

VIA COURIER

**IN THE MATTER OF the Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, Chapter 30. Schedule B
and Regulations, as amended**

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IN THE MATTER OF the registration of FRANCESCO MAZZULLA

TO: Francesco Mazzulla

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO SUSPEND REGISTRATION

Take notice that pursuant to Section 9 of the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002* (the "Act") the Registrar is proposing to suspend the registration FRANCESCO MAZZULLA as a motor vehicle salesperson under the Act.

REASONS

The intention and objective of the Act is to protect the public interest. In doing so, the Act prohibits the making of false statements in an application for registration or renewal and requires that Applicants be financially responsible in the conduct of business and that they carry on business in accordance with the law and with integrity and honesty. FRANCESCO MAZZULLA's past conduct is inconsistent with the intention and objective of the Act and therefore warrants disentanglement to registration under the Act.

PARTICULARS

The reasons for this proposal are:

BACKGROUND

1. Francesco Mazzulla ("Mazzulla") is currently registered as a motor vehicle salesperson under the Act. Mazzulla was first registered as a motor vehicle salesperson on or about August 2000.

PAST CONDUCT

Failure to comply with Discipline Order

2. On April 5, 2025, the Registrar issued a Notice of Referral to the Discipline Tribunal against Mazzulla for breaching the Terms and Conditions of his registration and for acting as a motor vehicle dealer without the benefit of registration. In doing so, Mazzulla contravened section 4(1) of the Act, as well as sections 9(1), (2), and (3) of the Code of Ethics.

3. On July 24, 2025, the Discipline Tribunal issued a Discipline Order (the "Order") against Mazzulla. The Order required Mazzulla to successfully complete the OMVIC Key Elements Course ("Course") within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of the Order, no later than October 22, 2025.
4. The Order further required Mazzulla to pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$4,000 within one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days of the date of the Order, no later than January 20, 2026.
5. Between August 22, 2025, and October 9, 2025, an OMVIC Representative sent multiple email reminders to Mazzulla regarding compliance with the requirements of the Order.
6. On October 21, 2025, Mazzulla left a voicemail to the OMVIC Representative advising that family-related issues prevented him from completing the Course by deadline of October 22, 2025.
7. On October 22, 2025, OMVIC representative requested a written explanation and supporting documentation regarding the request for an extension of time to comply with the Order.
8. On October 27, 2025, Mazzulla emailed OMVIC Representative advising that his mother was seriously ill and had been displaced from her home. On the same day, in response, the OMVIC Representative granted Mazzulla an extension to complete the Course by November 7, 2025.
9. Mazzulla failed to complete the Course by November 7, 2025.
10. Between November 8, 2025, and January 16, 2026, OMVIC Representative sent additional email reminders advising Mazzulla that the requirements under the Order remained outstanding.
11. On January 22, 2026, OMVIC Representative emailed Mazzulla granting an extension until January 29, 2026, to complete the Course. That same day, Mazzulla contacted OMVIC by phone to advise that he had enrolled in the Course and was awaiting a test date.
12. On January 30, 2026, OMVIC Representative again emailed Mazzulla advising that a final extension to February 2, 2026, was granted to complete the Course and to pay the \$4,000 administrative penalty. Mazzulla was further advised that failure to comply with the Order would result in the file being referred for further administrative action.
13. On February 4, 2026, Mazzulla completed the Course.
14. To date, Mazzulla has not complied with the remaining requirement of the Order, which is the payment of the \$4,000 administrative penalty.

GENERALLY:

15. Mazzulla's past conduct disentitles him to registration pursuant to section 6(1)(a)(ii) of the Act.

16. The Registrar is proposing to suspend the registration of Mazzulla until all items of the Discipline order dated July 24, 2025, are fulfilled and Mazzulla provides confirmation to the Registrar.

RIGHT TO A HEARING

Section 9(2) of the Act provides that an Applicant/Registrant is entitled to a hearing by the Licence Appeal Tribunal in respect of this proposal, if **WITHIN 15 DAYS** after service of this proposal, the Appellant/Registrant mails or delivers a written request for a hearing, to the following parties:

Licence Appeal Tribunal
Tribunals Ontario
General Services
15 Grosvenor Street, Ground Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2G6
Email: LATRegistrar@ontario.ca

Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council (OMVIC)
Registrar, *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002*
65 Overlea Blvd., Suite 300
Toronto, ON M4H 1P1

- AND TO - Email: Legal_Dept@omvic.on.ca

Note that Section 9(4) of the Act provides that where the Appellant/Registrant does not require a hearing by the Tribunal in accordance with subsection 9(2), the Registrar may carry out the proposal to refuse/revoke/suspend the registration, without further notice to you.

Section 9(5) of the Act provides that where an Appellant/Registrant requires a hearing, the Tribunal shall schedule a hearing. At that time, the Tribunal may order the Registrar to carry out, or refrain from carrying out this proposal, or may order that the Registrar take such action as the Tribunal considers appropriate, in accordance with the Act and the regulations.

Section 9 (5) of the Act provides that the Tribunal may attach such terms and conditions to its Order or to the registration, as it considers proper to give effect to the purposes of the Act.

APPLICATION OF THE STATUTORY POWERS PROCEDURE ACT

The *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter S.22, as amended, applies to the hearing to be held by this Tribunal. A party to a proceeding may be represented by counsel or an agent.

The Registrar states that the good character, propriety of conduct or competence of the Appellant/Registrant shall be an issue in any hearing before the Tribunal and the Registrar has, therefore, furnished herein reasonable information of allegations with respect thereto.

APPLICATION OF THE COMMON RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE FOR THE LICENCE APPEAL TRIBUNAL, ANIMAL CARE REVIEW BOARD, and FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

This is to serve as notice that the Registrar shall make application for its costs pursuant to Rule 19 of the Common Rules of Practice.

FURTHER PARTICULARS/SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

The Registrar may provide further and other particulars in respect of any other matters herein or in respect to any other matter including further grounds for refusal/revocation/suspension of registration.

DATED at Toronto, this 20th day of April 2026.



Maureen Harquail, KC, MPA, ICD.D.
Registrar
Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002