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Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Simplified Driver Licence Exchange Procedures – Alberta and Australia

In accordance with the *Traffic Safety Act, Operator Licensing and Vehicle Control Regulation*, section 34, this letter will confirm that starting May 23, 2012, Alberta will implement a simplified driver licensing procedure.

This procedure is intended for persons who hold a valid drivers licence issued by any Australian State or Territory and who now reside in Alberta and are applying for an Alberta operator's licence to operate private passenger vehicles and/or motorcycles.

The Government of Alberta will provide this simplified driver licensing exchange procedures for persons who hold an Australian driver's licence permitting the operation of passenger cars and/or motorcycles on the basis that all Australian jurisdictions will provide a simplified driver licensing exchange procedures for persons who hold an Alberta operator's licence permitting the operation of passenger cars and/or motorcycles and who now reside in Australia. (See attached email message from Murray Kidnie, Austrorads Chief Executive, to Mitch Fuhr, Executive Director of Driver Programs, Alberta Transportation on April 18, 2012).

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Alberta Requirements:

The holder of valid Australian State or Territory driver's licence who applies for an Alberta driver's licence must meet all requirements set out in the Alberta *Traffic Safety Act* and associated *Regulations*, including but not limited to the following:

(a) Residency:

The applicant must be a resident of Alberta.

(b) Driver Licence Surrender:

Where an application for exchange is approved by Alberta, the applicant will surrender the Australian driver's licence and the exchange will be recorded on the applicant's Alberta motor vehicle operator's record. Alberta will then destroy the surrendered driver's licence.

Alberta operator licences surrendered for exchange with an Australian licence should be destroyed by the issuing Australian State or Territory authority.

If an applicant has lost their Australian driver licence the applicant will be required to provide written confirmation of licence status from the issuing Australian jurisdiction, to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

(c) Testing Waived:

Alberta may waive Class 5 and 6 knowledge and road test requirements for applicants who have been issued an Australian driver's licence allowing for the operation of private passenger vehicles and/or motorcycles and issue an Alberta equivalent Class 5, 6 or 56 driver's licence provided the following conditions are met.

The Australian driver's licence must:

- (i.) be valid and subsisting
- (ii.) not be a learner driver's licence
- (iii.) not have any special restrictions such as an area restriction, speed restriction, hours of operation restriction or be an occupational/restricted licence

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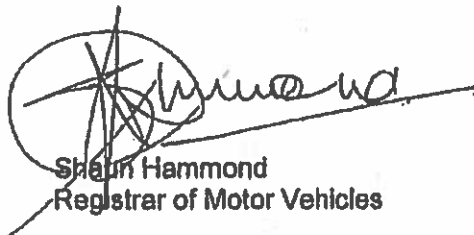
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If the applicant has less than 24 months of driving experience, as shown by their Australian driver's licence, driver abstract or driving record, Alberta may waive the knowledge and road test and issue the applicant a Class 5, 6 or 58 equivalent Alberta driver's licence. However, these applicants will be required to complete Alberta's Graduated Licensing (GDL) Program requirements before they are eligible to apply for a Non-GDL Alberta driver's licence and become a fully licensed driver.

(d) Driving Fitness:

The applicant must satisfy the Registrar of Motor Vehicles of their fitness and ability to operate a motor vehicle. If the applicant has a medical condition or any other condition that may affect their fitness and ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, the applicant may be required to undergo medical or practical examinations.

The provisions outlined above constitute a voluntary administrative protocol and do not have any legal effect, and are not legally binding on the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. These provisions do not affect any provision of law or regulation relating to the driver's licences in Alberta, nor do they affect any reciprocal recognition agreements that Alberta may have with other jurisdictions. The Registrar of Motor Vehicles will notify Austrorads Inc. if the provisions outlined above are amended.



Shaun Hammond
Registrar of Motor Vehicles

Attachment