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To Whom It May Concern:

Additional conditions exist for carriers operating Long Combination Vehicles in Manitoba. In order to operate Long Combination Vehicles, drivers must be trained on the Professional Driver Improvement Course (PDIC) and the Long Combination Vehicle (LCV) course. The MTA owns the rights to the PDIC and LCV course curriculum in Manitoba.

The PDIC and LCV training programs are a collaborative effort between the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the BC Trucking Association, Alberta Motor Transport Association, the Saskatchewan Trucking Association and the Manitoba Trucking Association. Training is based on permit conditions which is based on a Memorandum of Understanding between the western provinces and their respective trucking associations.

Carriers wanting to participate in the LCV program must certify their drivers to operate Long Combination Vehicles in Manitoba through the Manitoba Trucking Association (MTA). In order to complete training, a carrier must have an LCV permit and have equipment that meets the LCV permit requirements.

Participating carriers must ensure that all drivers who operate or are looking to operate an LCV meet the permit conditions for driver requirements, which are summarized as follows:

- Drivers must have Class 1.0 endorsement.
- Drivers must have a valid driver's licence which is not probationary or conditional.
- Drivers must have a driver licence with no restrictions other than for corrective lenses.
- Before taking either the PDIC or LCV course (see below), drivers must have a minimum of 150,000 km (or 24 months) previous experience driving articulated vehicles/related to semi-trailer and/or multiple-trailer operations.
- At any time, drivers must have no more than 2 driving violations in the previous 12 months.
- At any time, drivers must have no more than 3 driving violations in the previous 36 months.
- At any time, drivers must have no driver-related criminal code convictions in the previous 36 months.

Obtaining certification to operate Long Combination Vehicles is a three-part process that requires successful completion of the PDIC course, the LCV course, and an LCV road test. The PDIC course has a four-year expiration date. After an LCV operator passes the PDIC course, they must re-take and successfully complete the PDIC course within the next four years, in order to continue operating an LCV.

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After the initial training is completed, carriers must ensure that they review their permit conditions with the driver and issue a certificate (wallet card) indicating they have reviewed permit conditions, current regulations, the operators' drivers' abstract and any issues pertaining to the operation of LCVs. This certificate must be issued with a one-year expiry date. The review of permit conditions must be completed at least annually. The carrier issued certificate (wallet card) must contain the following:

- Driver's name
- Company name
- Issue Date and Expiration Date
- Signature and printed name of person issuing the certificate.

Carriers can contact the MTA if they are looking for a wallet card template.

It is the carrier's responsibility to retain copies of LCV operators' qualification records and to ensure that LCV operators continue to meet the required qualifications.

The following are some additional considerations that a carrier operating LCVs should know.

- The LCV course requires drivers to complete enroute inspections in addition to pre-trip inspections. These enroute inspections are required after the first 80 km of travel and subsequent inspections should be done every two hours or 160 km.
- Converter dollies can be dead headed behind a trailer that if that truck is covered under the LCV permit.
- Converter dollies that are being dead headed require emergency brakes but should not have service brakes if they are not equipped with ABS.
- LCV permits in Manitoba are route-specific. It is the responsibility of the carrier to ensure that LCV operators are operating on the route approved under the permit. Any deviation from the specified route is prohibited.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about LCV permits in Manitoba, please contact Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure, Permit Services at 204-945-3961 or toll free at 1-877-812-0009 or by email at [permitservices@gov.mb.ca](mailto:permitservices@gov.mb.ca)