



REGISTRAR BULLETIN

July 7, 2016

ATTENTION: ALL TICO REGISTRANTS

The following information may affect your TICO Registration under the *Travel Industry Act, 2002*. As you may be aware, the Ontario Government approved amendments to Ontario Regulation 26/05, which included an exemption for individuals/companies exclusively selling one day tours. This exemption came into force on July 1, 2016.

One Day Tour Exemption

Please read the following excerpt from TICO's Explanatory Paper carefully to determine whether this new exemption applies to your business:

Section 2 of the Regulation identifies a number of groups that are exempt from the requirements of the Act and Regulation. These groups do not require registration and are not covered by the Compensation Fund.

- The section has been amended to exempt "a person who sells one day tours".

Do I qualify for the exemption?

The exemption only applies if the person does not otherwise act as a travel agent or travel wholesaler.

- **To be exempt, you must be selling one day tours exclusively.**
- "One day tour" is defined in the Regulation to mean a tour that,
 - (a) commences at a departure point and concludes at the same point within a 24-hour period, and
 - (b) includes travel services, except for accommodation.
- The exemption is intended to capture shuttle type services, where consumers are taken to an attraction or event and back within a day. Examples would include return trips to a concert, sporting event, play, casino, shopping mall, museum, ski hill, etc. that take place **within a 24-hour period** and **do not include any accommodations.**

- Any registered entities that only sell one day tours and no longer require registration can contact TICO to voluntarily terminate their registration. Refunds will be provided on a pro rata basis for any registration fees from July 1, 2016 until the registration expiry date.

NOTE: If you are selling one day tours and multi-day tours, the exemption would not apply and you would still need to be registered under the Act and meet all of the regulatory requirements.

If you are required to be registered, you would need to report your one day tour sales as part of your Ontario sales and pay into the Compensation Fund on those sales.

The Compensation Fund would cover one day tours of registered travel agents and wholesalers pursuant to the requirements of the Regulation.

Based on the information provided above, if you believe your company no longer requires TICO registration, please contact TICO's Registration Department to arrange to voluntarily terminate your registration. If you have any questions or require further guidance regarding this matter please contact Cora Reyes in TICO's Registration Department at (905) 624-6241 Ext. 229 / 1-888-451-8426 Ext. 229 or via email at creyes@tico.ca

To review TICO's Explanatory Paper – [click here](#)

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