

issue of a travel counsellor certificate or a travel agency manager certificate or for the renewal of either certificates to the extent that the anniversary date of the certificate is between 1 March 2021 and 28 February 2022 inclusively is exempt from the payment of the duties provided for in section 11.5 of that Regulation.

5. Despite the first paragraph of section 1 of this Regulation, a travel agent who was exempt from the payment of the duties provided for in section 4 of the Regulation respecting travel agents (chapter A-10, r. 1) when the licence was issued may not be exempt from the payment of the duties when the licence is renewed.

6. This Regulation comes into force on 1 March 2021 and has effect until 28 February 2022.

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Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2)

Flashing Green Light

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 5.2 of the first paragraph of section 621 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), the Government may by regulation determine the conditions under which the authorization referred to in the first paragraph of section 226.2 of the Code may be obtained and the technical standards the light must meet and the method for its installation;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Flashing Green Light Regulation was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 26 August 2020 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Transport:

THAT the Flashing Green Light Regulation, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

YVES OUELLET,
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Flashing Green Light Regulation

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2, s. 621, 1st par., subpar. 5.2)

DIVISION I

OBTENTION, RENEWAL AND REVOCATION OF THE AUTHORIZATION TO USE A FLASHING GREEN LIGHT

1. The Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec authorizes a fire fighter who applies to the Société to use a flashing green light on a road vehicle other than an emergency vehicle when responding to an emergency call from a fire safety service, where

(1) the municipal authority that has established the fire safety service of which the firefighter is a member has adopted a resolution providing for the use of the flashing green light by firefighters of that service;

(2) the firefighter has completed the training at the École nationale des pompiers du Québec on the rules for the use of a flashing green light;

(3) the firefighter has not been the subject, in the 2 years preceding the application, of a sanction under section 180, 185 or 191.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2);

(4) the firefighter has obtained, in the 3 months preceding the application, a favourable written recommendation from the municipal authority that has established the fire safety service of which the firefighter is a member, which recommendation is granted if the assessment of the firefighter's employment record shows that the firefighter complies with the protocols and guidelines of the fire safety service; and

(5) the firefighter has paid the fees exigible for the issue of a certificate of authorization to use a flashing green light provided for in a regulation of the Société made under subparagraph 8.2 of the first paragraph of section 624 of the Highway Safety Code.

For the purposes of this Division:

(1) the municipal authority means the local authority, the regional authority or the intermunicipal board that has established the fire safety service within the meaning of the Fire Safety Act (chapter S-3.4);

(2) the favourable written recommendation means any of the following documents:

(a) a certified true copy of the resolution of the municipal authority granting a favourable written recommendation to the firefighter;

(b) a letter signed by the person to whom the municipal authority has delegated by resolution the responsibility for making such a recommendation along with the certified true copy of the resolution of the municipal authority delegating that responsibility.

2. The authorization to use a flashing green light is valid until the end of the firefighter's birthday following the one-year period from which the date on which the authorization has been granted.

3. Where the Société authorizes a firefighter to use a flashing green light, the Société issues an authorization certificate to the firefighter.

4. The authorization to use a flashing green light is renewed by the Société, for a two-year period, if the firefighter applies for it and if the conditions set in subparagraphs 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the first paragraph of section 1 are met.

Where the Société renews the authorization, it issues an authorization certificate to the firefighter.

5. The authorization to use a flashing green light may be revoked by the Société in the following cases:

(1) the municipal authority that has established the fire safety service of which the firefighter is a member

(a) has passed a resolution that no longer provides for the use of a flashing green light by the firefighters of the service; or

(b) has withdrawn the favourable written recommendation provided for in subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph of section 1;

(2) the firefighter has been the subject of a sanction under section 180, 185 or 191.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2).

DIVISION II

TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND METHOD FOR INSTALLATION OF A FLASHING GREEN LIGHT

6. A flashing green light must be composed of one or more light emitting diode (LED) modules with a flash rate between 1 Hz and 4 Hz that complies with SAE Standard J845 dated February 2019 or a subsequent version published by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

The light must be equipped with a light-shield that reduces the glare affecting the driver due to the reflection of the light. Its maximum size, excluding the attachment system, must be 260 mm wide, 76 mm high and 185 mm deep.

7. The light must be detachable and installed on the inside of the windshield, in the area covered by the motion of the windshield wipers and outside the tinted area letting in less than 70% of light.

The light must be placed so as not to obstruct the driver's view, interfere with driving manoeuvres, prevent the operation of vehicle equipment or reduce its efficiency and in a manner that does not present a risk of injury in case of an accident.

8. The light must not be connected to any electric power supply when the vehicle is not driven by an authorized firefighter responding to an emergency call from a fire safety service.

9. This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 2021, except subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of section 1, which comes into force on the date of coming into force of the first regulation made by Société under subparagraph 8.2 of the first paragraph of section 624 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2).

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