

holding more than one licence. For the principle "one driver-one licence" to be applied without dislocating transborder transportation links, however, a means had to be found to recognize the validity of licences issued in other jurisdictions.

Bilateral discussions were begun in the winter of 1987/88 to examine the comparability and compatibility of the Canadian and American licencing systems.

A key role was played by the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) and its members -- the ten provincial and two territorial governments, who undertook the task of gathering and comparing information on licencing standards and procedures. After nearly 12 months of discussion and review, Canadian and American officials were able to satisfy themselves as to the basic comparability of the Canadian and American approaches.

On December 29, 1988, letters were exchanged between the Canadian Embassy in Washington and the American Federal Highways Administration giving effect to this understanding.

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