

## NOTIFYING THE SOCIÉTÉ

If a vehicle registered in your name has undergone transformation or had features added that increase its net (unladen) weight, **you are REQUIRED to inform the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec of the fact.**

Under the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration, the net weight shown on the registration certificate for your vehicle must be:

- the vehicle's weight as stated by the manufacturer at the time of shipping, or
- the weight shown on the certificat after your vehicle has undergone a transformation or been fitted with equipment or an accessory for the purpose of its intended use.

Travel with a vehicle whose net weight is greater than that shown on its registration certificate **is an offence punishable by a fine of \$300 to \$600.**

To advise the Société of modifications made to your vehicle, go to a SAAQ service centre or a service outlet with a weight certificate and, where required, a mechanical inspection certificate.

- The net weight shown in the SAAQ's registration record will be changed accordingly;
- you will be issued a **new registration certificate** for the vehicle, and in some cases, a **new licence plate**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,  
TELEPHONE:

**(514) 873-7620**  
in Montréal (local call);

**643-7620**  
in Québec (city and vicinity); or

**1-800-361-7620**  
toll free, from elsewhere in the province.

INTERNET:  
[www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca)



# YOUR OBLIGATIONS

## after transforming a vehicle

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automobile du Québec



## IF THE NET WEIGHT OF your vehicle exceeds **3,000kg** after transformation

### OBLIGATIONS

your vehicle must undergo **mechanical inspection** once yearly (every six months in the case of a bus or minibus);

you must be entered on the **Registre des propriétaires et des exploitants de véhicules lourds** kept by the Commission des transports du Québec (unless exempt).

you must obey the rules governing owners and operators of heavy vehicles, in particular those relating to driving and duty time, and to pre-trip inspection (unless exempt).

you will have to pay a **higher fee** to retain the right to travel with the vehicle (except for certain types of vehicle);

### PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE FINE (FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WEIGHT),  
**YOU COULD BE LIABLE:**

to a fine of **\$300 to \$600** if mechanical inspection has not been done on the required schedule;

to a fine of **\$500 to \$1,500** if you are not entered on the CTQ register;

to a fine of between **\$700 and \$2,100** for failure to obey the rules.



## IF THE NET WEIGHT OF your vehicle exceeds **4,500kg** after transformation

### OBLIGATIONS

You must make sure that anyone driving your vehicle holds a **driver's licence of the corresponding class and any licence endorsements required for driving that type of vehicle.**

#### CLASSES

**1**

Combination vehicle (tractor-tailers)

**2**

Bus with more than 24 passengers

**3**

Commercial or equipment vehicle with 3 or more axles, or 2 axles and a net weight of 4,500 kg or over

**4A**

Emergency vehicle

**5**

Two-axle vehicle with a net weight under 4,500 kg, tool vehicle, service vehicle.

#### ENDORSEMENTS

**F**

to drive a heavy vehicle equipped with air brakes

**M**

to drive a heavy vehicle equipped with a standard transmission

**T**

to drive a road train

### PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Should the driver not have the proper licence class or endorsements required:

- the vehicle could be seized and impounded **AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE**, for 30 days;
- the driver could be fined **\$300 to \$600**.

