are a vital instrument of public policy promoting public safety and the safe and efficient movement of people and goods on Canadian roads.

Designed as a **comprehensive code of minimum performance standards** for the safe operation of passenger and commercial vehicles, the NSC specifically focuses on those **responsible for the operation of commercial vehicles** on the road, including trucks, buses, tractors, and trailers.

CCMTA is the custodian of the NSCs based on an MOU with the Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety. Upkeep of the NSC Standards is provided by CCMTA's Program Committees. As these standards are dynamic, they are regularly **reviewed and updated in consultation with industry** to ensure the NSCs evolve to improve responses to new road safety issues and remain effective and relevant. NSCs are approved by the Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety.

All provinces and territories use the **NSC as the cornerstone** of their commercial vehicle regulatory framework, with standards either adopted by reference into jurisdictional regulation or mirrored in provincial and territorial laws.

For the complete versions of each NSC Standard, visit [CCMTA's website](#) for free downloads.

CANADA'S NATIONAL SAFETY CODE STANDARDS

DRIVER LICENCING COMPONENTS

- Standard 1 **Single Driver Licence Concept**
- Standard 2 **Knowledge and Performance Tests (Drivers)**
- Standard 3 **Driver Examiner Training Program**
- Standard 4 **Classified Driver Licencing System**
- Standard 5 **Self-Certification Standards Procedures**
- Standard 6 **Determining Driver Fitness in Canada**

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE & CARRIER COMPONENTS

- Standard 7 **Carrier and Driver Profiles**
- Standard 8 **Short-Term Suspension**
- Standard 9 **Commercial Vehicle Drivers Hours of Service**
- Standard 10 **Cargo Securement**
- Standard 11 **Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection**
- Standard 12 **CVSA On-Road Inspections**
- Standard 13 **Trip Inspection**
- Standard 14 **Safety Rating**
- Standard 15 **Facility Audits**
- Standard 16 **Entry Level Training (Class 1)**

ABOUT CCMTA

Founded in 1940, Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) is an incorporated non-profit organization with a membership comprised of fourteen representatives from Canada's provincial, territorial, and federal governments. Members have responsibility for the administration, regulation and control of motor vehicle transportation and highway safety in Canada.

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