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New measures starting December 7, 2008

EXCESSIVE SPEEDING: NEW PENALTIES

If you are pulled over for an excessive speeding offence, depending on the number of convictions on record at the SAAQ since April 1, 2008 and the speed limit zone where the offence was committed:

- your driver's licence will be immediately suspended for 7, 30 or 60 days;
- the vehicle you are driving will be immediately seized and impounded for 30 days.

REMEMBER:

You are committing an excessive speeding offence if you exceed the speed limit:

- by 40 km/h or over in a zone of 60 km/h or less;
- by 50 km/h or over in a zone of 60 km/h to 90 km/h;
- by 60 km/h or over in a zone of 100 km/h.

IMPAIRED DRIVING: HARSHER PENALTIES

Immediate suspension of a driver's licence:

- goes from 30 to 90 days for a first offence;

Immediate vehicle seizure and impoundment for 30 days:

- if you are pulled over with a blood-alcohol level in excess of 160 mg per 100 ml of blood;
- if you refuse to provide a breath or blood sample.

WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR CONDUCT ON THE ROAD.

For more details, visit: www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca

New licence fees

Here are two examples of new licence fees, according to the holder's situation.

PASSENGER VEHICLE

For holders of class 5 (passenger vehicle) licences who have **no demerit points** entered on their record.

	2008	2009
Insurance contribution	\$35	\$48
Tax on insurance contribution	\$3	\$4
Fees (authorization to drive a vehicle)	\$16	\$16
Service charge	\$4	\$4
TOTAL COST	\$58	\$72

Amounts have been rounded off to make reading easier.

PASSENGER VEHICLE WITH THE MOTORCYCLE AUTHORIZATION CLASS

For holders of licences with both class 5 (passenger vehicle) and class 6 (motorcycle) who have **no demerit points** entered on their record.

	2008	2009
Insurance contribution	\$70	\$94
Tax on insurance contribution	\$6	\$9
Fees (authorization to drive a vehicle)	\$16	\$16
Service charge	\$4	\$4
TOTAL COST	\$96	\$123

Amounts have been rounded off to make reading easier.

New registration fees

PASSENGER VEHICLE

The insurance contribution for the registration of a passenger vehicle will change according to the consumer price index. This index serves to adjust, on a yearly basis, compensation paid out by the plan (for example, 2% in the table below).

	2008	2009
Insurance contribution	\$109	\$112
Tax on insurance contribution	\$10	\$10
Fees (authorization to drive a vehicle)	\$104	\$104
Contribution to public transit	\$30	\$30
Service charge	\$4	\$4
TOTAL COST	\$257	\$260

Amounts have been rounded off to make reading easier. They may vary depending on the situation.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

For buses, taxis and trucks with 5 axles (insurance contribution fees only).

	2008	2009
Public buses	\$819	\$1,125
Taxis	\$443	\$556
Trucks with 5 axles	\$403	\$462

Amounts have been rounded off to make reading easier and do not include tax.



New registration fees

MOPED

	2008	2009
Insurance contribution	\$94	\$144
Tax on insurance contribution	\$8	\$13
Fees (for use of road network)	\$12	\$12
Service charge	\$4	\$4
TOTAL COST	\$118	\$173

Amounts have been rounded off to make them easier to read.



MOTORCYCLE OF 125 CC OR LESS

	2008	2009
Insurance contribution	\$139	\$160
Tax on insurance contribution	\$12	\$14
Fees (for use of road network)	\$40	\$40
Service charge	\$4	\$4
TOTAL COST	\$195	\$218

Amounts have been rounded off to make them easier to read.

MOTORCYCLE OF 126 TO 400 CC

	2008	2009
Insurance contribution	\$224	\$261
Tax on insurance contribution	\$17	\$24
Fees (for use of road network)	\$40	\$40
Service charge	\$4	\$4
TOTAL COST	\$288	\$329

Amounts have been rounded off to make them easier to read.

REGULAR MOTORCYCLE OF 401 CC AND OVER

	2008	2009
Insurance contribution	\$341	\$435
Tax on insurance contribution	\$31	\$39
Fees (for use of road network)	\$40	\$40
Service charge	\$4	\$4
TOTAL COST	\$416	\$518

Amounts have been rounded off to make them easier to read.

HIGH-RISK MOTORCYCLE OF 401 CC AND OVER

	2008	2009
Insurance contribution	\$572	\$905
Tax on insurance contribution	\$51	\$81
Fees (for use of road network)	\$40	\$40
Service charge	\$4	\$4
TOTAL COST	\$667	\$1,030

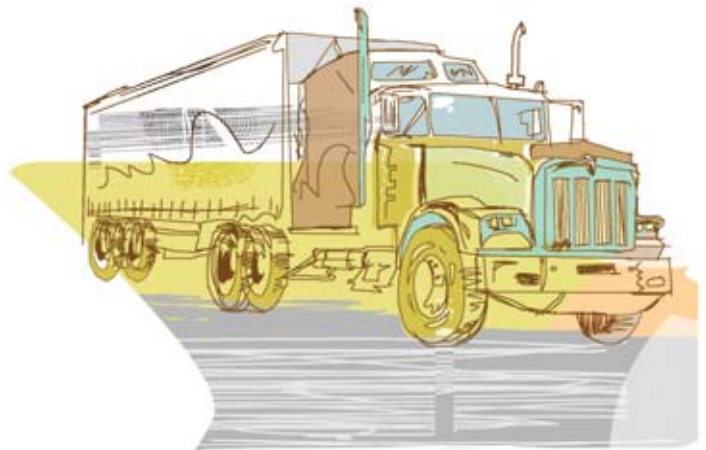
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Simple, safe and accessible services!

You can use our online (Internet) services at www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca to carry out the following transactions :

- pay for renewal (if you are a member of the Caisses Desjardins or a client of the National Bank of Canada) of your :
 - driver's licence;
 - vehicle registration;
 - disabled parking permit;
 - make an appointment for a driving test;
 - enter a change of address;
 - request a copy of your driving record;
 - request a copy of your compensation record;
 - vehicle storage or removal from storage;
 - discard a vehicle;
 - check the validity of a driver's licence;
 - check if a vehicle can be registered;
 - change your bank information;
 - simulate payment by pre-authorized debits;
- and much more...

ONLINE SERVICES: Monday to Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. 11:00 p.m.
and Sunday, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.



WINTER TIRES

THE SAAQ ISSUES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES



From December 15 to March 15, all taxis and passenger vehicles registered in Québec must now be equipped with tires specifically designed for winter driving. This also applies to rental passenger vehicles in Québec.

The new regulation provides for certain exceptions for passenger vehicles and taxis.

These include: vehicles for which a **winter tire exemption certificate** was issued by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ).

AN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE: WHEN DOES IT APPLY?

The SAAQ may issue, to the owner or renter, a certificate allowing a passenger vehicle or taxi be used without winter tires for 7 days:

- if the vehicle is used to leave or return to Québec;
- when acquiring the vehicle (in cases other than when the owner acquires the vehicle from a retailer), but only to give the buyer enough time to equip the vehicle with winter tires;
- to allow the return trip to a departure point situated outside Québec of a vehicle rented and registered outside Québec that, upon expiry of the rental period, was left by the renter at a place located in Québec.

The regulation provides for a maximum of 4 certificates to be issued for one vehicle for the period between December 15 and March 15. Each certificate is valid for 7 days.

For further information, visit our Web site: www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca

The Web site of the Ministère des Transports (MTQ) provides specific information regarding the application of this regulation and about which tires are specifically designed for winter driving: www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca



TO CONTACT US



Monday to Saturday:
7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday: noon to 11 p.m.
www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca

Call Centres

Monday through Friday
General information: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Compensation for accident victims :
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Automated telephone response (toll free)

Monday through Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday: noon to 11 p.m.

Québec (city and vicinity): 418 643-7620
Montréal: 514 873-7620

From elsewhere in Québec, Canada, USA, toll free:
1 800 361-7620

TDD/TTY

Montréal: 514 954-7763

From elsewhere in Québec, toll free: 1 800 565-7763

Automated telephone response (with charge)

24 hours, 7 days a week

- Check that a vehicle can be licensed before:
 - its sale to an individual;
 - its purchase from an individual;
- Check that a prospective driver's licence is valid before lending or renting your vehicle.

One number: 1 900 565-1212 (\$1.50 per call)

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Protection of Personal Information

All information gathered by authorized SAAQ personnel is handled confidentially. The SAAQ needs such personal information to apply the *Automobile Insurance Act* and the *Highway Safety Code*. Under the **Act respecting access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information**, it may be conveyed to Government departments or agencies, or used for statistical, survey, study, audit or investigative purposes. Failure to provide information can result in a refusal of service on the SAAQ's part. Individuals may consult or correct any personal information concerning them held in SAAQ records.

For more information, contact the SAAQ's call centres or consult the Policy on Privacy on the SAAQ website at www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca.

List of organizations authorized to receive and disclose information without getting the consent of the individuals concerned

To implement the *Highway Safety Code* and related statutes:

- Agencies responsible for implementing equivalent statutes in Canada and elsewhere
- Bureau du taxi et du remorquage de la ville de Montréal
- Commission des transports du Québec
- Courts including municipal courts
- Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC)
- Ministère de la Justice du Québec
- Ministère de la Sécurité publique du Québec
- Ministère des Transports du Québec
- Revenu Québec
- Sûreté du Québec and other police forces
- Transport Canada

For implementing statutes and other purposes:

- Autorité des marchés financiers
- Canada Border Services Agency
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Commissaire à la déontologie policière
- Commission de la construction du Québec
- Commission de la protection du territoire agricole
- Commission des normes du travail
- Coroner
- Department of Justice Canada
- Environment Canada
- Human Resources and Social Development Canada
- Insurers and their representatives
- Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux
- Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale
- Ministère des Relations internationales
- Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune
- Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs
- National Battlefields Commission
- Office de la protection du consommateur
- Office québécois de la langue française
- Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec
- Régie du bâtiment du Québec
- Revenu Québec
- Société d'habitation du Québec
- Statistics Canada
- Vehicle manufacturers and dealerships (recall campaigns)