

Foreword

The *Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) Medical Standards for Drivers with BC Specific Guidelines (BC Guide)*, has been developed based on *The CCMTA Medical Standards for Drivers* and has been supplemented with British Columbia (B.C.) specific information and guidelines. Through a consultation process in the fall of 2015, the RoadSafetyBC Driver Fitness Advisory Group, and subsequently the Doctors of BC Emergency Medical Services Committee (EMSC), endorsed the recommendation for RoadSafetyBC to adopt the CCMTA Guide. Effective April 1, 2016 RoadSafetyBC adopted the **BC Guide** in place of the *2010 BC Guide in Determining Fitness to Drive*. In March of 2017, the *CCMTA Medical Standards for Drivers* were updated to coincide with the release of the 9th edition of CMA Driver's Guide. The revised document was posted in July of 2017. A list of the substantive revisions can be viewed [HERE](#)

The CCMTA is the official organization in Canada for coordinating all matters dealing with the administration, regulation and control of motor vehicle transportation and highway safety. Its national framework includes representatives from provincial, territorial and federal governments and provides collaborative leadership in addressing Canadian road safety priorities. In 2013, based largely on the BC Guide, the CCMTA published national medical standards for drivers. The CCMTA Standards are nationally supported by CCMTA resources and infrastructure.

The CCMTA framework includes a process for regular input from licensing authorities, clinicians and researchers from across Canada. The standards are reviewed annually and updated to ensure they remain current and reflect existing medical opinion and advances in research and knowledge; they focus on functional ability to drive rather than medical diagnosis, and respond to case law establishing that Canadian authorities must individually assess drivers.

RoadSafetyBC has supplemented the CCMTA Standards with BC specific guidelines for assessment parameters and reassessment intervals. These guidelines are directly inserted into the medical condition chapters. Additional BC specific content has also been added to the sections preceding the medical standards.

The **BC Guide** is the decision guiding tool used by RoadSafetyBC in determining driver licence status and is available as a reference for medical practitioners when they are assessing driver fitness for RoadSafetyBC. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Drivers Guide continues to be a clinical reference for medical practitioners when they are counselling patients regarding driving.

Additional reference materials and support for medical practitioners will still be available through, College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA), and RoadSafetyBC.

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