

Commercial Drivers' Processing Fee Exemption

The Office of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles (OSMV) implemented the National Safety Code (NSC) schedule of medical monitoring for commercial drivers on September 1, 2003.

The Driver Fitness Program at the OSMV and the NSC aim to protect public safety by ensuring drivers are fit and able to drive safely. Our move to fully comply with the NSC commercial driver fitness standards will help us jointly to meet this aim.

A processing fee of \$28 is charged to commercial drivers on initial application for a commercial driver's licence and each time a five-year driver's licence is renewed. This is in addition to the regular renewal fee.

Drivers who require a commercial licence solely for volunteer, non-paid driving are eligible for an exemption to the \$28 processing fee. Drivers who require their commercial licences for paid employment and also perform volunteer work are not eligible. A driver must apply for the exemption when they initially apply for a commercial class driver's licence and each time they renew their driver's licence. No refunds will be issued to volunteer drivers who have paid the \$28 fee even if they bring in the letter after application or renewal of a commercial class driver's licence.

There is no waiver or exemption from completing the Driver's Medical Examination form as required by the National Safety Code schedule, including those who use their Class 1-4 licence solely for volunteer purposes.

How to Apply for Exemption to the \$28 Processing Fee

If you hold your commercial licence exclusively for volunteer purposes, you can apply for an exemption to the \$28 processing fee by providing a letter from the volunteer agency for whom you provide non-paid driving services. The letter must be presented at the time you apply for or renew your commercial class driver's licence. It must:

- Be on the volunteer agency's letterhead;
- Be dated within one year of the date of your driver's licence application or renewal;
- Be signed by the agency's coordinator of volunteers (or similar position); and,
- Provide your name and driver's licence number.

If you meet the exemption requirements, the driver's licence issued to you will have the restriction "Comm DL Volunteer Only" applied.

For more information . . .

on commercial driver's licence requirements and driver's medical examination schedule for commercial drivers:

- ICBC website www.icbc.com
- Superintendent of Motor Vehicles
 - website: www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/osmv
(click on "publications")
 - phone 250 387-7747 (in Victoria)