



Ministry of
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PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

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Note: Much of the information provided for Designated Inspection Facilities in Section 3 of this guide will also be useful for Preventative Maintenance Program facilities.

Authorization

A Preventative Maintenance Program (PMP) is a voluntary alternative vehicle inspection program approved by the Director of CVSE. This program exempts vehicles from certain requirements of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, Division 25. Each PMP facility **must** follow the maintenance program which has been approved.

The power units must operate under the carrier's National Safety Code (NSC) Safety Certificate and the trailers must be registered in their name. All vehicles in a PMP must be base plated in BC.

There are many benefits to carriers who are accepted into this program. Some notable benefits are:

- convenience of conducting inspections of their own vehicles at their own facility;
- possible reduced cost of inspection for each vehicle; and
- management and control of all vehicle repairs and maintenance.

Carriers approved to have a PMP are expected to ensure their vehicles are in excellent mechanical condition at ALL times while operating on a highway. A PMP must strictly adhere to their maintenance plan and document all inspections, maintenance and repairs done to the vehicles. Additional information about Vehicle Maintenance Plans and the application process for a PMP can be found in Section 5 - Applications, Renewals and Amendments, in this guide.

As carriers who operate under the PMP program all operate under a National Safety Code Safety Certificate, MVAR Division 37 applies to them as well. Information on the National Safety Code Program and the online application for a NSC certificate is available at www.cvse.ca by clicking on 'National Safety Code'.

Any vehicle operating under a PMP that receives a Notice and Order, Box 1 or 2, must pass an inspection and have a new certificate of approval decal affixed at a Designated Inspection Facility before returning to the PMP. The carrier may do all of the repairs to the vehicle, but is prohibited from conducting further inspections until the vehicle has passed at a licenced designated inspection facility not operated by the PM program.

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PM Program Inspection decals must be removed upon sale or transfer of the vehicle.

The responsibilities and regulatory requirements for the PM Program and its Authorized Inspector(s) are the same as they are for a DIF.

Note: See the information in Section 3 for building, equipment and system requirements and for instructions on how to obtain inventory.

Monitoring and Auditing

The CVSE Branch monitors the type, quantity and quality of vehicle inspections performed in BC. Peace Officers and other persons authorized by the CVSE Branch do the monitoring of vehicle inspections conducted by PMP facilities. Their audit reports are included in the profiles of each PMP facility.

PM Program facilities may have multiple inspection facility locations within the province, each location is responsible for the maintenance of fleet vehicles and is responsible to manage its own supply of PM decals. As part of the approval process, a PMP must have their own facility in which the inspections take place.

Preventative Maintenance Programs are expected to strictly adhere to all applicable regulations and standards. PMP carriers must also strictly adhere to their approved maintenance program by completing the check sheets in accordance with the schedule submitted.

Unlike Designated Inspection Facilities, Preventative Maintenance Program Facilities may be cancelled without the opportunity for the fleet owner/operator to *show cause* as to why it should not be, and the carrier will be required to return to having their vehicles inspected at a DIF.

Preventative maintenance facility vehicles are inspected roadside at random locations and fixing Inspection Stations or Incidences of 'Violations Present' or 'Out of Service' of the roadside Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) inspections may result in the deferral, suspension or cancellation of the PM program facility licence.

Note that any time there are serious concerns about a PM Program's operation, the Director may cancel the PM Program approval, or suspend the PM Program approval pending a more complete review.

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If the PM Program authorization is cancelled, suspended or not renewed, the carrier must:

- Immediately cease inspecting vehicles under this program;
- Promptly return all inspection decals and other documents given or supplied for this program to CVSE;
- Adhere to all requirements for maintenance, record keeping and inspection of vehicles at a Designated Inspection Facility; and
- Ensure all former PM vehicles are re-inspected immediately, or as directed by CVSE, at a Designated Inspection facility not owned by the carrier.