

# Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

## Responsibilities

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) designs, constructs and maintains provincial highways, public buildings, bridges and other related infrastructure. TIR is responsible for road safety initiatives and for the Registry of Motor Vehicles, which includes driver licensing, vehicle registration and driving records, and compliance. TIR also provides accommodation and property services in support of departments.

### HIGHWAY PROGRAMS

Highway Programs has two main business areas Maintenance and Operations and Engineering and Construction.

#### Maintenance and Operations

- Provides road information to the general public, provides policies on service delivery for summer, winter road and bridge maintenance, auditing compliance to approved standards while providing functional and technical support to the Districts where required.
- The Fleet Management division provides for the acquisition of vehicle assets; asset cost and inventory control; asset management and maintenance, operator and mechanic training; and, fleet management, including policies and procedures.
- The Vehicle Transportation Inspection division provides for the ongoing monitoring and enforcement of regulations pertaining to the operation of commercial motor vehicles on provincial highways. Also administers a comprehensive license and safety inspection program for all public passenger vehicles (including school buses, motor coaches, commuter services and commercial vehicles), as well as provincial rail safety regulatory compliance.
- The Road Safety division is responsible for programs assigned to the Registry of Motor Vehicles and responsible for the *Motor Vehicle Act*. Provides legislative and regulatory governance responsibility for driver licensing, vehicle standards, vehicle weights and dimensions policy.

### **Engineering and Construction**

- Provides specialized delivery of highway planning, geometric and structural design, traffic engineering, capital program management, and asset management business functions.
- Provides technical support and tendering for highway and bridge infrastructure.
- The Environmental Services and Remediation division funds the cost of environmental site assessments and hazardous waste surveys for government properties, and the management and direction required in the remediation of environmental and health risks associated with certain sites. Provides the project management and direction for the contracts involving water quality and quantity investigations, on-site sewage disposal, remediation of contaminated sites and building demolition.

### **Front Line Service Delivery in the Districts**

Actual service delivery for both highway construction and maintenance is provided mainly through four districts (Western, Northern, Central, and Eastern). These services include, highway maintenance (summer and winter), highway construction services (estimating, quality control, and project management), access control, and permitting.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Provides corporate support services required by government departments and agencies.
- Provides management and maintenance for provincial infrastructure.
- Provides senior management oversight and leadership to the Public Works division. The focus is on strategy, priority setting and ensuring corporate emphasis is applied to service and infrastructure planning and delivery.
- The Building Project Services division is responsible for delivering building projects, including those projects valued at more than one million dollars, or otherwise characterized as having heightened complexity and risk. This division provides the planning, design and management of provincial building infrastructure. It includes major infrastructure projects, for such things as schools and hospitals.

- The Real Property Services division provides a variety of real estate, property development, and inventory services to government departments, agencies, boards and commissions. These services include: space management of government accommodation needs, and management of government-wide inventory. Provides acquisition and disposal services; and appraisal and survey services.
- The Building Services division provides for the operation and maintenance, capital planning, and upgrading of government properties.

## **CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **Policy and Planning**

- Develops strategies, plans, and policies to guide the design and delivery of the department's programs and services; formulates measures to support a strong transportation system in Nova Scotia; and coordinates departmental input into government-wide policy and planning initiatives.
- Provides records management.
- Manages the legislative and regulatory agenda of the department.
- Provides support to the office of the Minister and Deputy Minister, including coordination of briefings, and FPT relations.
- Provides strategic policy advice in relation to air, marine, rail, road, and road safety policy.

### **Health, Safety and Environment**

- Provides for the ongoing health and safety of all department employees and visitors in accordance with provincial OHS and environmental legislation. Also provides standards and expectations of workplace health and safety in relation to contract work performed at provincially-owned and department-managed work sites.

## Acts Administered

*Bell Museum Act*

*Canso Causeway Act*

*Dangerous Goods Transportation Act*

- Dangerous Goods Transportation Regulations

*Ferries Act*

- Ferriage Charges Regulations

*Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission Act*

- Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission Bylaw No. 2007-1

*Highway 104 Western Alignment Act*

- Highway 104 Western Alignment Regulations

*Highway Workers Collective Bargaining Act*

*Motor Vehicle Act*

- Acadian Flag Number Plates Regulations
- Agricultural Equipment Registration Exemption and Number Plates Regulations
- Alcohol Ignition Interlock Program Regulations
- Alcohol Rehabilitation Programs Regulations
- Buy Local Number Plates Regulations
- Carriage of Freight by Vehicle Regulations
- Classes of Vehicles to be Inspected at Official Testing Stations Regulations
- Classification of Ambulances Regulations
- Classification of Drivers' Licenses Regulations
- Commercial Carrier Safety Fitness Rating and Compliance Regulations
- Commercial Vehicle Drivers' Hours of Service Regulations
- Commercial Vehicle Maintenance Standards
- Commercial Vehicle Permit and Registration Regulations
- Commercial Vehicle Transfer of Registration Regulations
- Commercial Vehicle Trip Inspection and Records Regulations
- Conservation Number Plates Regulations
- Dealers' Licenses Regulations
- Definitions for Emergency Vehicles for Section 106B of the Act Regulations
- Designation of Temporary Work Areas Regulations
- Display of Handicapped Persons' Vehicle Identification Permits Regulations
- Documents and Services Fees
- Driver Training Schools Regulations
- Equipment Approval Regulations
- Establishment of Registration Year (CAVR) Regulations
- Exemption from Examination and Licensing Regulations

- Exemption from Registration of Certain New Vehicles driven by Autoport Ltd. Regulations
- Exemption from Registration of Certain Vehicles of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Regulations
- Exemption from Registration of Department of National Defence Vehicles Regulations
- Exemption from Registration of Motor Vehicles Operating on the Islands of Ironbound, Pictou, Big and Little Tancook Regulations
- Expiry Date of Licenses Regulations
- Extension of Certificates, Licenses and Permits Regulations
- Handicapped Parking - Reciprocating States
- Helmet Regulations
- Highway Racing Definitions Regulations
- Identification and Proof of Registration Regulations
- Identification Permits for Vehicles Transporting Mobility Handicapped Persons Regulations
- Judgments - Reciprocating States
- Median Crossing Regulations
- Motor-Driven Cycle and Motorcycle Lighting Equipment Exemptions
- Motor-driven Cycles Regulations
- Motor Vehicle Appeal Board Procedures Regulations
- Multi-Classification Vehicles Regulations
- Nighttime Driving Exemption Regulations
- Non-Resident Registration Regulations
- Number Plates for Commercial Vehicles Registered under the International Registration Plan Regulations
- Number Plates for Farmers and Fishermen Regulations
- Number Plates for Firefighters Regulations
- Number Plates for Licensed Radio Amateurs Regulations
- Number Plates for Semi-trailers Registered with a Permanent Identification Regulations
- Number Plates Regulations
- Owner's Permit and License Fees for Foreign Government Employees and Vehicles Regulations
- Parking Meter Regulations: Town of Truro
- Parking Regulations: Bedford By-pass and Highway 101; and Town of Shelburne
- Pedicab Helmet and Equipment Regulations

- Pedicab Operation Regulations
- Personalized Number Plates Regulations
- Prorated Registration Fees for Inter-jurisdictional Commercial Trucks Regulations
- Prorated Vehicle Registration Plan
- Provincially Approved Screening Devices Regulations
- Refund of Registration Fees Regulations
- Registration Fees for Campers Regulations
- Registration Fees for Commercial Motor Vehicles Regulations
- Registration Fees for Farmers and Fishermen Regulations
- Registration Fees for Passenger Motor Vehicles Regulations
- Registration Fees for Public Passenger Vehicles Operated by a Public Utility Regulations
- Registration Fees for Students and New Residents Regulations
- Registration Fees for Trailers Regulations
- Registration Fees for Vehicles of Non-Profit, Charitable or Religious Organizations Regulations
- Registration of Antique Vehicles Regulations
- Registration of Armed Forces Vehicles Regulations
- Registration of Converted Passenger Vehicles as Commercial Vehicles Regulations
- Registration of Mobility Handicapped Persons' Vehicles Regulations
- Registration of Motorcycles Regulations
- Registration of Passenger Vehicles used for Driver Instruction in High School Regulations
- Restricted Permits and Special Permits Fees Regulations
- Restricted Vehicles - Identification and Registration Regulations
- Road Lists Regulations
- School Areas Regulations
- Seat Belt and Child Restraint System Regulations
- Securing Loads on Vehicles Regulations
- Segway Pilot Project Regulations
- Slow-moving Vehicle Identification Regulations
- Standards of Vehicle Equipment Regulations
- Studded Tires Regulations
- Temporary Registration Permits Regulations
- Traffic Signs Regulations
- Trailer Couplings and Other Safety Devices Regulations
- Vehicle Inspection Regulations

- Vehicle Warning Lights Regulations
- Veterans' Number Plates Regulations
- Volunteer Fire-fighter and Ground Search and Rescue Workers Registration Fee Exemption Regulations
- Weights and Dimensions of Vehicles Regulations
- Windshield Stickers Regulations
- Yield to Transit Buses Regulations

*Public Highways Act*

- Advertising Signs Regulations
- Extinguishment of Public Highways Procedure Regulations
- Parkway Development Standards Regulations

*Public Service Act*

*Railways Act*

- Private Railway Crossing Fees Regulations
- Railway Discontinuance of Services and Abandonment Regulations
- Railway Notification and Licence Regulations
- Railway Safety Regulations

*Surplus Crown Property Disposal Act*

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*Unightly Premises Act*

## **Acts Administered (Shared Responsibility)**

*Motor Carrier Act (NS Utility and Review Board)*

- Board Public Passenger Motor Carrier Act Regulations
- Governor in Council Public Passenger Motor Carrier Act Regulations
- Motor Carrier Fees Regulations

*Off-highway Vehicles Act (Environment, Natural Resources, Office of Service Nova Scotia)*

- Off-highway Vehicles Designated Trails
- Off-highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund Regulations
- Off-highway Vehicle Insurance Regulations
- Off-highway Vehicles Closed Courses Regulations
- Off-highway Vehicles Designated Trails and Trail Permits Regulations
- Off-highway Vehicles Fees Regulations
- Off-highway Vehicles General Regulations
- Off-highway Vehicles Safety and Training Regulations
- Off-highway Vehicles Vulnerable Areas Licensing Regulations
- Prohibition of Off-highway Vehicle Use in Pockwock Lake Watershed Protected Water Area

**ACTS ASSOCIATED BUT NOT ASSIGNED TO TIR**

*Architects Act*

*Building Access Act*

*Engineering Profession Act*

*Mechanics' Lien Act*

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