



Alberta Government Considers Taking Back Driver Examinations Affecting 153 Examiners - No Individual Driver Examiner or Albertan Contributed to Tantus Report.

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Certified Driver Examiner's Association (CDEA) was not previously made aware of the Alberta Government announcement on July 10, 2018 considering a move to publicly run driver examinations effective January 1, 2019. The decision was based on findings of a 2016 report by Tantus Solutions Group Inc. regarding the Provincial Driver Examination Model Review.

"The Government never shared the results of the 2016 report or consulted with industry stakeholders before their announcement on July 10, 2018," *said Pete Llewellyn, Executive Director, CDEA.* The Alberta Government determined that a possible solution is to repatriate driver examiners under the Government status. CDEA sees this as an unexpected, unprecedented impact on driver examiners and the industry in whole.

No Albertans or Driver Examiners directly contributed to the report. Concerns raised in the Tantus Report include the high cost of road test fees, client complaints and availability of testing in rural areas. The Tantus Report is based on interviews with representatives from Certified Driver Examiners Association, Alberta Motor Association, Association of Alberta Registry Agents, Alberta Motor Transport Association and internal stakeholders such as Service Alberta's Special Investigations Unit and Registry Services to gather feedback on the current regulations. "It would have been nice to be consulted on such a major change and impact on my business " *said Dennis Horan examiner of 25 years in the Province of Alberta.*

Since 2016, CDEA members have undertaken over 200,000 plus road tests with an average of 200 complaints per year. The Alberta



Government advised that there had been 40 formal investigations in a 36-month period. CDEA's record illustrates a high level of professionalism in an industry that cares about their client's experience and provides superior customer service for safe driving across our province", - *Pete Llewellyn added.*

In terms of fee structure, when Government compares road test fees to other provinces, the report does not mention provincial subsidization. In the Province of British Columbia a class 5 road test is \$ 35.00. "Do Albertans want a subsidized system of testing, or one where the user pays for the cost of the road test? I believe only the public can answer that question" *commented Holly Kalmring, CDEA Treasury Director.*

About Certified Driver Examiner's Association

Certified Driver Examiner's Association has been representing examiners in the province of Alberta for 25 years since privatization in 1993.

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