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Part 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The mandate of the Office of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles (OSMV) is to:

- make British Columbia's roads safe as a key partner in the road safety community
- provide maximum safe and legal driving privileges to British Columbians, and
- optimize service, fairness and mobility.

One tool used by the OSMV to keep roads safe is to require driver fitness assessments. A series of court and human rights decisions made between December 1999 and November 2003 explored the issues of how the OSMV assesses fitness to drive, and the OSMV's policy of requiring drivers to pay for fitness assessments. As a result of these decisions, a policy change respecting the payment of functional assessments was implemented in November 2003. The OSMV has paid for these assessments since that time. The Driver Fitness Program subsequently established this Driver Fitness Assessment Payment Policy which expands the scope of assessments paid for by the OSMV to include all assessments requested by the OSMV, other than those required by the National Safety Code or regularly scheduled assessments for drivers age 80 and over.

1.2 Purpose of this manual

The purpose of this manual is to provide the OSMV with the policy and procedural guidance necessary for the day-to-day use of the Driver Fitness Assessment Payment Policy.

1.3 How this manual is organized

This manual has 4 parts: