



## New Entrant Commercial Vehicle Operators' Registration (CVOR) Written Test

MTO has announced amendments to Regulation 424/97 "Commercial Vehicle Operators' Information" of the Highway Traffic Act. These amendments require new truck and bus operators to complete a CVOR written test demonstrating their knowledge of Ontario's laws and regulations as they apply to the operation of commercial motor vehicles.

New Ontario-based truck and bus operators applying for a CVOR certificate on or after October 1, 2013 will be affected by this new requirement. The CVOR test is part of the ongoing development of the New Entrant Education and Evaluation Program and must be successfully completed prior to obtaining a CVOR Certificate. The test, which consists of multiple-choice questions, must be completed in person at one of the current DriveTest centres in Ontario. Test questions are based on content contained in the Commercial Vehicle Operators' Safety manual available online at: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/programs/cvos/module-1-1.shtml>. The cost of a test, or subsequent retest, is \$32.

The amendments to Regulation 424/97, including the addition of Section 1.3, can be found online at: [http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws\\_regs\\_970424\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_970424_e.htm).

# OSBA NEWS

### Record of Duty Status (HOS)

If you haven't already purchased your Record of Duty Status (HOS) forms, OSBA has them available for your convenience. Record of Duty Status forms are for local drivers who drive within a 160 km of their home terminal. The Record is in a 2-part form, and covers a 26 week period. The 2-part form design (using carbonless NCR paper) will allow the driver to keep a carbon copy for his/her records.



To purchase this item, please visit [www.osba.on.ca](http://www.osba.on.ca) to download the order form and scan/email to [info@osba.on.ca](mailto:info@osba.on.ca) or fax to 416.695.9977.

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## “Open Garage” for School Bus Safety Week

October 21-25, 2013

New school bus operator, Switzer-Carty Transportation, has big plans for School Bus Safety Week (SBSW).

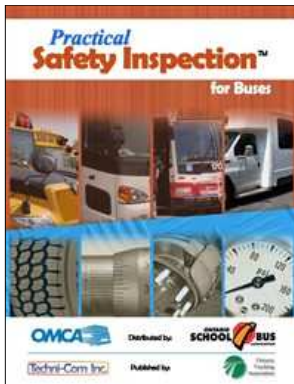
*“We want to reach out to the public and help them understand the world of school busing just a little bit better,”* shares Vikki Valois, Branch Manager in Bradford. *“We will be holding an ‘Open Garage’ during school bus safety week.”* The Bradford location will be open to the public for information sessions which will allow them to look inside the school bus for a behind-the-scenes view of what happens on the bus after a child boards and the door closes.

*“This is the perfect opportunity for parents to ask questions and see what type of school bus features keep their children safe,”* says Vikki. In conjunction with local schools, Switzer-Carty will be educating all students on safe school bus riding procedures and evacuation drills.

Also during SBSW, drivers will learn environmentally friendly driving techniques and habits by participating in the “Green” program. Help remind the public, drivers, schools and students, to be safe and cautious at all times when you see a yellow school bus.

For more information contact Vikki Valois at 905.775.7770 ext. 105.

## PMVI Guidebook & Inspection Forms



These **guidebooks** provide a comprehensive explanation of the National Standard adopted by Ontario. It includes a detailed description and illustrations 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 13, 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.

The forms are available in a variety of formats. To purchase the guidebooks or forms, please complete the order form(s) at [www.osba.on.ca](http://www.osba.on.ca) and scan/email it to [info@osba.on.ca](mailto:info@osba.on.ca) or fax to 416.695.9977.



# Calendar of Events

## September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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## Upcoming

### October 20-25, 2013

Professional Instructor in Driver Education Program - Burlington, ON

### October 21-25, 2013

School Bus Safety Week

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## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

October 21 - 25, 2013

Planning an event for School Bus Safety Week? We want to hear from you! Let us know what you're doing to promote school bus safety during this week and you could be featured in an issue of OSBA News!

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