

**DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION PURPOSES ONLY**

**Regulations Respecting Fees Payable under the Act and the Regulations  
made by the Minister of Transportation and Active Transit under Section 323  
of Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2018,  
*the Traffic Safety Act***

**1 Citation**

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

**2 Definitions**

In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Traffic Safety Act*;

“Driving While Impaired Program” means the Driving While Impaired Program as defined in the *Alcohol Ignition Interlock Program Regulations* made under the Act;

“personalized number plate” means a personalized number plate issued in accordance with Section 74 of the *Vehicle Document Regulations*;

“specialty number plate” means a specialty number plate as defined in the *Vehicle Document Regulations*;

“*Vehicle Document Regulations*” means the *Vehicle Document Regulations* made under the Act.

**Administration**

**3 Fee schedules**

The fees payable to the Registrar for documents and services provided by the Registrar are the amounts set out in Schedules A to D, as follows, plus any applicable taxes:

- (a) Schedule A: fees for documents and services related to driver’s licences and identification cards;
- (b) Schedule B: fees for documents and services related to vehicle documents;

- (c) Schedule C: fees for documents and services related to regulated vehicle activities;
- (d) Schedule D: fees for miscellaneous documents and services under the Act.

#### **4 Payment methods**

The Registrar may require that a prescribed fee be paid by certified cheque, bank draft, credit card or any other commonly accepted method.

### Refunds

#### **5 General provisions for administering refunds**

- (1) Subject to this Section and Sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 a person may apply for a refund of fees paid to the Registrar and the Registrar may refund fees to a person who has not made an application for a refund.
- (2) All fees are non-refundable except as specified in these regulations.
- (3) Except as provided in subsection (4), a refund of fees is subject to deductions of the following amounts:
  - (a) the administration fee for processing the refund;
  - (b) any amount owing for any fine and costs described in Section 293 of the Act.
- (4) A fee is fully refundable and no administration fee is charged to process the refund if the Registrar is satisfied that any of the following apply:
  - (a) the fee was paid in error;
  - (b) the fee is for a reinstatement and the applicant for the reinstatement has successfully appealed the suspension of their driving privilege;
  - (c) the fee is for an appeal to the Board and the appellant was successful in the appeal;
  - (d) the fee is for the initial application for a personalized licence plate and the application is denied;
  - (e) the fee is for an individual to attend an interview with the Registrar as required under clause 92(3)(a) of the Act and the individual has a satisfactory reason for not attending the interview;
  - (f) the fee is for a written or practical road test or driving examination and the refund is requested before the test or examination has been administered.

## **6 Administering refunds of driver's licence or vehicle permit fees**

- (1) Each partial refund of a driver's licence fee or vehicle permit fee provided for in these regulations is calculated as a prorated portion of the fee for the licence or permit based on the time remaining before the expiry date stated on the licence or permit.
- (2) A refund of a driver's licence fee or vehicle permit fee is payable to the holder of the driver's licence or vehicle permit.

## **7 Refund of portion of driver's licence fee**

- (1) The Registrar may refund a prorated portion of the fee paid for a driver's licence if either of the following occurs before the expiry date of the driver's licence:
  - (a) the Registrar cancels the driver's licence;
  - (b) the individual to whom the driver's licence was issued returns it for any reason.

## **8 Refund of portion of vehicle permit fee**

- (1) The Registrar may refund a prorated portion of a vehicle permit fee if, except as provided in subsection (2), either of the following occurs before the expiry of the term of the vehicle permit:
  - (a) the number plate for the vehicle is returned to the Registrar with an unexpired validation sticker affixed;
  - (b) an unexpired validation sticker that has not yet been affixed to the number plate for the vehicle is returned to the Registrar;
- (2) A person is entitled to a refund described in subsection (1) without returning the number plate or validation sticker in accordance with clause (1)(a) or (b) if the person satisfies the Registrar by statutory declaration or otherwise of the following, as applicable:
  - (a) the number plate or validation sticker has been lost, stolen or destroyed;
  - (b) the validation sticker has been destroyed and the number plate has been removed from the vehicle.

## **9 Refund of full vehicle permit fee**

- (1) The Registrar may refund the full amount of the permit fee paid for a vehicle if the vehicle permit, validation stickers and, if issued at the same time as the vehicle permit, number plates are returned to the Registrar and the Registrar is satisfied that the vehicle permit, validation stickers and number plate have not been used.

- (2) A refund of a vehicle permit fee under this Section may be made only if the term of the vehicle permit has not yet expired.

**10 Refund of Driving While Impaired Program fee**

The Registrar may refund the full amount of the fee paid for enrollment in the Driving While Impaired Program if the enrolled individual did not start the course.

**Fee Exceptions and Exemptions**

**11 Registration certificate fee exemption for insurer taking possession**

There is no fee for a registration certificate issued to an insurer that is taking possession of a salvage or non-repairable vehicle for the purpose of disposal.

**12 Nominal vehicle permit fee**

The fee for a vehicle permit for each of the following vehicles is the nominal vehicle permit fee set out in Schedule B:

- (a) a public passenger vehicle operated by a public utility under the *Public Utilities Act* for carrying passengers over routes approved by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board within the limits of a city or town, or in or between cities and towns that adjoin;
- (b) a vehicle operated by a non-profit, charitable or religious organization in the course of its work.

**13 Vehicle permit fee exemption for fire emergency or search and rescue vehicle**

There is no fee for a vehicle permit for any of the following vehicles:

- (a) a fire truck owned by the Province, a municipality or a volunteer fire department;
- (b) a search and rescue vehicle owned by a party to an agreement with the Emergency Management Office made under the *Emergency Management Act*.

**14 Vehicle permit fee exemption for volunteer fire-fighter or volunteer search and rescue worker**

There is no fee for a vehicle permit issued for a vehicle for which 1 of the following specialty number plates has been issued:

- (a) a volunteer firefighter number plate;

- (b) a retired volunteer firefighter number plate;
- (c) a volunteer search and rescue worker number plate;
- (d) a retired volunteer search and rescue worker number plate.

**15 Document fee exemptions for exchange of certain out-of-Province equivalent documents**

- (1) In this Section and Section 15,

“out-of-Province equivalent document” means a document to which 1 of the following applies:

- (a) it was issued in another Canadian jurisdiction or a state and, in the Registrar’s opinion, is equivalent to a document issued in the Province;
- (b) it was issued in another jurisdiction, other than a jurisdiction referred to in clause (a), and is equivalent to a document issued in the Province
  - (i) in the Registrar’s opinion, or
  - (ii) under a reciprocal agreement between the Minister and the other jurisdiction.

- (2) This Section applies to an applicant who provides proof satisfactory to the Registrar that they are 1 of the following:

- (a) an individual who is exchanging an out-of-Province equivalent document issued to the applicant under the laws of New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island;
- (b) an individual who is resident in the Province for the purpose of attending high school or post-secondary education;
- (c) an individual who is all of the following:
  - (i) a national of a foreign country,
  - (ii) a resident,
  - (iii) an employee of a foreign country who is posted to the Province for a specified time period to perform diplomatic, military or other official functions on behalf of their country, or is a dependant of such an employee;
- (d) a foreign government.

- (3) There is no fee for any of the following vehicle documents, if issued to an applicant who is 1 of the persons described in subsection (2) in exchange for an out-of-

Province equivalent document issued to the applicant and valid at the time of the exchange:

- (a) a driver's licence;
- (b) a registration certificate or a vehicle permit for a light motor vehicle or a motorcycle.

**16 Driver's licence fee exemption for returning resident**

- (1) In this Section,
- (2) "returning resident" means an individual who was previously resident in the Province and is returning from another jurisdiction to reside in the Province.
- (3) There is no fee for any class of driver's licence issued to a returning resident in exchange for a driver's licence that is an out-of-Province equivalent document, if all of the following apply:
  - (a) the individual was previously issued a driver's licence in the Province;
  - (b) the term of the driver's licence described in (a) has not yet expired;
  - (c) the individual has not received any refund for the driver's licence described in clause (a);
  - (d) the individual otherwise qualifies for the class of driver's licence applied for.

**17 Exemption from fee for driving examination**

There is no fee for a driving examination that an individual is required to submit to as a result of a report of a medical condition provided to the Registrar under Section 98 of the Act.

**Schedule A:  
Fees for Documents and Services Related to  
Driver's Licences and Identification Cards**

Document or Service	Fee
Driver's Handbook	\$9.29
identification card or replacement identification card	\$17.70
driver's licence, including driver's licence card, for each year of validity	\$18.50
replacement driver's licence card	\$25.10
written or oral examination for driver's licence or addition of endorsement	\$13.18
road test for Class 1, 2 or 3 driver's licence	\$130.00
road test for Class 4, 5, or 6 driver's licence	\$46.09
balance test for Class 6 (motorcycle) driver's licence	\$46.09
road test for air brake endorsement, if not included in road test for Class 1, 2 or 3 driver's licence	\$92.17
road test for heavy trailer endorsement for Class 2 or 3 driver's licence	\$92.17
road test for heavy trailer endorsement for Class 4 or 5 driver's licence	\$46.09
road test for Class 5T vehicle towing trailer or farm implement for purpose of adding farm tractor heavy trailer endorsement	\$46.09
interview with Registrar when required under clause 92(3)(a) of Act	\$59.74
driving examination when required by Registrar under Section 103 of Act	\$59.74
reinstating driving privilege under Section 110 of Act	\$100.00
processing application for Alcohol Ignition Interlock Program	\$34.35
processing application for changes to conditions of participation in Alcohol Ignition Interlock Program	\$13.20
enrollment in Driving While Impaired Program	\$455.00

**Schedule B:  
Fees for Documents and Services Related to Vehicle Documents**

In Table 1, “apportioned vehicle” and “in-transit vehicle” are as defined in the *Vehicle Documents Regulations*.

Table 1: Fees for Various Vehicle Documents and Services

Document or Service	Fee (per issuance unless otherwise stated)
cab card for apportioned vehicle	\$66.00
administering issuance of vehicle permit on prorated basis for term of under 12 months for commercial vehicle other than apportioned vehicle	\$13.20
in-transit permit	\$13.20
replacement validation sticker, vehicle permit, certificate of registration or cab card	\$13.20
replacement number plate, other than personalized number plate	\$5.80
personalized number plates:	
• processing application, on initial application	\$93.35
• annual retention fee	\$26.13
• replacement, for light motor vehicle	\$26.10
• replacement, for motorcycle	\$19.85
specialty number plates:	
• conservation number plate: prescribed fund fee on initial issuance	\$50.00
• Acadian flag number plate: prescribed fund fee on initial issuance and renewal	\$50.00
• Buy Local number plate: prescribed fund fee on initial issuance and renewal	\$50.00
• Gaelic symbol number plate: prescribed fund fee on initial issuance and renewal	\$50.00
• Mi’kmaq number plate: prescribed fund fee on initial issuance and renewal	\$24.00



Table 2: Vehicle Permit Fees for Various Types of Vehicles

Type of Vehicle	Vehicle Permit Fee (annual fee unless otherwise stated)
passenger car, multi-purpose passenger vehicle, truck or recreational vehicle, GVWR of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0–1500 kg</li> <li>• 1501–3200 kg</li> </ul>	\$88.45 \$110.85
truck, GVWR of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3201–4000 kg</li> <li>• 4001–4500 kg</li> </ul>	\$138.25 \$166.95
recreational vehicle, GVWR of 3201 kg or greater	\$150.00
any of the following motor vehicles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• motorcycle</li> <li>• hearse</li> <li>• ambulance</li> <li>• recovery vehicle</li> <li>• miscellaneous powered equipment</li> </ul>	\$46.10
semi-trailer	\$46.10 (on initial issuance)
limited speed motorcycle	\$19.85
antique vehicle	\$19.85
vehicle eligible for nominal vehicle permit fee	\$33.10
recreational trailer, GVWR of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0–1500 kg</li> <li>• 1501–3200 kg</li> <li>• 3201 kg or greater</li> </ul>	\$46.10 \$110.85 \$150.00

Table 3: Vehicle Permit Fees for Trailers, Vehicles with FM Number Plates and Commercial Vehicles

<b>GVWR Range (kg)</b>	<b>Annual Fee</b>	<b>Annual Fee for Vehicle with FM Number Plate</b>
0–1500	\$46.10	\$11.95
1501–3200	\$110.85	\$11.95
3201–4000	\$138.25	\$14.55
4001–5000	\$166.95	\$18.55
5001–6000	\$382.45	\$29.15
6001–7000	\$446.00	\$37.35
7001–8000	\$509.60	\$44.80
8001–9000	\$573.05	\$52.30
9001–10 000	\$636.65	\$64.75
10 001–11 000	\$700.20	\$73.50
11 001–12 000	\$763.70	\$80.95
12 001–13 000	\$828.55	\$88.45
13 001–14 000	\$892.05	\$97.20
14 001–15 000	\$955.60	\$104.65
15 001–16 000	\$1019.20	\$110.85
16 001–17 000	\$1082.65	\$118.30
17 001–18 000	\$1146.25	\$125.75
18 001–19 000	\$1209.80	\$133.25
19 001–20 000	\$1273.30	\$139.50
20 001–21 000	\$1338.10	\$145.70
21 001–22 000	\$1401.75	\$154.45
22 001–23 000	\$1465.20	\$160.65
23 001–24 000	\$1528.80	\$166.95
24 002–25 000	\$1592.35	\$174.45
25 001–26 000	\$1655.85	\$181.90
26 001–27 000	\$1720.55	\$188.10
27 001–28 000	\$1783.00	\$195.55
28 001–29 000	\$1847.60	\$201.85
29 001–30 000	\$1911.30	\$209.30
30 001–31 000	\$1974.75	\$215.50
31 001–32 000	\$2038.35	\$222.95
32 001–33 000	\$2101.90	\$229.25
33 001–34 000	\$2165.35	\$237.90

34 001–35 000	\$2228.95	\$244.15
35 001–36 000	\$2292.55	\$250.35
36 001–37 000	\$2356.00	\$257.80
37 001–38 000	\$2420.90	\$265.30
38 001–39 000	\$2484.35	\$271.60
39 001–40 000	\$2547.95	\$279.30
40 001–41 000	\$2611.50	\$285.25
41 001–42 000	\$2675.10	\$292.75
42 001–43 000	\$2738.55	\$300.20
43 001–44 000	\$2802.15	\$306.50
44 001–45 000	\$2865.70	\$312.65
45 001–46 000	\$2930.45	\$321.40
46 001–47 000	\$2994.05	\$327.60
47 001–48 000	\$3057.65	\$333.85
48 001–49 000	\$3121.10	\$341.35
49 001–50 000	\$3184.65	\$348.80
50 001–51 000	\$3248.15	\$355.00
51 001–52 000	\$3311.70	\$362.45
52 001–53 000	\$3375.30	\$368.80
53 001–54 000	\$3438.75	\$376.25
54 001–55 000	\$3500.15	\$383.25
55 001–56 000	\$3567.10	\$389.90
56 001–57 000	\$3630.70	\$396.20
57 001–58 000	\$3694.25	\$404.95
58 001–58 500	\$3726.60	\$409.20
58 501–59 000	\$3757.85	\$411.35
59 001–60 000	\$3821.45	\$417.75
60 001–61 000	\$3885.00	\$424.05
61 001–62 000	\$3948.60	\$430.50
62 001–62 500	\$4012.15	\$436.95

**Schedule C:  
Fees for Documents and Services  
Related to Regulated Vehicle Activities**

<b>Document or Service</b>	<b>Fee</b> (annual fee, unless otherwise stated)
processing dealer application, on initial application	\$66.00
dealer licence	\$133.25
supplemental dealership licence	\$33.10
dealer plate	\$66.00
motorcycle dealer plate	\$26.10
fleet driver training licence	
• issuance	\$133.25
• renewal	\$66.00
fleet driver trainer licence	
• issuance	\$66.00
• renewal	\$33.00
driving school licence	
• issuance, for each office	\$66.00
• renewal (covers all offices)	\$66.00
instructor licence— issuance and renewal, for 5-year term	\$165.70
inspection station licence	
• processing application, on initial application	\$62.40
• issuance and renewal	\$133.25
tester’s licence—issuance and renewal, for 5-year term	\$62.40
amending regulated vehicle activity licence, per amendment	\$13.20
processing application for carrier safety fitness rating, per application	\$66.00

**Schedule D:  
Fees for Miscellaneous Documents and Services  
under the *Traffic Safety Act***

<b>Document or Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
searches (vehicle ownership inquiries, statistical searches of data and similar searches) —for each record searched	\$13.20
certified driving abstract, per copy	\$24.80
administering application for refund, per application	\$13.20
processing application for appeal to Appeal Board, per application	\$150.00