

Draft Regulations

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Transport Act
(R.S.Q., c. T-12)

Training of drivers of buses and minibuses used for the transportation of schoolchildren — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the training of drivers of buses and minibuses used for the transportation of schoolchildren, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation authorizes the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord and the Commission scolaire des Premières-Seigneuries to dispense the training courses, fix the fees payable for them and issue certificates of competence to drive a vehicle used for the transportation of schoolchildren. It also authorizes those school boards to determine the content of the training courses to obtain the certificates, it prescribes the information that must appear on those certificates and updates the title of the Regulation.

The draft Regulation also provides that, to obtain a certificate of competence to drive a vehicle used for the transportation of schoolchildren, a person must have successfully completed a 6-hour training course and have paid the fees for it. The certificates obtained before the coming into force of the draft Regulation in accordance with the conditions established by the draft Regulation will be valid.

The draft Regulation specifies that every certificate of competence to drive a bus or minibus used for the transportation of schoolchildren is valid for a period varying between 3 years and 3 and a half years, as the case may be. It provides, under certain conditions, that a person who already held that certificate could complete a 6-hour training course to again obtain such a certificate of competence. In addition, every certificate of competence to drive a bus or minibus used for the transportation of schoolchildren issued prior to the amendments made by the draft Regulation cannot be invalidated on the ground that it does not have a date of issue. Lastly, every person who completes the training course to drive

a vehicle used for the transportation of schoolchildren and pays the fees for it will have his or her certificate of competence to drive a bus or minibus used for the transportation of schoolchildren renewed.

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Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation may submit written comments within the 45-day period to the Minister of Transport, 700, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the training of drivers of buses and minibuses used for the transportation of schoolchildren

Transport Act
(R.S.Q., c. T-12, s. 5, par. g.1)

1. The Regulation respecting the training of drivers of buses and minibuses used for the transportation of schoolchildren (R.R.Q., c. T-12, r. 8) is amended by replacing the title by the following:

“Regulation respecting the training of drivers of buses and minibuses used for the transportation of schoolchildren and of vehicles used for the transportation of schoolchildren”.

2. Section 1 is amended by replacing “a certificate of competence to drive a bus or minibus used for the transportation of schoolchildren, to dispense the training course needed to obtain it” by “the certificates of competence provided for in this Regulation, to determine the content of the training courses referred to in sections 2, 4 and 5.1, to dispense those courses”.

3. Section 2 is amended

(1) by inserting “to drive a bus or minibus used for the transportation of schoolchildren” after “competence”;

(2) by adding the following at the end:

“Despite the first paragraph, where that person already held a certificate of competence to drive a bus or minibus used for the transportation of schoolchildren and where that certificate has been expired for 3 years or less, the person must have successfully completed the training course referred to in section 4 and have paid the fees for it.”.

4. Section 3 is replaced by the following:

“**3.** The certificate of competence referred to in section 2 is valid for a period of 3 years from the date of its issue.”.

5. Section 4 is amended by replacing “a certificate of competence renewed, the” by “a certificate of competence to drive a bus or minibus used for the transportation of schoolchildren renewed, its”.

6. Sections 5 and 6 are replaced by the following:

“**5.** Every renewed certificate is valid from the date of its issue and expires 3 years after the date of expiry of the certificate to be renewed or 3 and a half years after the date of its issue, whichever occurs first.

5.1. To obtain a certificate of competence to drive a vehicle used for the transportation of schoolchildren, a person must have successfully completed a 6-hour training course and have paid the fees for it.

6. Every certificate of competence must contain the following information:

(1) the class of vehicles for which the certificate is issued;

(2) the name of its holder;

(3) a number;

(4) the date of its issue and, where applicable, the date on which it expires;

(5) the signature of its holder and of the director of the highway transportation training centre of the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord or of the Commission scolaire des Premières-Seigneuries, as the case may be.”.

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7. Despite section 4 of the Regulation respecting the training of drivers of buses and minibuses used for the transportation of schoolchildren and of vehicles used for the transportation of schoolchildren (R.R.Q., c. T-12, r. 8), the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord and the Commission scolaire des Premières-Seigneuries renew the certificate of competence to drive a bus or minibus used for the transportation of schoolchildren of every holder who successfully completes the training course referred to in section 5.1 of the Regulation in the 3 years that follow (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) and pays the fees for it.

Every certificate renewed in accordance with the first paragraph is valid from the date of its issue and expires 3 years after the date of expiry of the certificate to be renewed or 3 and a half years after the date of its issue, whichever occurs first.

8. Despite section 6 of the Regulation respecting the training of drivers of buses and minibuses used for the transportation of schoolchildren and of vehicles used for the transportation of schoolchildren, every certificate of competence to drive a bus or minibus for the transportation of schoolchildren that was issued or renewed before (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) may not be invalidated on the ground that it does not have a date of issue.

9. Every certificate of competence to drive a vehicle used for the transportation of schoolchildren may not be invalidated on the ground that it was issued before (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*).

10. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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