



EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

New Measures and Tougher Penalties to Deter Alcohol/Drug-Impaired Driving

On July 1, 2018 new measures to make alcohol and drug-impaired driving laws even tougher take effect.

Zero Tolerance for the presence of alcohol in the blood and/or presence of drugs as detected by an approved screening device comes into effect for drivers of;

- a vehicle that requires the driver to hold a Class A, B, C, D, E or F driver's licence
- a road-building machine as defined in Regulation 398/16. E.g. bulldozers, graders, low-speed street sweepers, etc.
- a vehicle that requires a Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR) (e.g. trucks with a registered or actual weight greater than 4,500 kg or buses with a designed seating capacity of more than 10 passengers.)

Commercial Drivers

	Licence suspension	Monetary penalty	Other penalties
First occurrence	3 days	\$250	Other penalties, such as mandatory education or treatment programs may also apply for repeat offenders.
Second occurrence	3 days	\$350	
Third and subsequent occurrences	3 days	\$450	

Zero tolerance means that drivers should not get behind the wheel if they have any detectable presence of drugs or alcohol in their system. For cannabis, the federal government will be approving a screening device and setting the thresholds for detectable presence in the coming months.