

Registrar's Decisions: Notification 01/2004

Access to Motor Vehicle Information Regulation (AMVIR)

I. Types of Information per Purpose

For each purpose included under the Access to Motor Vehicle Information Regulation AR 140/2003 (AMVIR) as amended from time to time, the Registrar's decision is to **release** the following types of information, on an ongoing basis, to the persons or categories of persons and/or organizations ('*Recipients*') identified below.

The type of information released is limited to the least amount of information necessary for the specified purpose. The specific agreements signed with each user govern the package that is accessible for the approved purpose. Different categories of persons and organizations are further limited by Registrar's published policies specifying what packages can be released for each group under each purpose.

Type I: Motor vehicle searches

For the purposes included under section 2 of the Access to Motor Vehicle Information Regulation AR 140/2003 (AMVIR) as amended from time to time, the Registrar's decision is to **release**, on an ongoing basis, through direct access, batch access, or through Alberta Registries' Agents the following types of motor vehicle search products: Plate Index, Vehicle Index Search, Vehicle Registration Search, Operator Search, Full Demographic, and Limited Demographic.

Information Content

Depending on system requirements, information availability, current policies and procedures, the information content of each package can be modified by Alberta Government Services. Any change in the information content will be announced sixty-day in advance on the Registrar's web site. The type I information that is released to each '*Recipient*' depends on the purpose, package and the nature of the type of business. It can be grouped as:

Ownership and Vehicle Information:

- Registered Owner information,
- List of Licence Plates registered to a person or organization,
- List of Vehicles registered to a person or organization.
- Vehicle details.

Operator (Driver) Information:

- Name.
- Date of Birth,
- Operator's Licence number,

- Operator's Licence class,
- Operator's Licence conditions,
- Operator's Licence expiry date.

Demographic Information

- Name,
- Address,
- Date of Birth,
- Physical Description,
- Alias and Joint ownership information.

Purposes

Type I information (Motor Vehicle Searches), can be released only under the following purposes identified under section 2 of the AMVIR as amended by AR 80/2004.

- **2(1)(a)** The Registrar **may**, **on request**, release personal information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles, only for that purpose or for a use consistent with that purpose.
- **2(1)(b)** The Registrar **may**, **on request**, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only for the purpose of complying with an enactment of Alberta or Canada or with a treaty, arrangement or agreement made under an enactment of Alberta or Canada.
- **2(1)(c)** The Registrar **may**, **on request**, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only for any purpose in accordance with an enactment of Alberta or Canada that authorizes or requires the release.
- **2(1)(d)** The Registrar **may**, **on request**, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only for the purpose of complying with a subpoena, warrant or order issued or made by a court, person or body having jurisdiction to compel the production of information or with a rule of court that relates to the production of information.
- **2(1)(e)** The Registrar **may**, **on request**, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only to an officer or employee of a public body, the Registrar, an agent of the Registrar or to a member of the Executive Council, if the information is necessary for the performance of the duties of the officer, employee or member or if the disclosure is necessary for the delivery of a program or service.
- **2(1)(f)** The Registrar **may**, **on request**, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only for the purpose of

enforcing a legal right that the Government of Alberta or a public body has against any person.

- 2(1)(g)(i) The Registrar may, on request, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only for the purpose of collecting a fine or debt owing by an individual to the Government of Alberta or to a public body, or to an assignee of either of them.
- 2(1)(g)(ii) The Registrar may, on request, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only for the purpose of making a payment owing by the Government of Alberta or by a public body to an individual.
- 2(1)(h) The Registrar may, on request, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only for the purpose of determining or verifying an individual's suitability or eligibility for a program or benefit offered by a public body pursuant to an enactment, if the individual has applied for the program or benefit.
- 2(1)(i) The Registrar may, on request, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only to the Auditor General, an employee of a public body or a person under contract with a public body for audit purposes.
- 2(1)(i)(i) The Registrar may, on request, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only to a public body or a law enforcement agency in Canada to assist in an investigation undertaken with a view to a law enforcement proceeding.
- 2(1)(i)(ii) The Registrar may, on request, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only to a public body or a law enforcement agency in Canada to assist in an investigation from which a law enforcement proceeding is likely to result.
- 2(1)(k) The Registrar may, on request, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only so that the spouse, relative or friend of a deceased or severely injured or ill individual may be contacted, if the Registrar is satisfied that the circumstances warrant the release of the information.
- 2(1)(I) The Registrar may, on request, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only for research purposes, including statistical research, only if

- (i) the research purpose cannot reasonably be accomplished unless that information is released in individually identifiable form,
- (ii) any record linkage is not harmful, as determined by the Registrar, to the individuals the information is about and the benefits to be derived from the record linkage are clearly in the public interest, and
- (iii) the person to whom the information is disclosed has signed an agreement pursuant to s.2(3) of AMVIR.
- **2(1)(m)** The Registrar **may**, **on request**, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only to a person for use in or for the purposes of, a proceeding before a court or quasi-judicial body.
- **2(1)(n)** The Registrar **may**, **on request**, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only to the Chief Electoral Officer, if the information is necessary for the performance of the duties of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- **2(1)(o)** The Registrar **may**, **on request**, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only if the Registrar believes, on reasonable grounds, that the release will avert or minimize an imminent danger to the health or safety of any person.
- **2(1)(o.1)** The Registrar **may**, **on request**, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only to the owner of a commercial parking lot if
 - (i) the information consists of the name and address of the owner of a motor vehicle that was parked in the commercial parking lot without proof of payment of the required fee for parking in that parking lot displayed in accordance with the instructions posted in that parking lot, and
 - (ii) there are notices clearly and conspicuously placed at the entrance to and at several other places in the commercial parking lot, in a form satisfactory to the Registrar, that state that the owner of the parking lot may obtain from the Registrar of Motor Vehicles the name and address of the owner of any motor vehicle that is parked in the parking lot without displaying proof of payment of the required fee in accordance with the posted instructions.
- **2(1)(p)** The Registrar **may**, **on request**, release information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles, only if the individual the information is about has consented to its release in accordance with s.2(3) of AMVIR.

Consent requirements:

For access under 2(1)(p) the consent of the individual to whom the Information pertains need to be:

- (i) In writing,
- (ii) Signed by the individual,

- (iii) Specifies to whom the Information may be released.
- (iv) Specifies what Information may be released,
- (v) Specifies for what purpose the 'Recipient' may use the Information.

Type II: Driving Record

For the purposes included under section 5 of the Access to Motor Vehicle Information Regulation AR 140/2003 (AMVIR) as amended from time to time, the Registrar's decision is to release, on an ongoing basis, through direct access, batch access, or through Alberta Registries' Agents the following types of motor vehicle products: driver's abstracts.

Information Content

Depending on system requirements, information availability, current policies and procedures, the information content of each package can be modified by Alberta Government Services. Any change in the information content will be announced sixty days in advance on the Registrar's web site. The current information content of a driver's abstract is presented bellow.

Driver's Abstract:

- Name.
- Address.
- MVID (Motor Vehicle Identification Number),
- Date of Birth.
- Physical Description,
- Driver's Licence Number and Class,
- Demerits,
- Suspension information,
- 3-year driving record.

Purposes

Type II information (Driving Records) can be released only under the following purposes and to the persons/organizations identified under s.5 of AMVIR as amended by AR 80/2004.

5(1)(a) The Registrar, on request, must release an abstract of the driving record of a person to that person.

5(1)(b)(i) The Registrar may release an abstract of the driving record of a person for the 3-year period or a greater period preceding the request as permitted by the Registrar, to an insurer, if

- (A) the abstract is required for the purposes of determining whether to grant or maintain motor vehicle insurance in respect of that person, and
- (B) the insurer has obtained the consent of the policy holder in accordance with subsection 5(2) of AMVIR.

5(1)(b)(ii) The Registrar may release an abstract of the driving record of a person for the 3-year period or a greater period preceding the request as permitted by the Registrar to a peace officer.

5(1)(b)(iii) The Registrar may release an abstract of the driving record of a person for the 3-year period or a greater period preceding the request as permitted by the Registrar to an employer or prospective employer of that person if the employer or prospective employer has a written authorization from that person authorizing the abstract to be released to the employer or prospective employer.

Note:

Abstracts of the driving record released for employment purposes cannot be used for insurance purposes. Driving records for insurance purposes can be released only to an insurer.

5(1)(b)(iv) The Registrar may release an abstract of the driving record of a person for the 3-year period or a greater period preceding the request as permitted by the Registrar, to a parent or guardian of that person if, under the law, that person requires the signature of that parent or guardian on that person's operator's licence application.

5(1)(b)(v) The Registrar may release an abstract of the driving record of a person for the 3-year period or a greater period preceding the request as permitted by the Registrar, to a lawyer of that person if the lawyer has a written authorization from that person authorizing the abstract to be released to that lawyer.

5(1)(c) The Registrar must release an abstract of the driving record of a person to a person who is injured or whose property is damaged by a motor vehicle, or to that person's personal representative if that person is killed by a motor vehicle, any information on the Government's records pertaining to the proof of financial responsibility of any owner or driver of the motor vehicle.

Consent requirements

For access under 5(1)(b)(iii) and 5(1)(b)(v) the consent of the individual to whom the information pertains need to be:

- (i) In writing,
- (ii) Signed by the individual,
- (iii) Specifies to whom the Information may be released,
- Specifies what Information may be released, (iv)
- Specifies for what purpose the 'Recipient' may use the information. (v)

For the purposes of subsection 5(1)(b)(i)(B), consent may be given in writing, electronically or orally, if the Registrar has approved the manner by which consent is given to the insurer. Subsection 5(1)(b)(i)(B) applies only in respect of abstracts that are released on or after April 30, 2005.

Type III: Non-personal motor vehicle information

The Registrar's decision is to **release** on an ongoing basis, without restrictions, to any person requesting access, through Alberta Registries Agents, the following types of motor vehicle information: Lien Searches and Vehicle Information Reports which were deemed to be public sources of information needed to assist potential buyers of vehicles.

The current information content of a **Vehicle Information Report** is presented bellow:

Vehicle Description:

- -Year,
- -Make (e.g. Chrysler, Ford),
- -Model (e.g. Voyageur, Aerostar),
- -Style (e.g. 2-door, 4-door),
- -Color, and
- -Fuel type (e.g. gasoline, propane).

Vehicle Status:

- -Current status of the vehicle, and
- -If applicable, the last date that the vehicle was written-off.

Vehicle Registration Information:

- -Date Alberta Registries first entered the vehicle in its records,
- -Latest registration date and the municipality where the registrant resided (for the seven most recent registrations, based on information available since December 1993).

Licence Plate Classification

- -Latest licence plate classification (e.g. passenger, commercial, farm or rental),
- -Up to seven of the most recent licence plate classifications can be reported.

Lien Information:

-Number of liens and other related instruments registered in the province of Alberta and associated with the serial number.

A **lien search** searches the Alberta Registries Personal Property database for liens or encumbrances that have been registered in Alberta against the vehicle.

II. Categories of persons and/or organizations

The categories of persons and/or organizations that have requested access to personal motor vehicle information and were granted or were denied access by the Registrar are presented below.

Type I Information

Purpose: 2(1)(a)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles, only for that purpose or for a use consistent with that purpose to:

- i) Insurers, if the insured person/property was damaged in a vehicle accident provided an accident report is maintained on file,
- ii) Lawyers, provided an accident report is maintained on file and they represent the interests of an insurer, owner, operator, person involved in a vehicle accident or whose property was damaged in a vehicle accident,
- iii) Accident towing companies, provided an accident report is maintained on file and it was not possible to contact the owner or operator of the vehicle involved in the accident without access to personal motor vehicle information,
- iv) Public bodies as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act* (FOIPP), *Traffic Safety Act* (TSA), and Access to Motor Vehicle Information Regulation (AMVIR) provided an accident report is maintained on file and public property was damaged in an accident,
- v) Alberta municipalities,
- vi) Government of Alberta Departments:
 - -Alberta Sustainable Resource Development,
 - -Alberta Revenue,
- vii) Law enforcement as defined by FOIPP.
- **B.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
- -Private investigators, insurance investigators, accident and collision investigators, insurance adjustors, independent adjustors, agents to the insurance industry, claim adjustors, claim management companies, chartered accountants, accounting service providers, independent consultants and contractors, paralegals, legal and court agents, process servers, bailiffs and civil enforcement agencies, automotive dealerships, automotive auction companies, automotive sales/repair/rental companies, equipment rentals/dealers, farm implement dealers, tire wholesaler/retread, transmission repair, fleet management and leasing, banks, credit unions, business lenders, lending, loaning, leasing, and financing companies, collection agencies, employment screening agencies, search or corporate search agencies, corporate agencies, parking companies, skip tracers, adoption agencies, newspapers/journals, property management, small business, pawn brokers, building material suppliers, gas stations, industrial/chemical cleaning, oil

and gas services, oil distributors, oilfield construction, schools, rehabilitation associations, non profit trade associations.

Purpose: 2(1)(b)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles, only for the purpose of complying with an enactment of Alberta or Canada or with a treaty, arrangement or agreement made under an enactment of Alberta or Canada. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- i) Federal Government Departments, provided the invoked enactment is clearly specified in the application:
 - -Justice Canada,
 - -Canada Customs and Revenue Agency.
- ii) Public bodies as defined in FOIPP and TSA, provided the invoked enactment is clearly specified in the application.
- iii) Government of Alberta Departments:
 - -Alberta Auditor General,
 - -Alberta Children's Services,
 - -Alberta Health and Wellness,
 - -Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.
- iv) Alberta municipalities.
- **B.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
- -Private investigators, insurance investigators, insurance/claims adjustors, insurance companies, paralegals, bankruptcy trustees, accounting firms, lawyers, bailiffs and civil enforcement agencies, collection agencies, automotive companies, registry agents.

2(1)(c)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles for a purpose in accordance with an enactment of Alberta or Canada that authorizes or requires the release. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- i) Alberta Children's Services, to the following federal departments:
 - ii) Canadian Security Intelligence Service,
 - iii) Human Resources and Skills Development,

and to the following types of persons/organizations:

- iv) Civil enforcement agencies licensed and approved by the Alberta Ministry of Justice.
- **B.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed

operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:

-Private investigators, insurance adjustors, accounting companies, bankruptcy trustees, financial companies, automotive, lawyers, property management companies, federal government departments.

2(1)(d)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles for the purpose of complying with a subpoena, warrant or order issued or made by a court, person or body having jurisdiction to compel the production of information or with a rule of court that relates to the production of information. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- i) Alberta Sustainable Resource Development,
- ii) Alberta municipalities,

to the following types of governmental organizations:

- iii) Canadian municipalities,
- and to following types of persons/organizations:
 - iv) Lawyers,
 - v) Private investigators (if licensed with the Solicitor General),
 - vi) Collection Agencies,
 - vii) Bankruptcy and insolvency trustees, chartered accountants,
 - viii) Process servers and paralegals,
 - ix) Court agents, and agents to law firms,
 - x) Financial companies (banks, credit unions, business lending, cheques cashing, loan agencies, automotive dealerships and leasing companies that do their own crediting),
 - xi) Civil enforcement agencies licensed and approved by the Alberta Ministry of Justice.

As a **walk-in client**, purpose 2(1)(d) applies to any person and/or organization provided it is clearly nominated in the subpoena, warrant or order issued or made by a court, and the type and source of personal information to be released is clearly defined in the invoked decision. The information is released provided documents are presented and maintained on file by the Registry Agent.

- **B.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
- -Unlicensed private investigators, independent adjustors, insurance investigators, and insurance companies.

2(1)(e)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure

responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles only to an officer or employee of a public body, the Registrar, an agent of the Registrar or to a member of the Executive Council, if the information is necessary for the performance of the duties of the officer, employee or member or if the disclosure is necessary for the delivery of a program or service. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- Alberta Securities Commission, i)
- ii) Alberta Auditor General.
- iii) Alberta Children's Services.
- Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, iv)
- V) Alberta Environment.
- vi) Alberta Health and Wellness.
- Alberta Justice. vii)
- Solicitor General. viii)
- ix) Alberta Municipal Affairs,
- Alberta Revenue. X)
- Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, xi)
- Workers' Compensation Board, xii)
- Alberta municipalities, xiii)
- xiv) Alberta public hospitals,
- XV) Alberta public universities.
- B. Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to deny direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
- -Private investigators, insurance investigators, insurance companies, claims adjustors, financial companies (banks, credit unions), bailiffs and civil enforcement agencies, lawyers, insolvency/bankruptcy trustees, automobile dealerships, automotive companies, property management companies, adoption agencies, Canada municipalities.

2(1)(f)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles only for the purpose of enforcing a legal right that the Government of Alberta or a public body has against any person. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, i)
- ii) Alberta Securities Commission.
- iii) Alberta Children's Services.
- iv) Alberta Revenue,
- Alberta municipalities. V)
- B. Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to deny direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:

-Private investigators, insurance investigators, insurance companies, insurance/claims adjusters, lawyers, property management companies, automotive companies (sales, repair), collection agencies, bailiffs and civil enforcement agencies, financial companies (banks, credit unions), business lending, accounting, paralegals, process servers, court agents, farm implement dealerships, pawn brokers, registry agents, search houses.

2(1)(g)(i)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles only for the purpose of collecting a fine or debt owing by an individual to the Government of Alberta or to a public body, or to an assignee of either of them. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- i) Agriculture Financial Services Corporation,
- ii) Alberta Securities Commission,
- iii) Alberta Children's Services,
- iv) Alberta Health and Wellness,
- v) Alberta Human Resources and Employment,
- vi) Alberta Justice,
- vii) Alberta Learning,
- viii) Alberta Revenue,
- ix) Alberta Seniors,
- x) Alberta Sustainable Resource Development,
- xi) Workers' Compensation Board,
- xii) Alberta municipalities,
- xiii) Alberta Treasury Board.
- **B.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
- -Private investigators, insurance investigators, insurance/claims adjusters, insurance companies, lawyers, paralegals, process servers, civil enforcement agencies, collection agencies, accounting, automotive companies, automotive dealers, financial companies (banks, credit unions, cheque cashing), financial services, claims adjustors, debt recovery, loaning and leasing companies, automotive dealerships, bailiffs and enforcement agencies, small business, property management companies, oil and gas services, retailers, registry agents, search houses, self-service storage.

2(1)(g)(ii)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles only for the purpose of making a payment owing by the Government of Alberta or by a public body to an individual. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- i) Alberta Securities Commission,
- ii) Alberta Children's Services.
- iii) Alberta Health and Wellness.

- iv) Alberta Human Resources and Employment,
- V) Alberta Revenue.
- vi) Alberta Seniors.
- vii) Alberta Sustainable Resource Development,
- Workers' Compensation Board. viii)
- **B.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to:
- -Private investigators, insurance investigators, insurance companies, financial institutions (banks, credit unions), independent claim adjusters, lawyers, collection agencies, oil and gas services, paralegals, search and registry.

2(1)(h)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles only for the purpose of determining or verifying an individual's suitability or eligibility for a program or benefit offered by a public body pursuant to an enactment, if the individual has applied for the program or benefit. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- i) Alberta Children's Services.
- ii) Alberta Health and Wellness,
- iii) Alberta Human Resources and Employment,
- iv) Alberta Learning,
- Legal Aid Society, V)
- vi) Alberta Revenue.
- Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, vii)
- Alberta municipalities. viii)
- B. Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to deny direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
- -Private investigators, financial institutions (credit unions, short term lending), federal government departments, insurance adjusters, insurance investigators, claims adjustors, lawyers, property management companies, paralegal, adoption agencies, automotive companies, registry agents.

2(1)(i)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles only to the Auditor General, an employee of a public body or a person under contract with a public body for audit purposes. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

Alberta Auditor General. i)

B. Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:

-Private investigators, insurance investigators, lawyers, property management, paralegals, court agents, private lending, collection agencies, Canadian municipalities, search houses, corporate agencies, law enforcement and bailiffs, farm implement dealers, financial companies, (credit unions, short-term lending), automotive companies, registry agents.

2(1)(i)(i)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles only to a public body or a law enforcement agency in Canada to assist in an investigation undertaken with a view to a law enforcement proceeding. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- Alberta Children's Services,
- ii) Alberta Environment,
- iii) Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission,
- Alberta Human Resources and Employment, iv)
- V) Alberta Learning,
- vi) Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.
- vii) Alberta Securities Commission.
- Alberta and Canada law enforcement agencies, viii)
- Alberta Motor Vehicle Industry Council, ix)
- X) Alberta municipalities.
- Alberta public hospitals, xi)
- Alberta public universities. xii)
- B. Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to deny direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
- -Private investigators, agents to the insurance industry, insurance investigators, insurance companies, automotive companies, civil enforcement, claims adjusters, lawyers, federal government departments, collection agencies, process servers, search houses, paralegals.

2(1)(i)(ii)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles only to a public body or a law enforcement agency in Canada to assist in an investigation from which a law enforcement proceeding is likely to result. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- Alberta Securities Commission, i)
- ii) Alberta Children's Services,
- Alberta Environment. iii)

- iv) Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission,
- v) Alberta Human Resources and Employment,
- vi) Alberta Learning,
- vii) Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.
- **B.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
- -Private investigators, process servers, lawyers, loan agencies.

2(1)(k)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles only so that the spouse, relative or friend of a deceased or severely injured or ill individual may be contacted, if the Registrar is satisfied that the circumstances warrant the release of the information. The information is released to a **walk-in client** provided documents proving the emergency situation are presented and maintained on file by the Registry Agent.

- **B.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
- -Private investigators, lawyers, short-term lenders, estate locators, insurance companies, insurance adjustors, claims adjustors, paralegals.

2(1)(I)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles only for research purposes, including statistical research, only if

- (iv) the research purpose cannot reasonably be accomplished unless that information is released in individually identifiable form,
- (v) any record linkage is not harmful, as determined by the Registrar, to the individuals the information is about and the benefits to be derived from the record linkage are clearly in the public interest, and
- (vi) the person to whom the information is disclosed has signed an agreement pursuant to s.3 of AMVIR.

For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- i) Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development,
- ii) Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, and
- iii) Solicitor General.
- **B.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed

operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:

-Private investigators, claims adjustors, insurance adjustors, insurance investigators, lawyers, process servers, automotive companies, paralegals

2(1)(m)

The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles only to a person for use in or for the purposes of, a proceeding before a court or quasi-judicial body. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- i) Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development,
- ii) Alberta Securities Commission,
- iii) Alberta Human Resources and Employment,
- iv) Alberta Justice,
- v) Alberta Sustainable Resource Development,
- vi) Alberta Energy and Utilities Board,
- vii) Alberta public universities,
- viii) Alberta public hospitals,
- ix) Alberta municipalities.

to

x) Lawyers (only members of the Bar can have access to personal information in contemplation of a case),

And to the following persons/organizations provided a court document was maintained on file:

- xii) Financial companies (banks, credit unions, business lending, cheques cashing, loan agencies, automotive dealerships and leasing companies that do their own crediting),
- xi) Canadian government,
- xii) Canadian municipalities.

As a **walk-in client**, purpose 2(1)(m) applies to any person and/or organization provided it can present a document proving that it has a case in court. The information is released provided documents are presented and maintained on file by the Registry Agent.

- **B.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
- -Private investigators, insurance investigators, agents to the insurance industry, insurance companies, accounting companies, corporate agencies, collection agencies, civil enforcement agencies, process servers, skip tracers, search houses, search and registry.

2(1)(o)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles believing,

on reasonable grounds, that the release will avert or minimize an imminent danger to the health or safety of any person. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- i) Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development,
- ii) Alberta Children's Services,
- iii) Alberta Sustainable Resource Development,
- iv) Alberta municipalities,

and to the following types of persons/organizations:

- v) Canadian Blood Services.
- **B.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
- -Private investigators, lawyers, paralegals, process servers, Canadian municipalities.

2(1)(o.1)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles to allow access to private motor vehicle information to the owner of a commercial parking lot only if:

- (i) the information consists of the name and address of the owner of a motor vehicle (limited demographics) that was parked in the commercial parking lot without proof of payment of the required fee for parking in that parking lot displayed in accordance with the instructions posted in that parking lot, and
- (ii) there are notices clearly and conspicuously placed at the entrance to and at several other places in the commercial parking lot, in a form satisfactory to the Registrar, that state that the owner of the parking lot may obtain from the Registrar of Motor Vehicles the name and address of the owner of any motor vehicle that is parked in the parking lot without displaying proof of payment of the required fee in accordance with the posted instructions.

2(1)(p)

A. The Registrar's decision is to **release** personal motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles to allow access to private motor vehicle information only if the individual the information is about has consented to its release in accordance with s.(2)(3) of AMVIR. For the scope of this purpose the Registrar's decision is to grant access to the following public bodies:

- i) Alberta Energy and Utilities Board,
- ii) Alberta Children's Services,
- iii) Solicitor General,
- iv) Legal Aid Society,
- v) Alberta municipalities,

and to the following type of persons/organizations:

- vi) Small businesses,
- vii) Retail,
- viii) Automotive services, dealerships, rentals, and leasers,

- ix) Financial organizations (banks, credit unions),
- x) Insurance companies,
- xi) Third party service providers (licensed private investigators, insurance investigators, adjustors, independent adjustors, collision and accident investigators, chartered accountants),
- xii) Law offices, paralegals, process servers,
- xiii) Commercial parking companies with implied consent.
- **B.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
 -Unlicensed private investigators.
- **C.** Under this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** the release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that would not comply with specific requirements of the Agreement that has to be signed with Alberta Government Services: information brokers, information amalgamators, search houses, businesses that use the information for creating, maintaining, or developing databases containing personal information, international data banks.

Type II Information

A. AMVIR clearly states to whom and in what conditions type II information can be released. The Registrar's decision is that driver's records obtained for purposes specified under s.5 cannot be released to any other type of person/organization except as indicated. A driver's abstract released under a purpose cannot be used for a different purpose than that for which it was released.

- **B.** Under s.5 purposes, the Registrar's decision is to **deny** direct release of personal motor vehicle information collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to the following categories of persons/organizations that have applied for access under AMVIR:
- -Private investigators, employers requiring driver's abstracts for insurance purposes, insurance service providers, search agencies.

III. Notification and Review Process

In accordance with section 4 of AMVIR, on request by a person/organization the Registrar's decision is to **release**, on an ongoing basis, the information specified in this notification.

This notification was released on May 12, 2004. Any person may, within sixty days after the date of this publication ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) to review the decision of the Registrar in accordance with Part 5, Division 1.1 of the Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.

The Registrar agrees to **release** information to a person/organization who requested the information before the expiry of the 60-day period referred to in subsection 4(1)(d) of AMVIR only if that person/organization can prove in a way acceptable to the Registrar that the Registrar was providing information to that person/organization prior to May 1, 2004.

On the issuance of this notification in accordance with subsection 4(1) of AMVIR, notice is deemed to have been given for the current and any future releases of the category of information and of the person or category of persons to whom the information is released or not released, as described in the notification, for the purposes of notice under Part 5, Division 1.1 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

On the coming into force of any amendments to section 2, a new notification must be issued in respect of any request for information pursuant to those amendments in accordance with subsection 4(1) of AMVIR.