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INSURANCE COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
("Council")

SIGHTING OF VEHICLE ODOMETERS / VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS
Level 1 General Insurance Salesperson Activity

The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia ("ICBC") has announced a new Autoplan insurance premium discount for individuals who drive their vehicles less than 5,000 km a year.

In order to qualify for the low kilometre discount, it will be necessary for drivers to provide their vehicle's odometer reading to their Autoplan agent. ICBC has advised this can be done by:

- providing a photo of the vehicle odometer taken no more than seven days before the Autoplan policy is placed
- providing a receipt or work order from either a garage, mechanic, an auto shop, or auto dealership showing a reading of the vehicle odometer no more than seven days before the Autoplan policy is placed
- providing an odometer reading through a service or app which reports vehicle information and diagnostics, so long as the reading occurs no more than seven days before the Autoplan policy is placed

It may also be possible for an Autoplan agent to sight a vehicle odometer for a driver and record the information in ICBC's system. For insurance licensees seeking specific details on ICBC's requirements regarding the discount, please contact your insurance agency's ICBC representative.

Given the restrictions on the insurance licences of Level 1 general insurance salespersons as outlined in Rule 6(1) ("Level 1 salespersons"), Council has considered whether Level 1 salespersons are permitted under Council Rules to sight vehicle odometers and vehicle identification numbers ("VINs") outside the premises of their insurance agency.

PERMITTED LEVEL 1 SALESPERSON ACTIVITY

Council has determined it would not be contrary to the public's interest or the spirit of Council Rules to allow Level 1 salespersons to sight vehicle odometers and VINs outside the premises of their insurance agency provided that:

1. these activities only occur in the immediate vicinity of their insurance agency and no other insurance activities are conducted when undertaking these activities*; and
2. the Level 1 salespersons remain under direct supervision as normally required under Council Rule 6.

NOTICE

** Level 1 salespersons conducting automobile insurance at an automobile wholesaler, dealer or auction, or car rental business, can sight vehicle odometers and VINs at these locations so long as the information is needed for the automobile insurance being conducted at these locations.*

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Regulatory Services by emailing regulatoryservices@insurancecouncilofbc.com or calling 604-695-2008.

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