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On December 16, 2020, the Nova Scotia government announced regulation changes within the Motor Vehicle Act (which at some point will be renamed the Traffic Safety Act) that enables nurse practitioners (NPs) in Nova Scotia with the appropriate competencies to complete the following:

- *Driver's Medical Examination Reports* concerning an individual's medical fitness to drive

- *Application for Accessible Parking Identification Permits and Plates* for vehicles transporting mobility disabled persons

- Signed letters exempting persons from wearing a seat belt or child restraint system

- Completing a medical fitness form for persons applying for licence reinstatement through the Alcohol Ignition Interlock Program.

These changes are in addition to a previous amendment to the Act that recognizes NPs as qualified medical providers who are able to report when a client is unsafe to drive a motor vehicle to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. In addition, indemnification was extended for NPs who report an unsafe driver

NPs should review and become familiar with the applicable regulations.

The NSCN *Nurse Practitioner Practice Guideline* has been updated to reflect these changes.

If you have any questions, please reach out to an NSCN Practice Consultant at practice@nscn.ca.