

Functional Passenger Heating on Buses Effective November 1

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The Province of Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure has introduced amendments to the Vehicle Equipment, Safety and Inspection Regulation (VESIR), under Manitoba's *Highway Traffic Act*, requiring functional passenger heating on all buses travelling in Manitoba, effective November 1, 2024.

The amendments to the Vehicle Equipment, Safety and Inspection Regulation and Commercial Vehicle Trip Inspection Regulation under *The Highway Traffic Act* will:

- Require functional passenger heating systems on all buses.
- Detail the methods of inspection to determine the heating system is functional.
- Add passenger heaters to the list of equipment that must be inspected before the start of a trip.

MPI encourages all inspection station operators and qualified mechanics to review the [updated VESI regulation](#) to ensure compliance with the regulation and inspection standards.

Items listed in the VESIR under 4.2 (7.1) will be used as rejection criteria when performing a PMVI inspection on buses in Manitoba. This does not replace the NSC 11 Part B inspection criteria, rather it is an additional requirement.

Any item that does not meet the criteria set out in VESIR 4.2 (7.1) will be rejected in the Manitoba Periodic Mandatory Inspection Certificate (PMVI) Inspection certificate under Section 5 - Instruments and Auxiliary equipment. The rejected item will be recorded including a note referencing the VESIR requirement.