

Questions and Answers for TCPs

1. When do I have to obtain a TCP ticket issued by the Safety Network if I already have a TCP ticket without an issued date and without an expiry date? **By March 31, 2004.**
2. When do I have to obtain a TCP ticket issued by the Safety Network if I already have a TCP ticket with an issued date but without an expiry date? **By March 31, 2004 or sooner, if the ticket was issued before March 31, 2001 (TCP tickets are valid for three years).**
3. When do I have to obtain a TCP ticket issued by the Safety Network if I already have a TCP ticket with an expiry date after December 31, 2004? **By December 31, 2004, provided the TCP 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. If the course does not meet these requirements, then you must take a course by March 31, 2004.**
4. Can I work with an expired, or without a, TCP ticket? **No, to work as a TCP in B.C. you must hold a valid ticket as required by WCB OH&S Regulation 18.6. You must take a course “acceptable to the Board” immediately.**
5. How do I know if I have taken a course “acceptable to the Board” under WCB OH&S Regulation 18.6 (2)? **The only courses acceptable after June 30, 2003 are listed on the Safety Network’s (www.safetynetwork.bc.ca) and BC Safety Council’s (www.bcsafetycouncil.bc.ca) websites. However, from July 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004, if the TCP course taken before June 30, 2003 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)², the ticket is acceptable until December 31, 2004. If the course does not meet these requirements, then you must take a course by March 31, 2004.**
6. Can a person work as a TCP in B.C. with a valid certificate from another jurisdiction, for example, Alberta? **No. TCPs must have a valid B.C. ticket.**
7. 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. Current TCP instructors should contact the BC Safety Council to discuss appropriate instructor training.**
8. Can a TCP with or without a current ticket take a challenge exam to qualify for a TCP ticket (i.e., be allowed to 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.

9. Can I direct traffic if I am a tow truck operator, a police officer, a police auxiliary, a fire fighter, a municipal outdoor worker, a utility worker, or a construction worker, without a TCP ticket? **Personnel doing short or emergency work, as defined in WCB OH&S Regulation 18.5 (2)², do not need a TCP ticket. However, employers must train their workers for these activities.**
10. Can WCB officers take away TCP tickets? **No, the only agency that can take away a TCP ticket is the Safety Network or its agents (i.e., the master trainers). WCB officers can report TCP issues to the Safety Network for appropriate action.**

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) 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.