

OSBA MEMBERSHIP

ATTENTION MEMBERS: OSBA Membership Packages have been sent out this week. Watch for them in the mail! Renew by February 28, 2013 to continue receiving all the benefits that an OSBA membership has to offer!

REMINDER: NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR OSBA DIRECTORS IN DISTRICTS 4 & 8

Operators in Districts 4 and 8 are reminded that nominations are now open with terms beginning April 2013. Paul Wiley and Mark Begg are the current Directors.

Nominations will be accepted until **5:00pm on February 1**. Forms are available from the OSBA Office.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE ONTARIO TRANSPORTATION EXPO!

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND?

This week OSBA confirmed the attendance of a Transport Canada official to present at the OTE session on 15 passenger vans. Transport Canada recently released their research paper on this topic which has been made available under the **Education** section of the OSBA website, to view click here: [15 Passenger Van Report](#)

OSBA is very excited to have a TC representative at OTE as we know this will be a valuable session for all OSBA operators!

Visit www.ote.ca for more details and to register today!

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TRANSPORTATION STATION

Come April 1, 2013 - Drivers Aged 65-79 No Longer Subject to Annual Road and Written Tests

As reported previously in *OSBA News*, effective April 1, 2013, commercial drivers aged 65-79 holding Class A, B, C, E, or F, licences (with or without a Z endorsement) will no longer be subject to mandatory annual road and written tests. A written test will still be required as part of the 5 year licence renewal process. Commercial drivers aged 80 and over will be subject to annual road and written tests. There is no change to the current medical requirements – an annual medical will still be required for drivers age 65 or over.

However, drivers aged 65-79 holding a Class A, B, C, D, E, or F licence will be required to pass a road test and written test upon the accumulation of 3 or more demerit points or have a conviction arising from an at-fault collision. Another major change effective April 1st is that Class A, B, and C drivers who fail to submit a medical report will be downgraded to a Class G licence (currently, they are downgraded to a Class D).

MTO is now including an information sheet with renewal notice mailings to Class A, B, C, E and F who are age 65 or more as of April 1st. The notice explains that if the licence expires on or after April 1st, the driver is exempt from the road and written tests. If the driver wants to renew prior to April 1st, they will have to pass the road and written tests. OSBA has heard reports that suggest not all DriveTest Centre staff are aware of the new rules for commercial drivers over age 65. We advised MTO and they said communications materials are now going out to all DriveTest Centres.

PMVI Technician Guidebook and PMVI Inspection Forms

Get your PMVI Technician Guidebooks and Inspection Forms from OSBA!
Visit the Store at www.osba.on.ca for order forms and pricing.

Regulation 611 under the HTA was amended July 1, 2011 to adopt the National Safety Code Standard for periodic motor vehicle safety inspections (PMVI) including annual and semi-annual safety inspections and Safety Standard Certificates for buses, school purposes vehicles and accessible vehicles. **By July 1, 2013** all annual, semi-annual and safety standard certificate (SSC) inspections conducted by Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations must be done to the National Standard. Many stations are already switching over to the new standard which most technicians will find easier to use.

This 92-page guidebook provides a comprehensive explanation of the new PMVI standard. It provides detailed description of how each component or system is to be inspected and what constitutes a “pass” or “reject” condition. The book also includes the **National Safety Code Standard 11B**, reproduced with the consent of CCMTA. Technicians doing PMVI annual and semi-annual bus inspections and SSC’s have long asked for an authoritative, simple to use guidebook to ensure inspections are done consistently and in accordance with the regulations.

Under the new PMVI regulation, technicians must fill out an **inspection report** in conjunction with the annual or semi-annual safety sticker or SSC. This is a new requirement that was not part of the previous regulation. These reports (which are a 2-part NCR snap-set) are available individually or in packages of 50.



Calendar of Events January & February

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Upcoming Events

February 3 - 8, 2013 - Professional Instructor in Driver Education Program - Burlington, ON

February 21, 2013 - OSBA Board of Directors Meeting - Etobicoke, ON

February 28, 2013 - OSBA Membership Fees Due

March 10 - 15, 2013 - Professional Instructor in Driver Education Program - Burlington, ON

April 7 - 10, 2013 - Ontario Transportation Expo - Toronto, ON

February 2013

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Submissions welcome.

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