

Information for TCP Employers

1. What if I have a TCP with a TCP ticket without an issued date and without an expiry date? **Ensure that the TCP takes a course acceptable the Board by March 31, 2004. Courses acceptable to the Board can be found on the Safety Network's (www.safetynetwork.bc.ca) and BC Safety Council's (www.safetycouncil.bc.ca) websites.**
2. What if I have a TCP with a TCP ticket with an issued date but without an expiry date? **Ensure that the TCP takes a course acceptable to the Board within three years of the issued date, or by March 31, 2004, which ever is sooner. Courses acceptable to the Board can be found on the Safety Network's (www.safetynetwork.bc.ca) and BC Safety Council's (www.safetycouncil.bc.ca) websites.**
3. I have a TCP working with an expired TCP ticket. What should I do? **Ensure that the TCP immediately takes a course acceptable to the Board. Courses acceptable to the Board can be found on the Safety Network's (www.safetynetwork.bc.ca) and BC Safety Council's (www.safetycouncil.bc.ca) websites.**
4. How do I determine that a TCP has taken a course "acceptable to the Board"? **After June 30, 2003, the only acceptable courses are listed on the Safety Network's (www.safetynetwork.bc.ca) and BC Safety Council's (www.safetycouncil.bc.ca) websites.**

For TCPs with current tickets not issued by the Safety Network, for work between July 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004, confirm which course was taken. If the course was at least two days in duration, it included one day of road work, and it meets the requirements of WCB Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) Regulation 18.6(2)¹, then the TCP has until December 31, 2004 to complete a course acceptable to the Board. If the course does not meet all of these criteria, then they have until March 31, 2004 to take a course acceptable to the Board.

5. Can a person work as a TCP in B.C. with a valid certificate from another jurisdiction, for example, Alberta? **No. The TCP must have a valid BC ticket.**
6. Can a person with a valid TCP instructor's ticket from another jurisdiction, for example, Alberta, train TCPs in B.C., or work as a TCP in B.C.? **No. Inform the TCP instructor that they should contact the Safety Network to discuss appropriate instructor training.**
7. Can a TCP with or without a current ticket take a challenge exam to earn their ticket (i.e., write the exam without taking the course)? **No.**

¹ Mandatory topics are: environmental factors such as heat, cold, and sun; personal protective clothing and safety equipment; communication with the travelling public; working around heavy equipment; setting up traffic control devices at a work site; applicable requirements of the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992* (Canada) and the regulations made under it; proper positioning of traffic control persons; and proper hand signals.

8. Do tow-truck operators, police officers, police auxiliaries, fire fighters, municipal outdoor workers, utility workers, and construction workers require TCP tickets? **Personnel doing short or emergency work, as defined in WCB OH&S Regulation 18.5(2)², do not need a TCP ticket. However, the employer must provide adequate training for these activities.**
9. Can WCB officers take away a ticket if they believe a TCP is acting in a hazardous or neglectful manner? If not, what can the officer do? **No, WCB officers cannot suspend or take away TCP tickets. Only the issuing agency (i.e., the Safety Network) or its agents (i.e., the master trainers) can take away TCP tickets. WCB officers can report TCP issues to the Safety Network for appropriate action.**
10. Does the Board make a distinction between emergency traffic control, traffic control for site deliveries, and single-event traffic control? **No. Personnel doing short or emergency work, as defined in WCB OH&S Regulation 18.5(2)², do not need a TCP ticket. However, the employer must provide adequate training for these activities.**
11. What are the dates for *full* WCB OH&S Regulation 18 compliance?
 - **By March 31, 2004 for all new TCPs, TCPs without tickets, and TCPs with current tickets no longer considered “valid”³.**
 - **By December 31, 2004 for all current TCPs with “valid” tickets, issued before June 30, 2003, by organizations other than the Safety Network.**

² The requirements for traffic control persons may be waived where

- a) adequate protection for workers is provided by other traffic control devices or procedures, or
- b) b) circumstance allow self-regulating single lane traffic controlled by signs as specified in the Traffic control Manual.
- c) Note: Circumstances where subsection (2) applies may include emergency or brief duration obstruction (usually less than 15 minutes)_ of one traffic lane where traffic is light and sight distance is adequate. Typical activities would include: unblocking catch basins, removing fallen tree limbs, water valve operation, cleanup of material spills or filling isolated potholes.

³ After June 30, 2003, tickets from organizations other than the Safety Network are considered valid up to December 31, 2004, provided the course taken to earn the ticket was at least two days in duration, it included one day of road work, and it meets the requirements of WCB OH&S Regulation 18.6(2).