

## Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement

# BULLETIN

To: Passenger Directed Transportation Industry and BC Law Enforcement Personnel

### **RE: Passenger Transportation Regulation Amendment – Record Check Certificate Process**

On March 16, 2026, amendments to the Passenger Transportation Regulation reduced how frequently Record Check Certificates expire in B.C. (see [Order in Council No. 82-2026](#)).

Effective September 1, 2026, new Record Check Certificates:

- Will expire every two (2) years on the driver's birthday (see Appendix 1 - Calculating Record Check Certificate Expiry Dates for instructions for determining the expiry date);
- Must include the date of issue; and
- May only be issued if the driver's Police Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check (PIC-VS) and driving record check are dated within the three (3) months prior to the date of issue of the Record Check Certificate.
  - If a driver acquires any type of matter (prescribed or not) on their records, after obtaining a PIC-VS and driving record check but before the Record Check Certificate has been issued, they must obtain and provide a new record check(s) for consideration by the licensee.

This replaces the previous requirement for Record Check Certificates to expire 12 months after the latter of the date on which the driver's PIC-VS was conducted, or the date on which their driving record check was conducted.

Existing Record Check Certificates issued prior to September 1, 2026, will still expire on the date listed (12 months after issue).

### **Continuing requirements for Licensees and Drivers:**

Licensees are still required to:

- Confirm a driver's PIC-VS and driving record check are up to date and show no prescribed matters related to their ability to safely transport passengers before issuing a new Record Check Certificate.
  - Driving record check abstracts continue to be required annually under B.C.'s National Safety Code program.
- Give prompt written notice to the driver if they cannot issue a Record Check Certificate, either because the driver does not meet the provincial requirements, or the licensee is unable to determine driver eligibility.
  - The [Record Check Certificate Checklist \(PDF\)](#) can help licensees determine driver eligibility, or they can contact the [Commercial Passenger Vehicle Program](#) for assistance.

- Notify the Registrar of Passenger Transportation, if a driver acquires a prescribed matter on their record and returns their Record Check Certificate.

Drivers are still required to:

- Report any new prescribed matter obtained on their records.
- Return their Record Check Certificate to the licensee, if they acquire a prescribed matter on their record after the Record Check Certificate has been issued.

A driver may still submit a [Record Check Review Application](#) to the Registrar of Passenger Transportation if notified by a licensee that they are ineligible to drive.

### **Enforcement**

Police and CVSE officers ensure Record Check Certificates are being issued and retained in compliance with the *Passenger Transportation Act* and Regulation during enforcement activities. CVSE officers also audit licensees to ensure compliance.

### **Contact**

Should you have any questions or concerns (beyond those addressed in Appendix 2 – Questions & Answers), please contact CVSE by email at [CPV@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CPV@gov.bc.ca), and a representative would be pleased to assist you.

Thank you,



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Appendices:

1. Calculating Record Check Certificate Expiry Dates
2. Questions & Answers

## Appendix 1: Calculating Record Check Certificate Expiry Dates

Both the driver's PIC-VS and driving record check must have been issued within the last three (3) months to be considered for a Record Check Certificate. If not, they must provide a new record check(s) for your consideration. Exceptions may be made for drivers who were awaiting decision on, and have received an approved, Record Check Review from the Registrar of Passenger Transportation.

The Record Check Certificate is valid for two (2) years from the driver's nearest birthday to the date of issue of the Record Check Certificate. During the transition to aligning expiry dates with birthdays, the exact validity period will vary between one and a half (1.5) and two and a half (2.5) years. Each consecutive Record Check Certificate will be valid for approximately two (2) years, if issued around the driver's birthday.

Effective September 1, 2026:

1. If the driver's next birthday will occur **in the next 182 days**, the date of expiry should be two (2) years from that date.

### Example

Date of Issue: January 1, 2027

Next Birthday: April 15

Days until birthday: **104**

Calculate from: April 15, 2027

Expiry date: April 15, 2029

2. If the driver's next birthday will occur **in more than 182 days**, the date of expiry should be two (2) years from the date of their last birthday.

### Example

Date of Issue: January 1, 2027

Next Birthday: September 15

Days until birthday: **257**

Calculate from: September 15, 2026

Expiry date: September 15, 2028

## **Appendix 2: Questions & Answers**

### **1. Why is the ministry making this change?**

- To help save time for licensees and costs for drivers, as recommended in the Report of the Special Committee to Review Passenger Directed Vehicles, and based on consultation with industry.

### **2. What happens when a Record Check Certificate needs to be renewed before September 1, 2026?**

- Any certificates issued before September 1, 2026, must comply with current requirements, and may only be valid for 12 months, from the date of issue.

### **3. Do licensees have to re-issue Record Check Certificates for all drivers on September 1, 2026?**

- Current Record Check Certificates remain valid until the listed expiration date, and there is no need to re-issue Record Check Certificates. Effective September 1, 2026, any new Record Check Certificates issued must include the date of issue and will expire every two years on the driver's birthday (see Appendix 1 - Calculating Record Check Certificate Expiry Dates for instructions for determining the expiry date).

### **4. With the change to the expiry date of the Record Check Certificate, what does this mean for the requirement for driver's abstracts under B.C.'s National Safety Code program?**

- There is no change to the Motor Vehicle Act Regulation Division 37 requirement for a carrier to maintain a transcript ("N" print abstract) of the driving record of each driver, issued at the time of employment and no later than one year from the date of the previous transcript.

### **5. What happens if a driver's birthday is February 29?**

- The licensee should use February 28 as the birthday and calculate two (2) years from that date.