

Passenger Carriers in Nova Scotia

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (“NSUARB” or the “Board”) is responsible for the regulation of all public passenger carriers within the Province and interprovincial carriers operating to or from Nova Scotia.

The Board’s broad mandate includes:

- licensing
- approving fares
- routes
- stops
- equipment for use
- hearing complaints against carriers
- hearing applications for change or ending of service



Motor Carriers



Motor Carriers are classified to include commercial bus companies, school bus operations, and van pools with a capacity of 9 or more passengers, excluding the driver. A list of currently licensed carriers can be found on the Board’s website at nsuarb.novascotia.ca in the Motor Carrier - Passenger mandate section.



Commercial Vehicle (CV)



A commercial vehicle is a passenger vehicle designed, constructed and used for the transportation of passengers with a designated seating capacity of less than 8, excluding the driver. This does not include a passenger vehicle used for personal use.

As of January 1, 2003, the Board began regulating carriers who operate a commercial vehicle as a public passenger vehicle that has a seating capacity of 8 passengers or less, known as a Commercial Vehicles or (CV). A list of currently licensed Commercial Vehicle carriers can be found on the Board’s website at nsuarb.novascotia.ca in the Motor Carrier - Passenger mandate section.