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# 2017 OSBA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

## Bus Operators

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### SAFETY & REGULATORY CONSULTATION AND ADVICE

Members continue to save time, effort and money from one-on-one access to expert safety and regulatory assistance direct from OSBA's consultant on a wide variety of issues ranging from driver medicals, licensing, criminal background checks, CVOR issues...to child seats, occupant restraints, school bus mechanical standards and inspection requirements, railway crossing laws, hours of service rules, school bus stopping laws, securement of cargo in buses and much, much more. This exceptional service is available to each and every member – individually or via OSBA webinars!

### ISSUE MANAGEMENT

OSBA's members' interests are represented and government advised regarding many issues affecting the school bus industry including the following (working list contains many more active issues):

- Driver Background Checks
- Driver Certification Program (DCP)
- MTO Inspections and Enforcement
- Red/Amber (8 Lamp) Warning Light System
- School Bus Occupant Restraints
- Hand-held Two-way Radio Exemption Expiry
- School Bus Exhaust Emissions
- CSA D250, D270 and D407 Standards
- Driver Hours of Service and Daily Vehicle Inspections
- Driver and Vehicle Licensing
- Public Vehicles Act Updates
- Electric School Bus Pilots
- Stop Arm Cameras

### GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY AND PARTNERSHIPS

OSBA speaks for its members with one strong, collective, professional voice. OSBA is highly respected and called upon by government for industry advice, and advocates for all members in an expert manner with the Ministries of Education, Transportation, Government Services, and with numerous other provincial and federal bodies. Competitive procurement has been a major focus of the Board of Directors and OSBA continues to work towards a balanced approach. OSBA also continues to build relationships with all student transportation organizations across the province and Canada through a variety of ongoing efforts and initiatives.

### OSBA ON-LINE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SERVICE FOR CLASS B AND E LICENCES

An on-line service that allows individual applicants to complete a criminal background check from any internet location via the link provided on the OSBA website. Fast, convenient and economical – turnaround in 1 business day, all applications are done on-line including electronic transfer to the Ministry of Transportation at an OSBA discounted rate of \$29 + HST. Corporate accounts available for monthly tracking and payment. **NOTE:** This is NOT a Vulnerable Sector Verification (VSV); VSV's are only available in-person from a local police service.

### DRIVER LICENCE STATUS CHECK (DLSC)

This is a timely, reliable, affordable service for bus operators to confirm at regular intervals, that their drivers have a valid licence. Subscribers to DLSC have the added benefit of electronic access to MTO 3-year detailed driver abstracts for less than it costs to get abstracts through ServiceOntario.

### EDUCATION

- **Webinars** - OSBA conducts webinars to assist in educating and informing members on timely and pertinent safety, regulatory and industry issues and initiatives. These webinars offer learning opportunities to owners and staff from the comfort and convenience of any location -workplaces, boardrooms, training rooms, home offices. These educational opportunities will continue on a complimentary basis in 2017.
- **Ontario Transportation Expo (OTE)** - OSBA, along with its partners OMCA and OPTA, offers the only quadruple bus industry conference and trade show in Canada combining school bus, motor coach, public transit and specialized transit. School bus specific educational workshops are led by accomplished subject matter experts and focus on highly relevant information to help member businesses on a day-to-day basis. OTE provides a unique opportunity for a variety of business connections and to share experiences, expertise and best practices particularly during the trade show. Visit [www.ote.ca](http://www.ote.ca)
- **Professional Instructor in Driver Education (P.R.I.D.E.) Program** - A one-of-a-kind training program that teaches driver instructors how to properly train new and seasoned fleet drivers. The unique combination of the in-class and on-road learning environments provide pre-requisite certification for "Signing Authority" with the Ministry of Transportation (Ontario).
- **P.R.I.D.E. Recertification Program** – Mandatory training to maintain MTO Signing Authority designation, this course is approved by the MTO to reinforce Signing Authority instructor qualities and to ensure continued high quality delivery of driver training in the Province of Ontario.

### PUBLICATIONS

- **Daily Inspection Log Books, Record of Duty Status (HOS) Forms and PMVI Guidebook and Inspection Report Forms** are essential tools for all operators at discounted member prices.
- **OSBA Newsletter and Important Bulletins** electronically provide the latest issues and trends that impact daily business and the school bus industry. Newsletter distributed to members on a bi-weekly basis.
- **School Bus Ontario Magazine** - Canada's only school bus industry magazine containing articles and expert insight on highly topical subjects that impact student transportation across Ontario. Sent to all members on an annual basis, along with government officials, directors of education and many thousands of other student transportation stakeholders.
- **Membership Directory** - A detailed listing of all members and their contact information for enhanced business connections and opportunities.