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Dear Michael:

Thank you for your e-mail dated July 22, 2016 regarding mandatory entry-level training for new commercial Class A truck drivers. The Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation, has asked me to respond on his behalf and I am pleased to do so.

The safety of all users of Ontario's roads and highways is our top priority. We are committed to making sure trucking industry standards are high to keep Ontario amongst the safest places to drive in North America.

The implementation of mandatory entry-level training for new commercial Class A truck drivers on July 1, 2017 will aim to ensure truck drivers are properly trained before they are tested and licensed. The ministry has developed a consistent provincial training standard and updated the knowledge and road tests to identify the entry-level skills and competencies required to operate a Class A motor vehicle safely.

As of July 1, 2017, holders of an equivalent Class A driver's licence from another country will be required to take the mandatory entry-level training course. Below are the full requirements to obtain an Ontario Class A licence:

- Submit a valid medical report
- Meet vision standards
- Successfully complete the mandatory entry-level training course
- Pass the knowledge test
- Pass the road test
- Pay applicable fees

Again, thank you for your e-mail and please accept my best wishes.

Regards,



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A/Director