

MEMORANDUM TO: DriveON Vehicle Inspection Centres

FROM: Jennifer Elliott, Director

DATE: July 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Pilot Program for Mobile Safety Inspection for Trailers only
re: DriveON Program

Effective July 15, 2024, the DriveON program went live to allow current Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations (MVIS) that conduct annual and semi-annual inspections or a combination of annual, semi-annual and light-duty/passenger vehicle inspections to conduct safety inspections. Stations that have received their equipment are now able to begin conducting inspections under the DriveON program.

As a continuation of our modernization efforts, and in alignment with our commitment to improving road safety while supporting the operational needs of trailer operators, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is pleased to announce the launch of a pilot program for Mobile Safety Inspections on Heavy Duty Trailers. This initiative aims to enhance accessibility and convenience, and reduce downtime by overcoming the logistical and capacity constraints of fixed-location inspections.

The pilot program will commence on August 1, 2024, and will run until December 31, 2024. We aim to include 10 participants in the pilot program to allow for efficient administration and evaluation. Selected pilot stations will be required to adhere to the conditions of the pilot which are provided in the application form below.

To participate, please complete the application form attached to this communication and submit it via email to vehicleoversight@ontario.ca. Your response will help us understand your operational plans for participating in the pilot program, ensuring that all activities are conducted in a legal and safe manner. MTO will only contact stations that are selected to participate in the pilot program.

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

Thank you for your continued support of vehicle safety. We look forward to your valuable contributions to this important initiative. If you have any questions or require further information, do not hesitate to contact MTO at our Vehicle Inspection Program Oversight (VIPO) office at vehicleoversight@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Elliott

Director

MOBILE SAFETY INSPECTION ON HEAVY DUTY TRAILERS PILOT PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Vehicle Inspection Centre (VIC) Information

1. VIC Business Name: _____

2. VIC Number: _____

3. Owner Name:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Conditions for Mobile Safety Inspection Pilot Program – Trailers

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

1. VIC is currently enrolled in the DriveON program.
2. VICs must keep the books and records of the VIC at the address identified on the DriveON Portal as its principal place of business.
3. VICs must carry additional automobile insurance for any vehicle used to transport the Inspection equipment, with a limit of not less than \$3 million for third party property damage and bodily injury.
4. VICs must not operate offline. Inspections MUST be conducted where mobile internet communications services are available.
5. VICs must obtain and upload written approval or authorization to conduct inspections on the intended site. This authorization must include a work order or invoice that clearly identifies the owner of the trailers and/or the owner of the property where the inspection will take place, as well as a detailed description of the work to be performed. All such documents must be submitted to the Vehicle Inspection Program Oversight Office at vehicleoversight@ontario.ca, subject line: Submission of inspection authorization form, followed by the VIC number.

6. VICs Mobile Units must be equipped with the following tools and equipment, which are kept in proper working order and are 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, 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

Declaration

I hereby declare that all the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information may result in disqualification from the pilot program and may impact my ability to participate in the DriveON program.

Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please save the file using the following format: "(VIC Number)- (VIC Name)- (Date YYYY-MM-DD)".
Alternatively, you may email the completed application to vehicleoversight@ontario.ca