

# privacy and information sharing and B.C.'s enhanced driver's licence program

## Protecting your privacy

B.C.'s new enhanced driver's licence (EDL) and enhanced identification card (EIC) are voluntary options for Canadian citizens who live in B.C.

The Personal Information Consent form you'll be required to sign when you apply for an EDL/EIC provides details on how your personal information will be shared.

The personal information you'll need to give includes:

- the information on your birth certificate or Canadian citizenship document
- your name, address, birth date, height, weight, eye and hair colour, and gender, and photo

All aspects of your EDL/EIC application, card production, and the sharing of information meet B.C. and Canadian privacy laws.

ICBC will retain the information you provide as part of our records.

Agreements between the Province and the Government of Canada, between the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and between ICBC and provincial Vital Statistics agencies cover the collection, use, disclosure and storage of your personal information.

You have the right to access the personal information collected during your application and to request correction of that information under B.C.'s *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Questions about privacy protection or how to access or correct your personal information should be directed to ICBC's Privacy and Freedom of Information department at 604-661-6210.

## How your information is shared

The consent form you sign during your application appointment authorizes ICBC to disclose personal information related to your EDL/EIC to CBSA, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, CBP and the Vital Statistics agency in your birth province.

The only information shared with border authorities is the information on your driver's licence, plus your citizenship. It doesn't include your driving history, infractions or medical records.

When you present your card at the border, CBSA will disclose this limited personal information to the U.S. border authorities through the EDL secure database. The border officer will use the information to verify your identity, confirm the card is still valid and that you're the rightful card holder.

## Entering the U.S.

When you use your EDL or EIC at the border, the unique identifier number from either the radio frequency identification (RFID) chip or the machine readable zone on the back of your card is used to call up your personal information from the EDL secure database located in Canada and managed by CBSA.

Your information will be checked by the border authorities, in the same way they now check birth certificates, driver's licences and passports. And then a border-crossing record is created.

Information from your EDL will be incorporated in that record and stored in the same way information from a passport would be incorporated in the record if it was used.

## Using the protective sleeve

Be sure to protect yourself and your card. Use the protective sleeve provided with your EDL/EIC. It prevents the RFID chip in your card from being read when you're not using your card at the border. For more information on RFID, refer to the fact sheet on [icbc.com](http://icbc.com).



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