



OSBA NEWS

MTO Driver & Vehicle Fees Increase on Sept. 1st

The Ontario government has announced that it is implementing phased increases of driver and vehicle licence fees, including fees for new driver's licences and renewals, driver's licence replacements, driver examinations and vehicle permits. The government points out that until last year, fees had not been increased in 15 years. The Government's media release states, *"The changes are necessary to cover the rising costs of maintaining provincial roads, bridges and highways and to support the quality services Ontarians rely on, such as education and health care. Even with these increases, Ontario's passenger vehicle licence fees will remain lower than many other provinces in Canada."* Below are some examples of fee increases effective September 1st:

- Classified Road Test increases to \$85
- Classified Knowledge Test increases to \$15
- Z Endorsement Practical Test increases to \$50
- Bus Plate Validation Stickers increase based on RGW

To view the Governments' Fee Increase Backgrounder, go to: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/news/backgrounder/fee-changes-2013-09-01.shtml>

OSBA Annual Magazine Call for Articles

Each year OSBA publishes an annual magazine entitled "School Bus Ontario". Its circulation is over 6,000 in total and sent to a very large audience of schools, bus operators, school boards/consortia, transportation officers, directors of education, MPP's and supplier/manufacturers. We are looking to include member articles about innovative concepts, ideas, solutions and/or interesting developments in the school bus industry. Sharing information, one bit at a time, not only helps enlighten and educate a community but also contributes to the ultimate end goal of transporting children safely and ensuring the viability of the school bus industry. Paid advertisements are also available to promote current/known company offerings.

To submit an article, please email Michele O'Bright at mobright@osba.on.ca.

Submission deadline - **Tuesday, Sept. 17th** - 5pm EST.

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Driver Daily Inspection Log Books

While students are making sure they have their pencils and supplies ready for school, bus companies are encouraged to check their supply of the **Daily Inspection Log Book**. The OSBA log book meets the requirements of the Ministry of Transportation and lasts the full school year.

To place an order, simply complete an order form and scan/email it to info@osba.on.ca. Order forms can be found at the OSBA website: www.osba.on.ca under the "Store" tab.

The HOLY GRAIL of Driver Instructor Training

Over 1,100 participants have been certified through the Professional Instructor in Driver Education (P.R.I.D.E.) Program since its inception in 1990. As you may know, this one-of-kind program teaches driver instructors how to properly train new and seasoned fleet drivers using superior facilitation skills and unique P.R.I.D.E. Program philosophies. In addition to the powerful curriculum, the key success factors of the program are the master trainer team and the dual learning environment of 50% in the classroom and 50% on-road. Jillian Graves, Maria Holmes, Maureen Hurren, Elaine McNaughton, Jim Porteous, Barry Stannard and Graham Walker are unparalleled experts when it comes to training driver instructors and developing retainable facilitation skills. If you/your trainers would like to learn effective techniques regarding "HOW" to properly teach pre-trip inspections, defensive driving, right and left turns, night driving or any other difficult driving technique, the P.R.I.D.E. Program is where you need to be.

Upon successful completion of the program, participants receive certification towards "Signing Authority" with the Ministry of Transportation's "Driver Certification Program". For more info, find us on Facebook, or visit the OSBA website at www.osba.on.ca

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

OSBA and Industry Successes

We want to hear your good news stories! Tell us about a successful venture or special occurrence in your company, with your drivers, amongst the kids that you transport, within your schools, or a new product/service within your organization. OSBA wants to highlight and share your successes. It's not about giving away company secrets or blowing a horn too boldly. It's about being proud of the professionalism within the school bus industry as a whole. We have dedicated the front page of the OSBA newsletter to YOU! Please send your articles to: info@osba.on.ca (Please note OSBA reserves all article publishing rights).

Facebook "Likes"

The OSBA Facebook page is growing! Connect with parents, students and industry leaders. "Like" us on Facebook today!

If there is anything that OSBA can do to assist you in this process, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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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!

Email: info@osba.on.ca

Submissions welcome.

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