

Updated CVA Policy Key Messages Question Answers

KEY MESSAGES

- The Central Vehicle Agency (CVA) has updated the Government Vehicle Policy.
- The updated policy is meant to guide CVA clients through their transportation needs, using best practices already in place.
- It outlines:
 - Options available for ground transportation;
 - How ownership of vehicles works in government;
 - How to select the right type of vehicle;
 - How equipment is installed on vehicles;
 - Who is authorized as a driver, and what is expected of them;
 - How traffic violations are handled;
 - How preventative maintenance is handled;
 - What to know about overweight vehicles; and
 - What client organizations are responsible for.
- It also reflects Canadian National Safety Code Standards (NSC).
- All drivers and vehicle coordinators are responsible for understanding and following the new policy.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q: Why is the policy changing?

A: The previous version of the Government Vehicle Policy was outdated and did not reflect best practices currently used by Government.

Q: What has been updated in the new policy?

A: There have been updates to the following areas:

- Options available for ground transportation;
- How ownership of vehicles works in government;
- How to select the right type of vehicle;
- How equipment is installed on vehicles;
- Who is authorized as a driver, and what is expected of them;
- How traffic violations are handled;
- How preventative maintenance is handled;
- What to know about overweight vehicles; and
- What client organizations are responsible for.

For full details, please review the updated [Government Vehicle Policy](#).

Q: Where can I review the new policy?

A: The new updated CVA policy is posted on [Taskroom](#).

Q: What is the National Safety Code (NSC)?

A: The National Safety Code (NSC) is a set of 16 standards developed by the member jurisdictions of CCMTA in consultation with the motor carrier industry to ensure road safety and facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods across Canada.

Q: Who approves the use of CVA vehicles?

A: CVA coordinators approve the use of CVA vehicles for government employees.

Q: Is there a change in how I normally book or use CVA vehicles?

A: No, there is no change to how you normally book/use CVA vehicles. However, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with the new policy, as the policy now reflects best practices currently used in Government and will help you through your vehicle needs.

Q: Do I need to know all the details of the new policy?

A: If you are operating a CVA vehicle, you must be familiar with the policy. If you are unsure about any policy sections, please consult your branch's CVA vehicle coordinator before vehicle use.

Q: Does this policy affect me if I use my personal vehicle for company use?

A: Yes. The new policy outlines the various traffic laws and acts for operating a vehicle in the province of Saskatchewan. You must still follow all traffic laws and acts while operating your personal vehicle for government business.

Q: Does this policy apply to non-CVA vehicles such as rental vehicles or public transportation?

A: Yes, section 5.1 of the new policy outlines details related to non-government fleet vehicles.

Q: I regularly rent a larger vehicle for comfort. Can I continue to do so?

A: The new CVA policy outlines the best practices regarding vehicle selection. CVA reserves the right to balance economic and environmental responsibilities when choosing rental vehicles.

Q: Who pays for traffic tickets issued to the user of a CVA vehicle?

A: Impound charges, fines, service charges, handling charges and/or penalties are the responsibility of the driver who has committed the offence. In instances where a clear error/oversight was made, CVA will work to have the error corrected.

Q: When does this new policy take effect?

A: The new policy is in effect as of Nov. 7, 2022

Q: Who can I get in touch with about questions?

A: For questions, please contact CVA's General Inquiry Line by email at cvageneralinquiry@gov.sk.ca