

PEI VWD updates 10 December 2024 Montreal

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Mandatory Entry Level Training started 05 August 2024 on PEI. All written and road testing is completed by provincial Highway Safety testing staff. We are waiting for the first class to finish so we can critique and adjust the process.

Road Improvements

PEI is still cleaning up and repairing damage left by hurricane Fiona. Many road improvements have been completed. Improvements have been made to increase safety, decrease travel times, and decrease greenhouse gases due to idling. Some notable projects are

- Intersection of Hillsborough bridge, Grafton Street east and Riverside drive. Traffic is flowing much better travel times are greatly reduced.
- Displaced left turn intersection. First of its kind in Canada. It moves a lot of traffic in a short amount of time, improves safety and lowers greenhouse gases. A second such intersection is planned for the Malpeque road- Charlottetown bypass intersection.
- Roundabouts. Pei has just completed its 40th roundabout. They are working well with no insurmountable issues moving large loads. Most collisions would be side swipes which usually cause less injuries. Light vehicles need to be reminded that it is not a good idea to drive beside large or articulating vehicles.

Highway Traffic Act

- The clarification of language and punctuation was completed.
- An allowance for the use of blue flashing lights will remove the need for a permit. Blue flashing lights are now available for Police, Fire trucks, ambulances and plow trucks while actively plowing or salting roads.
- The lookback window for impounding vehicles being driven by repeat impaired driving offenders was increased from 2 years to 5 years.
- Language was clarified to remove doubt that impaired driving impoundments will include a vehicle that is not registered to the offender.

Off Highway

The province will require ATVs using the trail system to register each year. A portion of the registration fee will be turned over to the PEI ATV Federation to construct and maintain an ATV trail system.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Our compliment of commercial vehicle enforcement officers should be up to full strength by the end of January.