

Information for Out-of-Province Horse Racing Workers Moving to B.C.

1. Introduction

On April 1, 2009, the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) came into effect. TILMA states that any worker certified for an occupation by a regulatory authority of B.C. or Alberta shall be recognized as qualified to practice that occupation by the other province.

Changes to Chapter 7 (Labour Mobility) of the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) were ratified by all provinces and territories on August 11, 2009. These changes are being implemented to ensure full labour mobility to B.C. for certified professionals in regulated occupations and trades moving to B.C. from other Canadian jurisdictions.

Pursuant to these two agreements, the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB) of British Columbia will recognize any worker who has current certification as a horse racing jockey, driver, or trainer from another regulated Canadian jurisdiction, as qualified to practice as a horse racing jockey, driver, or trainer in B.C.

The registration and licensing process for a certified horse racing jockey, driver, or trainer from another regulated Canadian jurisdiction coming to B.C. is as follows:

1. Complete the B.C. [Horse Racing Licence and Registration](#) application form;
2. Provide proof of good standing (include this with your application);
3. Provide proof of certification in another regulated Canadian jurisdiction (include this with your application); and
4. Submit the items above (in 1, 2, and 3) and related fees to the address provided in the application form.

Additionally, all horse racing jockeys, drivers, or trainers in B.C., including those initially certified in another jurisdiction, must adhere to, and abide by, specific rules and requirements outlined in the following sections of this document.

2. Jockey Requirements

All jockeys in B.C. must adhere to, and abide by, all rules and requirements set out in the following sections of the [Rules of Standardbred and Thoroughbred Racing in British Columbia](#):

- Section 113 – Jockey Eligibility
- Section 114 – Apprentice Jockeys

3. Driver Requirements

All drivers in B.C., must adhere to, and abide by, all rules and requirements set out in the following sections of the [Rules of Standardbred and Thoroughbred Racing in British Columbia](#):

- Section 267 – Application Age Requirements
- Section 268 – Categories
- Section 270
- Section 271 – Provisional Driver's Licence
- Section 272 – Full Driver's Licence
- Section 273
- Section 274 – Exceptions
- Section 275 – Licences
- Section 276
- Section 277 – Driver Requirements
- Section 278
- Section 279
- Section 280
- Section 281
- Section 282 – Naming Drivers
- Section 283
- Section 284 – Driver's Spouse and Minor Children

4. Trainer Requirements

All trainers in B.C must adhere to, and abide by, all rules and requirements set out in the following sections of the [Rules of Standardbred and Thoroughbred Racing in British Columbia](#):

- Section 69 – Thoroughbred Trainer and Assistant Trainer Requirements
- Section 70 – Standardbred Trainer and Assistant Trainer Requirements
- Section 71 – Trainer Responsibilities
- Section 72

5. Exceptions Under AIT or TILMA

A worker with conditions or restrictions on their certification may not be eligible for labour mobility (e.g. honorary members, students, associate members, etc.) under the AIT or TILMA. If you are unsure whether your certification meets the criteria for labour mobility under the AIT or TILMA, please contact the GPEB Racing Division (contact information is provided at the end of this document).

6. Additional Information

Additional information about horse racing in B.C. is available on the GPEB website (www.gaming.gov.bc.ca). To contact GPEB directly, use the contact information provided at the end of this document.

Additional information about the AIT is available at www.aved.gov.bc.ca/labourmobility/welcome.htm

Additional information about TILMA is available at www.tilma.ca.

7. Contact Information

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