

**MEMORANDUM TO:** DriveON Vehicle Inspection Centres

**FROM:** Jennifer Elliott, Director

**DATE:** March 20, 2026

**SUBJECT:** DriveON Pilot Program: Mobile Safety Inspection -Trailers only

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Effective August 1, 2024, the DriveON program launched a pilot for Mobile Safety Inspections on Heavy-Duty Trailers. The launch of this pilot was part of the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) ongoing modernization efforts and aligns with our commitment to improving road safety while supporting the operational needs of trailer operators. This initiative aims to enhance accessibility and convenience and reduce downtime by addressing the logistical and capacity constraints of fixed-location inspections.

The Ministry is pleased to announce that enhancements have been implemented for the Pilot Program for Mobile Safety Inspections – Trailers Only. This program will be expanded to all active and eligible Vehicle Inspection Centres (VICs) within the DriveON program that wish to participate. Please note that existing pilot VICs will be required to reapply.

The pilot program will commence on April 1, 2026, and will run until December 31, 2026. Approximately 50 participants will be selected to allow for efficient administration and evaluation. Participants will be selected based on the program conditions outlined below and discretion of the Ministry. Once approved, VICs will be required to adhere to all program conditions.

To participate, please complete the application and Inspection Authorization Form attached to this communication and submit it via email to: [vehicleoversight@ontario.ca](mailto:vehicleoversight@ontario.ca). Your response will help us understand your operational plans for participating in the pilot and ensure that all activities are conducted in a legal and safe manner. MTO will contact only those VICs selected to participate in the pilot program.

We believe your participation will be instrumental in shaping the future of mobile safety inspections and will help us refine and strengthen the program to better serve all stakeholders.

Thank you for your continued commitment to vehicle safety. We look forward to your valuable contributions to this important initiative. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact MTO's Vehicle Inspection Program Oversight (VIPO) office at [vehicleoversight@ontario.ca](mailto:vehicleoversight@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



Jennifer Elliott

Director

# **MOBILE SAFETY INSPECTION ON HEAVY-DUTY TRAILERS PILOT PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM**

## **Vehicle Inspection Centre (VIC) Information**

**1. Company Legal Name:**

**2. VIC Business Name:**

**3. VIC Address:**

## **Owner Information:**

**1. Name (First & Last):**

**2. Email:**

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## **Conditions for DriveON Pilot Program: Mobile Safety Inspections – Trailers Only**

In addition to the Directives and Standard Operating Procedures to qualify for Mobile Safety Inspections on Heavy-Duty Trailers:

1. VICs must be currently enrolled and active in the DriveON program and have a signed Performance Contract and Attestation within the DriveON portal.
2. VICs must keep the books and records of the VIC at the address identified on the DriveON portal as their principal place of business.
3. VIC must have a minimum of six months in compliance (including satisfactory audit results).
4. VIC must perform a minimum of 500 completed trailer inspections annually.
5. VICs must carry additional automobile insurance for any vehicle used to transport the inspection equipment, with coverage of not less than \$3 million for third-party property damage and bodily injury.
6. VICs must not operate offline. All inspections must be conducted in locations where mobile internet service is available.
7. VICs must obtain and submit written approval or authorization to conduct inspections at the intended site. This authorization must be submitted by identifying the location where mobile inspections will be performed in the form below. Approval must be obtained from the Ministry before inspections can occur at any intended site. Any updates to locations not included in the initial application must be submitted to the Vehicle Inspection Program Oversight Office by completing the Inspection Authorization Form included below.

8. VICs' mobile units must be equipped with the following tools and equipment, which must be kept in proper working order and calibrated to a degree of accuracy consistent with the performance standards:

- a) Technician's common hand tools, including but not limited to sockets, wrenches, screwdrivers, pliers, and hammers.
- b) 2 sets of purpose-built, fully functioning wheel chocks to prevent trailer movement during inspection.
- c) A jack and jack stand(s) suitable for the weight of the trailer to be inspected.
- d) Portable air compressor, couplers, and gauges for testing and measuring air pressure in the braking system (100psi minimum).
- e) A digital multimeter and a power supply capable of operating and checking the functionality of electrical circuits and lighting systems.
- f) A reliable power source, such as a generator or battery systems, to power computer equipment used for digital reporting and diagnostics during inspections.
- g) If operating in low-light conditions, flashlights and work lights providing sufficient illumination to conduct all activities clearly and safely.
- h) Devices suitable and appropriate to the class or type of vehicle to be inspected for and designed for:
  - i) Measuring wear in brake system components – Caliper & Inside Caliper
  - ii) Measuring tire tread depth
  - iii) Measuring play or wear in steering and suspension systems - Dial Indicator
  - iv) Detecting leaks in compressed fuel systems
  - v) Measuring the torque of wheel and rim fasteners - Torque Wrench

**Owner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please save the file using the following format:** " (VIC Number) - (VIC Name) - (Date YYYY-MM-DD)". Please submit your completed application form along with the Inspection Authorization Form by email to [vehicleoversight@ontario.ca](mailto:vehicleoversight@ontario.ca) with the following subject line: VIC ID XXXXX - DriveON Pilot Program Application.

# **MOBILE SAFETY INSPECTION ON HEAVY-DUTY TRAILERS PILOT PROGRAM INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION FORM**

As per Condition 7 of the Pilot Program for Mobile Safety Inspections – Trailers Only, approved VICs must obtain and submit written approval or authorization to conduct inspections at the intended site.

The authorization form below must be submitted with your application and throughout the duration of the pilot program to indicate where you intend to conduct inspections. To request approval for locations, please complete the form and list all sites where you plan to perform mobile inspections. Once completed, please submit the Inspection Authorization Form by email to the Vehicle Inspection Program Oversight Office (VIPO) at [vehicleoversight@ontario.ca](mailto:vehicleoversight@ontario.ca).

Please note that Ministry approval must be obtained before inspections are conducted at any new location(s). Approval processing times are a minimum of five (5) business days.

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## **Owner Information:**

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Please indicate below the intended sites where your VIC will be performing mobile inspections:

- 1. Intended Site Location:**
- 2. Intended Site Location:**
- 3. Intended Site Location:**

4. Intended Site Location:

5. Intended Site Location:

6. Intended Site Location:

7. Intended Site Location:

8. Intended Site Location:

9. Intended Site Location:

10. Intended Site Location:

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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