

**Vehicle Safety Circular** 

# Updates to Safety Fitness Certificate (SFC) Process

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Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) is updating the Safety Program for new and existing heavy commercial vehicle carriers and operators in Manitoba seeking a Safety Fitness Certificate (SFC) and proposing a regulation change that will impact a new carrier or operator.

## **Regulatory Changes Proposed**

If the proposed regulatory change is approved, all new carriers will be required to have a staff member or company owner certified through a safety course. A carrier will not be able to obtain a new safety fitness certificate in Manitoba until they have taken the course.

A 45-day public consultation on the *Safety Fitness Criteria and Certificates Regulation*, of The Highway Traffic Act, is currently underway with an anticipated effective date of December 1, 2022, which allows citizens to review and comment on the proposed changes until November 28, 2022.

This change may start to impact new carriers in Manitoba as early as January 1, 2023.

## Additional Safety Program Updates

Effective December 1, 2022:

#### Existing Motor Carriers

Current carriers will be required to provide the following additional information during the renewal process for all SFCs that expire on or after December 1, 2022:

- Proof of valid Periodic Mandatory Vehicle Inspection (PMVI)
- Vehicle kilometres traveled
- Carrier Representative Authorization (if applicable)



### New Operators

In addition to the current requirements, new carriers seeking a SFC in Manitoba for the first time will be required to:

- Pay a \$200 application fee
- Certify compliance officer(s)
- Provide a safety plan

A letter has been sent to motor carriers to notify them of these changes. For additional information, please see the MTI website at <a href="https://reg.gov.mb.ca/home.">https://reg.gov.mb.ca/home.</a>