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Dear Stakeholder:

Re: Residency, Legal Presence and Commercial Class Work Eligibility Updates

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is strengthening Ontario's driver licensing (DL) requirements to reduce fraud and better align Ontario with other Canadian jurisdictions as part of the [Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025](#).

Starting May 11, 2026, anyone applying for a Class G/M driver's licence (DL) or upgrading to a commercial class (A, B, C, D, E or F) DL will be required to answer the following questions:

- I declare that Ontario is my primary place of residence.
- I declare that my presence in Canada is legal.

DL holders applying for a commercial class DL upgrade must answer both questions **and** provide supporting documents to verify residency, legal presence and work eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents can be found at [Acceptable ID Documents - DriveTest Home](#).

These enhancements strengthen the integrity of Ontario's licensing system by responding to stakeholder concerns, reducing fraud, and ensuring alignment with federal immigration and labour policies. They help ensure that only Ontario residents who are legally entitled to be in Canada are issued driver's licences, and that commercial licences are issued only to individuals authorized to work in Canada.

Please share this information with the appropriate members of your organization. If you have any questions or wish to discuss these changes, please contact Grace Tam, Manager, Driver Program Development Office, 437-551-5021 or grace.tam@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your assistance in communicating these changes.

Sincerely,

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