



Resource Road Driver Internal Training

The BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) and its industry partners have collaborated to support companies in delivering comprehensive resource road driver training to their workers using the BCFSC Resource Road Driver Program materials to develop internal training capacity and expertise.

Applications to access and use the Resource Road Driver Program materials for internal training will be reviewed by BCFSC and approval will be granted to companies that can show the following:

- Internal capacity of potential trainers
- Ability to meet program outcomes, including supporting the training requirements of trainers
- SAFE Certification

Approved companies are then eligible to send their trainers to the Resource Road Driver Internal Trainer (RRDIT) course. This three-day, “train-the-trainer” course provides company trainers with the skills and knowledge to teach the one-day Resource Road Safety Training - Internal and the more comprehensive two-day Resource Road Driver Training - Internal. As part of the three day train the trainer course, participants will work in the field with experienced instructors to refine their skills and ensure they are qualified to deliver the internal training within their own organizations.

To learn more about the course content, prerequisites and approval process, please visit the [Resource Road Driver Internal Training](#) webpage. 🚚

Professional Driver Training Program Underway in Okanagan

Classes are underway for the Professional Industry Driver Training Program at Okanagan College in Vernon. After students complete the Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) and have passed their Class 1 driver tests, they move into the mentoring phase on their path to becoming capable drivers looking for careers hauling logs or chips in the local forest industry.

“We’re pleased to once again be working with the BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) on this training program”, says Leanne Clare, Program Coordinator with Okanagan College. “We saw positive outcomes with the previous program in 2021-22. Graduates of the program have amazing opportunities to get into good jobs in the forest industry. So, we’re planning for similar success with this program.”

Funded in cooperation with the Government of Canada and the BC’s Project Based Labour Market Training initiative, the 29-week program provides students with MELT Training and support to help students get their Class 1 driver’s licence. The program also provides students with essential skills and industry-specific training.

“On top of that, the program matches students up with companies and experienced mentors who invest some 160 hours showing students *how things are done*, and then guiding and coaching each student so they pick up the knowledge and skills they’ll need for driving a log or chip truck”, says Dustin Meierhofer, BCFSC Director of Transportation Safety.

When the student is ready, an approved assessor does both a technical and a behind-the-wheel assessment to see if the student has gained the necessary competencies. Once they are successful in the assessment process, the student receives a Professional Industry Driver Endorsement through BCFSC. “Many employers within the industry recognize that endorsement and look for it when they’re hiring new drivers”, says Dustin.

If you’re interested in this program, contact Leanne Clare at LClare@okanagan.bc.ca. To learn more about the PID program or participate as a **mentor**, contact Rick Walters at 250-562-3215 or rwalters@bcforestsafe.org. 🚚



This program is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

Winter Driving

Every BC employer must ensure the health and safety of all workers. As an employer, it is your responsibility to establish and maintain an effective safety program that addresses the risks and hazards your workers face when driving either a company or personal vehicle for work purposes.

If your company operates company-owned vehicles – or requires workers to use their personal vehicles for work purposes – the following information will help you develop health and safety plans and reduce the risk associated with driving during the winter driving season (October 1 to April 30 in BC).

Review these documents to help prepare your drivers for winter driving and keep them and others safe on the roads.

[BCFSC Winter Safety Resources](#)

[10 Winter Driving Tips for BC Log Haulers](#)

[Winter Driving: What Employers Need to Know](#)

[Winter Driving: TAG Safety Tips](#) 🚚



Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) Survey for Commercial Vehicle Partners

Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) is preparing to conduct a review of its width and length requirements. CVSE has acquired the services of MNP LLP (MNP) to support the facilitation and data analysis of this project. As a starting point, CVSE is seeking the views of its commercial vehicle partners on what provincial width and length requirements should be included within the review, based on their relative priority and impacts to the industry. A survey has been circulated from MNP to CVSE stakeholder groups and associations to be distributed to their members.

Stakeholder engagement with the survey will help to support the prioritization when building out the five-year plan around the survey items. To maximize survey participation, the survey will be available for three weeks and will take between 10 and 25 minutes, depending on the level of detail provided.

MNP will be collecting the data and analyzing all results; survey respondents' information will remain confidential, and all data is held on secure servers.

Take the survey if you would like to provide your feedback. 🚚