

Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement

Vehicle Inspections & Standards

NOTICE

Re: Release of 2025 Vehicle Inspection Manual

Effective September 2, 2025, the 2025 Vehicle Inspection Manual (VIM) will replace the previous version as the mandatory standard for conducting vehicle inspections and applying mechanical criteria.

To help you navigate the upcoming changes, an **annotated version of the updated standard** will be available on the www.vsis.ca website. We strongly encourage all Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors to take advantage of this opportunity to get familiar with the new format, content, and requirements well ahead of time. The transitional period runs until **September 2, 2025**, so be sure to explore the materials early and prepare for the transition.

Starting September 2, 2025, all inspections performed by Authorized Inspectors at Inspection Facilities must follow the standards set out in the 2025 VIM to ensure vehicles meet minimum mechanical requirements before a certificate of approval is issued.

Key Highlights of the 2025 VIM:

- **Public Access:** The 2025 VIM will be freely accessible to the public at www.vsis.ca. No login or subscription is required – removing the previous \$25 access fee.
- **Consolidated and Interactive Format:** Heavy, light, 3-wheeled, and motorcycle inspection manuals are now combined into a single streamlined document, significantly reducing the page count. The manual is now available in an interactive, searchable HTML format, with the option of a PDF version for printing.
- **Improved Usability:** Includes hyperlinks, appendices, and illustrations to enhance navigation, clarity, and consistency.
- **Standardization:** Enhanced consistency across vehicle types to support a more uniform inspection process.

Application

Starting September 2, 2025, all provincial vehicle inspections must be conducted in accordance with the criteria and standards outlined in the new VIM to be compliant with the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations and Inspection Program requirements. Any regulatory violations or non-compliance may result in enforcement action against Facility Operators and/or Authorized Inspectors.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 2025 VIM or related documents, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions appendix below, or contact your [local Area Vehicle Inspector](#), or reach out to Vehicle Inspections & Standards Program staff at 778 974-5458, or by email at Vehicle.Inspections@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Ford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Geoff" being more prominent than the last name "Ford".

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Appendix 1: Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What are the major changes in the 2025 Vehicle Inspection Manual (VIM)?**
The 2025 VIM consolidates all vehicle types into one document, introduces an interactive HTML format, and enhances usability with hyperlinks, illustrations, and appendices.
- 2. How should we prepare for the transition before September 2, 2025?**
Review the annotated version available at www.vsis.ca and ensure all staff are familiar with the new standards.
- 3. Are there changes in the inspection or certification process?**
While the core process remains, the criteria and documentation format may differ. As of September 2, 2025, Inspectors must follow the updated standards to issue valid certificates.
- 4. What happens if we fail to comply with the new standards after the effective date?**
Non-compliance may result in enforcement actions, including penalties or suspension of inspection privileges.
- 5. Can we still reference the old manual during the transition?**
Yes, the existing 2016 VIM is still in effect until September 2, 2025. All inspections must follow the 2025 VIM starting September 2, 2025.
- 6. Are there new vehicle types or inspection categories introduced?**
The manual now includes heavy, light, 3-wheeled, and motorcycle inspections in one document, but no new categories have been added.
- 7. How do we report issues or ambiguities in the new manual?**
Contact your local Area Vehicle Inspector, or email Vehicle.Inspections@gov.bc.ca.
- 8. How can I access the new manual?**
Visit www.vsis.ca — no login or payment is required.
- 9. Why was the \$25 access fee removed, and will it remain free?**
The fee was removed to improve transparency and accessibility. There are no current plans to reinstate it.
- 10. What happens if I already paid the subscription for next year? Am I getting reimbursed?**
While the 2025 Vehicle Inspection Manual will now be freely accessible to everyone, subscription fees collected prior to this change were used to support the development and maintenance of the inspection program. As outlined in the original terms of access, subscriptions are non-refundable. We appreciate your support in helping us improve accessibility and transparency for all users