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## **Yukon government simplifies driver licensing procedure for Canadian military personnel**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon joins Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador in recognizing Department of National Defence (DND) training and testing requirements for driver licensing.

As of February 1, DND 404 military driver's permits are recognized as equivalent for Yukon commercial and passenger licences for Classes 1 through 5.

"This change gives back in a small way to military personnel who have given so much for our country," Minister of Highways and Public Works Scott Kent said. "They deserve every advantage while making the transition to civilian life and private sector employment."

Previously, military personnel were unable to transfer their credentials when they left their military careers.

"As military veterans, my colleague Minister Istchenko and I commend the Government of Yukon for recognizing that DND driver permits are equivalent to those provided by the provinces and territories," MLA David Laxton said. "This will make it faster and easier for military personnel and veterans to obtain commercial licences required by the trades sector."

Under the new procedure, equivalency applicants are still required to complete a vision test, meet medical standards, fulfil Yukon residency requirements and pay a fee, but will not have to perform knowledge and road tests.

"This announcement is great news," Whitehorse Legion president J.R. Mewett said. "Finding employment after military service can be a challenge; I'm sure civilian companies in Yukon will benefit greatly from the qualifications and experience of former members. This is just another example of how the Yukon government shows its support for members of the military, both serving and retired."

The Government of Yukon's Motor Vehicles supports the safety of the driving public by administering the Motor Vehicles Act and delivering services and programs related to both driver licensing and vehicle registration. Services are available in Whitehorse and most Yukon communities.

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