

Effective July 1, 2026:

Act	Regulation	Summary of Key Changes
Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, 2021 (TSSEA)	O. Reg. 167/23 GENERAL	Current application fees remain the same this year. Annual Consumer Price Index-based fee adjustments will begin on July 1, 2027.
		For the purposes of assessing an application for a tow operator or vehicle storage certificate, the meaning of a related person is expanded to treat shareholders of a corporation and people who have been managed by the same individuals as being related to an applicant or certificate holder.
		A disqualifying record of convictions or charges is expanded to include offences for organized crime, counselling or conspiring to commit certain offences, attempting to commit certain offences, being an accessory to certain offences, obstruction of justice and periods during which a person is confined in a correctional institution or penitentiary or is lawfully detained.
		The qualifications and requirements for a certificate are expanded to include that the applicant has not been refused the same or a different certificate under the TSSEA (e.g., if the applicant was refused a tow operator certificate, the Director may consider this when determining whether to refuse to issue or renew a vehicle storage certificate).
		The qualifications and requirements for a tow operator and vehicle storage certificate are expanded to include that applicants have not employed or engaged someone who contravened the TSSEA or other prescribed Acts.
		Tow truck drivers are not required to take photos at the scene of an intermediate or advanced towing service when directed by police not to take photos or to cease taking photos. The tow truck drivers must record the police direction on their run sheets.
		The requirements for tow truck markings are updated. • The tow operator's <u>name</u> must be: ○ prominently displayed on both sides of the tow truck as close as possible to the centre of each front door; and ○ legible and clearly visible in a colour that contrasts sharply with the background. • The tow operator's <u>certificate number</u> must be: ○ prominently displayed, legible and clearly visible on both sides of the tow truck; and ○ if the tow truck is a pick-up truck with a tailgate, the certificate number must be displayed on the tailgate in block numerals that are not less than 7.5 centimetres in height and in a colour that contrasts sharply with the background.

		Tow operators are required to ensure they are not employing or engaging a person to provide a towing service or attend a towing scene who has been refused a certificate or has had a cancelled or suspended certificate under the TSSEA, unless that person subsequently obtained a valid certificate.
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Additional housekeeping amendments have been made – please refer to source law [O. Reg. 194/26](#) for full details.