



**Executive
Council**

*A certified copy of an Order in Council dated
October 6, 2026*

N.S. Reg. 231/2026

FILED

Date: October 6, 2026

**Rachel L. Jones
Registrar of Regulations
Province of Nova Scotia**

2026-347

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Public Works dated March 30, 2026, and pursuant to Section 341 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*, is pleased to make regulations respecting transitional matters in the form set forth in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the Report and Recommendation, effective on and after October 19, 2026.

Certified to be a true copy

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Taweel", written over a horizontal line.

Tracey Taweel
Clerk of the Executive Council



Tracey Taweel

Clerk of the Executive Council

Schedule “A”

Regulations Respecting the Transition from the Motor Vehicle Act to the Traffic Safety Act made by the Governor in Council under Section 341 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*

1 Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Traffic Safety Act Transition Regulations*.

2 Definitions for these regulations

In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Traffic Safety Act*.

3 Forms

- (1) A form created under the former Act or its regulations may be submitted to the Registrar for the same purpose that is authorized under the Act or its regulations for a period of 12 months following the coming into force of the Act.
- (2) A reference in a form created under a provision of the former Act and its regulations that is submitted for the purposes of the Act and its regulations is deemed to be a reference to the equivalent provision of, or term used in, the Act and its regulations.
- (3) The Registrar may accept a form submitted in accordance with subsection (1) after the specified period if
 - (a) the Registrar considers it necessary to accommodate the needs of an applicant; and
 - (b) the form provides the information required under the Act and its regulations.

4 Form of orders

- (1) A form of order created under the former Act or its regulations to be issued by a peace officer may continue to be issued for the same purpose that is authorized

under the Act or its regulations for a period of 12 months following the coming into force of the Act.

- (2) A reference in a form of order issued in accordance with subsection (1) is deemed to be a reference to the equivalent provision of, or term used in, the Act and its regulations.

5 Licences

- (1) A licence issued under the former Act or its regulations that continues in effect under Section 338 of the Act is subject to the applicable terms and conditions set out in the Act and its regulations for the equivalent licence.
- (2) The licences that are equivalent to the licences continued as referred to in subsection (1) are as set out in the following table:

Licence under Former Act	Equivalent Licence under Act
recognized authority	fleet driver certification administrator
signing authority	fleet driver trainer
driver training school	driving school
motor-driven cycle endorsement	motorcycle endorsement restricted to limited speed motorcycle

6 Vehicle documents

- (1) A vehicle document issued under the former Act or its regulations that continues in effect under Section 338 of the Act is subject to the applicable terms and conditions set out in the Act and its regulations for the equivalent vehicle document.
- (2) The vehicle documents that are equivalent to the documents continued as referred to in subsection (1) are as set out in the following table:

Vehicle Document under Former Act	Equivalent Vehicle Document under Act
certificate of registration	registration certificate
transporter permit	dealer permit issued to a transporter
transporter number plate	number plate issued to a transporter

- (3) The Registrar may allow a permit and its associated plate issued to a vehicle under the former Act or its regulations and continued in effect under Section 338 of the Act to be renewed under the Act and its regulations, even if the type of vehicle would not be eligible for that permit or associated plate under the Act or its regulations.

- (4) Subsection (3) does not permit the transfer of a permit and its associated plate to a vehicle that is of a type that is not eligible for that permit or associated plate under the Act and its regulations.

7 Driver education courses

- (1) Successfully completing a driver education course required under the former Act and its regulations before the coming into force of the Act is deemed to fulfill the requirements under the Act and its regulations to successfully complete the equivalent driver education course.
- (2) The driver education courses that are equivalent to the driver education courses continued as referred to in subsection (1) are as set out in the following table:

Driver Education Course under Former Act	Equivalent Driver Education Course under Act
Class 5 driver's licence driver training program	Class 5 driver education course
motorcycle driver training course	Class 6 driver education course
driver improvement program for new drivers referenced in clause 70A(3)(b) of the former Act	new driver theory driver education course
self- improvement defensive driving course	driver improvement program

- (3) The course content for a driver education program approved by the Department under the former Act and its regulations for a holder of a valid driving school licence is deemed to be approved under the course content requirements for the equivalent driver education program under the Act and its regulations.

8 Appointments or designations

- (1) An appointment or designation made under the former Act or its regulations that continues in effect under Section 338 of the Act is deemed to confer the authority and duties, and is subject to the applicable terms and conditions, set out in the Act and its regulations for the equivalent appointment or designation.
- (2) The appointments or designations that are equivalent to the appointments or designations continued as referred to in subsection (1) are as set out in the following table:

Appointment or Designation under Former Act	Equivalent Appointment or Designation under Act
traffic authority for city or town under 86(6) of the former Act	municipal traffic authority

deputy traffic authority for city or town under 86(7) of the former Act	deputy municipal traffic authority
---	------------------------------------

- (3) An individual who is 1 of the following appointed under the *Police Act* to enforce particular provisions of the former Act and its regulations is deemed to be appointed to enforce similar provisions of the Act and its regulations:

- (a) special constable;
- (b) auxiliary police officer.

9

References to former Act in other enactments

A reference to the former Act or its regulations in other enactments in force immediately before the coming into force of this Section, or in a form created under those enactments, that is relevant to a process under the Act or its regulations is deemed to be a reference to an equivalent provision of, or term used, in the Act or its regulations.