

Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement

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Vehicle Inspections & Standards

NOTICE

To All Designated Inspection Facilities

Re: Designated Inspection Facility (DIF) Operator Training Course

A DIF operator has many legal responsibilities. It is imperative that all DIF operators have awareness and working knowledge of all applicable *Motor Vehicle Act*, *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* and Vehicle Inspection Program requirements. The goal of the DIF operator training course is to provide education in program objectives, authorized inspector obligations and a clear recognition of both operator responsibilities and liabilities.

The intent of this training is to ensure that new DIF operators receive the required knowledge to effectively participate in the Vehicle Inspection Program and ensure that all vehicles inspected at their facility meet all applicable safety standards for on highway use. Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) has established a DIF Operator Training Course. The DIF Operator Training Course provides a consistent platform of instruction to ensure DIF business operations are in compliance with all applicable regulations, legislation, program requirements and standards.

Application

Effective December 1, 2012, all new Designated Inspection Facility operators must complete the DIF Operator Training Course **within 12 months** of facility designation as a condition of licencing.

Effective December 1, 2013, all new DIF Operator's must complete the DIF Operator Training Course **prior** to application submission. Documentation of course completion must be submitted with the new facility application package. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

At this time, current licenced DIF operators are not required to complete this course. However, **operators may elect to take the course to refresh or update their knowledge of current inspection program practices**. There are no pre-requisites for enrollment in the DIF Operator Training Course and any Authorized Inspector or current operators may participate.

Availability

The DIF Operator Training Course is offered at Industry training institutions throughout the province. For a list of participating training institutions, please see Appendix A.

For more information please contact the nearest Industry training institution or the Vehicle Inspections Program at (250) 952-0577 or vehicle.inspections@gov.bc.ca.

Regards,



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Appendix A

Training Institutions (A-Z)

BCIT – British Columbia Institute of Technology – Vancouver
www.bcit.ca/study/courses

Camosun College – Victoria
www.camosun.ca/learn/programs/trades-apprenticeship

Canadian Association of Fleet Supervisors – Aldergrove
www.cafs.ca

College of New Caledonia
www.cnc.bc.ca/ce

College of the Rockies – Cranbrook
www.cotr.bc.ca/contract-training

North Island College – Campbell River
www.nic.bc.ca/programs/trades_and_technology

Northern Lights College – Dawson Creek
www.nlc.bc.ca/Programs

Northwest Community College - Terrace
www.nwcc.bc.ca/Programs/Trades

Okanagan College – Kelowna
www.okanagan.bc.ca/departments/trades

Selkirk College – Nelson
www.selkirk.ca/ce

Thompson River University – Kamloops
www.tru.ca

Thompson River University – Williams Lake
www.tru.ca

University of Fraser Valley – Trades and Technology Centre – Chilliwack
www.ufv.ca/Continuing_Studies

Vancouver Island University – Nanaimo
www.viu.ca/ccs/courses

Vancouver Community College – Vancouver
www.vcc.ca