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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Marc Bedard  
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**FROM:** Kevin Byrnes  
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Ministry of Transportation

**SUBJECT: Expansion of Ontario's Insurance Validation Program**

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This memorandum is to advise that the Province of Ontario, with the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) is expanding the online verification of mandatory automobile insurance coverage for light duty personal use commercial vehicles at the time of vehicle licence plate renewal.

Effective **November 24, 2019**, as part of a plate renewal, an expansion of the online enquiry using the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) will be sent to IBC requesting verification of mandatory automobile insurance coverage for light duty personal use commercial vehicles. A licence plate validation sticker will not be issued if insurance coverage cannot be verified.

Even though the Province will be verifying mandatory insurance coverage, drivers must still carry their insurance pink slips or Electronic Proof of Automobile Insurance to verify insurance at all times. Procedures for officers during road side stops will not change.

Online verification of insurance will not be conducted on the following vehicle types:

- Heavy commercial vehicles whose registered gross weight (RGW) exceeds 3,000 kg;
- Light duty business use commercial vehicles whose registered gross weight (RGW) is 3,000 kg or less;
- Buses;
- Snow vehicles;
- All Terrain Vehicles (ATV), motorcycles and motor homes; and
- Vehicles manufactured prior to 1983.

The enforcement community will have the same road side access to verification of insurance for the light duty personal use commercial vehicles as it currently does for passenger vehicles.

The expansion of the Insurance Validation Program will build on the Province's excellent road safety record by targeting uninsured drivers and making it difficult for them to drive on Ontario's roads.

I would ask that you please bring this memorandum to the attention of your policing stakeholders.

Ministry staff provided an information session to the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Traffic Committee on September 18, 2019.

If members of the law enforcement community would like to discuss UVP, **they may contact Bob Rajhans at 647-618-0125** of the Ministry of Transportation's Vehicle Programs Office.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter and for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Byrnes', with a stylized, cursive script.

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