

Prince Edward Island, in cooperation with the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, is implementing **Medical Standards for Drivers**.

This is a national standard that jurisdictions rely upon in determining whether or not a person is medically fit to operate a motor vehicle.

The Prince Edward Island Department of Transportation and Public Works requires ALL applicants for a Class 1, 2, 3, or 4 driver's licence to provide a satisfactory medical report upon initial application and on a regular cycle thereafter.

Under these medical standards, ALL holders of Class 1, 2, 3, or 4 driver's licences will be required to have full medical examinations completed by their doctor at specific time intervals that correspond with their age as follows:

**Drivers under 45 years of age**

Medical examinations are required every 5 years.

**Drivers between 45 and 65 years of age**

Medical examinations are required every 3 years.

**Drivers over 65 years of age**

Medical examinations are required every year.

This program will be phased in gradually and each holder of a commercial driver's licence will be contacted by the Highway Safety Division when they are required to submit a medical.

## *How much will it cost to have a medical examination completed by my doctor?*

The cost to a driver for obtaining a completed medical certificate is \$75 to \$100, according to the Prince Edward Island Medical Society. This cost is at the expense of the driver or their employer.

## *Who should fill out this medical form?*

It is important that your family doctor completes this medical form for you, as he/she best understands your medical history and any conditions that may affect your driving.

## *What if I no longer require a Class 1, 2, 3, or 4 driver's licence?*

If you no longer require a Class 1, 2, 3, or 4 driver's licence and would like your licence to be changed to Class 5 (any automobile, small truck or combination up to 14,000 kgs provided towed vehicle is not over 4,500 kgs), this will be done at any Access PEI or Highway Safety Division office at *no charge*.

## *What happens if I do not file a medical examination form?*

If you do not file a medical examination form, you will be notified by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that your driver's licence will be changed from your current class to a Class 5 licence (any automobile, small truck or combination up to 14,000 kgs provided towed vehicle is not over 4,500 kgs).

## *What about driving in the United States?*

Canadian commercial drivers are no longer required to carry a medical card for inspection by US officials as proof of medical fitness. US regulations have the following prohibitions:

1. Insulin-dependent diabetic drivers are **not** qualified to operate a commercial vehicle in the US.
2. Hearing-impaired drivers in Canada who do not meet the US standard are **not** qualified to operate a commercial vehicle in the US.
3. Canadian drivers who have a diagnosis of epilepsy are **not** qualified to operate a commercial vehicle in the US.

You, or the carrier you are employed with, will be required to store a copy of your completed medical form.

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