



ARA Proposes Expanded Inspection Program

The Automotive Retailers Association (ARA) is asking the government of British Columbia to implement a mandatory vehicle safety inspection program for all private vehicles bought and sold in the province, not just those imported into B.C. If implemented, this would be a program similar to those of Manitoba and Newfoundland. More than 22 U.S. states and five Canadian provinces have some form of mandatory inspection program for privately owned and operated vehicles.

The ARA bases their proposal on data that shows mandatory inspections contribute to road safety. The ARA also claims that, in places with mandatory inspection programs, the general public supports these programs because they contribute to their personal safety.

The current law: The *Motor Vehicle Act* states that it is illegal for a person to sell or offer to sell a motor vehicle or trailer *for use as transportation* unless it meets the requirements of the Act and regulations. This includes requirements for safety and roadworthiness. In addition, under the *Motor Dealer Act*, dealers have the added requirement that they can only sell vehicles *suitable for transportation*, unless clearly marked otherwise.

As noted, a pre-sale mandatory inspection is not currently required in B.C. However, the only practical way a motor dealer can ensure that a motor vehicle is safe is to inspect it in comparison to the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* and the Provincial Vehicle Inspection (PVI) requirements. Without this evidence, a dealer may have difficulty proving a vehicle was safe at the time it was sold.

The role of the VSA: The VSA is required to enforce the laws currently in place. As a delegated authority, the VSA cannot “lobby” government, but does bring concerns to the government’s attention. Concerns and ideas from meetings with the staff and leadership of the ARA, NCDCA and the RVDA, including the regular meetings of the Industry Working Committee, make this possible.

[Learn more about the ARA proposal](#)

Learn more about the [VSA Industry Working Committee](#)

Salesperson Licence Status Added

The public “Search for Dealers and Salespeople” is a useful tool for dealers to monitor the licensing status of their salespeople. The search has been improved with an added status of “Application Received.” This can be found by searching either using the name of the individual salesperson or a salesperson associated with a dealership.

Please note that this status will appear within one working day of an application with payment being received at the VSA, whether by mail, email or online. Other licence status categories are: Issued, Issued-Conditional, Expired-Conditional, Application Abandoned, Lapsed, Inactive, Cancelled, Suspended by Registrar, Denied by Registrar, and Cancelled by Registrar.

Note: Issued and Issued-Conditional are the only two statuses that allow an individual to work as a Licensed Salesperson at a dealership.

ONLINE REGISTRY OF LICENSEES > SEARCH RESULTS			
Salesperson	Licence Number	Status	Licence Expiry
[REDACTED]	20 [REDACTED]	Issued	Dec-02-2015
[REDACTED]	20 [REDACTED]	Application Received	

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