

**STANDARD 1**

**SINGLE DRIVER LICENCE CONCEPT**

Although this Standard appears in the *National Safety Code for Motor Carriers*, it is important to note that it applies to all drivers, including commercial drivers.



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### **INTRODUCTION**

Legislation in force prohibits the holding of more than one valid and subsisting driver licence issued by a competent authority in Canada.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

In order to guarantee the principle that drivers must hold only one driver licence, the following administrative procedures have been agreed upon by all participating jurisdictions:

- a) All persons applying for a driver licence shall surrender any subsisting licence issued to them by a competent authority in another jurisdiction.
- b) Surrendered driver licences shall be returned to their issuing jurisdiction.
- c) The driving records of persons surrendering out-of-jurisdiction licences shall be obtained.
- d) When receiving driving records from other jurisdictions, the driver's record shall be updated with at least the following information:
  - i) convictions for traffic offences which are analogous to offences in the issuing jurisdiction and which have occurred within the issuing jurisdiction's normal record retention period;
  - ii) convictions for driving offences under the Criminal Code of Canada which have occurred within the issuing jurisdiction's normal record retention period; and
  - iii) current driver licence suspensions, cancellations or driving prohibitions which are analogous to driver licence suspensions, cancellations or driving prohibitions which would normally be imposed on the issuing jurisdiction.
- e) when a surrendered licence is returned to its issuing jurisdiction, the jurisdiction shall update the driving record accordingly, stating the fact that a new licence has been issued in another jurisdiction.
- f) when driving records are transmitted to other participating jurisdictions, the information shall be forwarded in such format as may be prescribed in the transaction specifications of the "Interprovincial Record Exchange".
- g) A feature shall be developed within the Interprovincial Record Exchange system to scan all jurisdictions' driver records by name, sex and date of birth in response to a single request. This will facilitate rapid scanning of all new driver licence applicants to determine whether they currently hold a driver licence in another jurisdiction.

- h) All jurisdictions shall participate in the Driver Licence Compact or similar reciprocal agreement with U.S.A. jurisdictions negotiated through the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators with its counterpart organization, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.