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### It's Time for Some Recognition!

Canadian bus operators in all five sectors – urban, school bus, inter-city, tour and charter coach, accessible services – are members of one of the most important workforces in the Canadian economy. But until now, we haven't had a designation to go along with our experience, dedication, and knowledge. That's about to change.

The Motor Carrier Passenger Council of Canada (MCPCC), working with unions, bus companies, associations, educational institutions, government, and individual operators from coast to coast, has developed a Certification Program that allows you to earn the designation "Certified Professional Bus Operator."

### What Does Certification Mean?

Certification means formal recognition and professional designation of licensed bus operators who have demonstrated their knowledge, experience, and abilities evaluated against the National Occupational Standards.

Being a Certified Professional Bus Operator may make it easier for you to relocate in Canada and work with another employer in the bus or motor coach industry. It also sets a professional tone for the next generation of bus operators and for the future of the industry.

Bottom line: Having a professional designation means four things:

- Respect for your job as a bus operator
- Credibility for the quality of the job you do
- Recognition for the training you have taken; and
- Pride in knowing you are a top professional.

### How do I Become Certified?

- Call, write, or use the website to get your Application Package
- Complete the Application Form (includes a small fee), other required documentation, your Certification Journal and forward them to the MCPCC
- Your application will be assessed by the Certification Board and, if you meet all the necessary requirements, your Certification will be granted.

### What If I'm Already Qualified?

There is a grandparent window for operators who have three years bus operator experience within a consecutive five-year period, and for trainers, managers, union representatives and some others who have three years career bus operator

experience. You will still need to complete a Certification Journal and agree to follow a Code of Ethics.

For information about the Certification initiative and Accreditation of company training programs, contact the Motor Carrier Passenger Council of Canada.

