

Passenger Transportation Board Bulletin

January 11, 2006

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The *PT Board Bulletin* gives notice of the applications for special authorization that have been received by the Board, the determinations the Board makes on those applications, as well as appeals from enforcement orders of the Registrar of Passenger Transportation. Board Advisories may also be published in the *PT Board Bulletin* to update the public and commercial passenger transportation industry on Board initiatives and changes to Board rules or procedure and policy guidelines.

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Subject: ***Consequences of Not Renewing
a Licence with Special Authorization***

Advisory: ***Licence Expiry is Permanent***

Passenger transportation licences must be renewed each year by the licence expiry date or the licence no longer exists. A specific expiry date is put on each passenger transportation licence.

After the licence expiry date, an operator must immediately stop all commercial passenger transportation services that had been authorized under the licence. Operating without a licence is illegal and exposes the operator to sanctions, penalties and liability risks.

***New Application to Replace a Licence
That Includes Special Authorization***

To obtain a new licence with special authorization, an application must be submitted to the Registrar and approved by the Board. The Board reviews applications carefully. It considers whether there is a public need for the service, whether the applicant is fit and capable of providing the service, and whether approval would promote sound economic conditions in the passenger transportation business. There is no guarantee that the Board will approve an application from a person with an expired licence.

Making an application to the Board does not give an applicant special authorization to operate. It takes time for the Board to issue a decision on an application for a new licence. Until a decision is made and a new licence is issued, the applicant must not operate.

Possible 7 Day Grace Period

An expired licence with special authorization may be renewed without submitting a new application if (a) renewal is requested within 7 days of the expiry date and (b) the Registrar is satisfied that the failure to renew was inadvertent.

Licensees Should Diarize Renewal Dates

The Passenger Transportation Branch usually sends a renewal notice to licence holders more than a month before the expiry date. This service is for the convenience of licence holders only. Licence holders should respond quickly when such notices are received. Even when a licence holder does not receive a renewal notice, the licence still

expires. The licence holder remains solely responsible for contacting the Branch to renew before the licence expiry date. Licence holders are strongly encouraged to set up an internal "diarization" or "bring forward" system to make sure that the licence is renewed on time every year. Licence holders should also inform all drivers and employees that annual renewal is critically important so they can act as an additional reminder for the annual renewal.

"In Progress" Applications "Die" When a Licence Expires

When a licence holder allows their licence to expire while an application (for special authorization) is in progress, the application dies and cannot be revived—no matter what stage the application is at. This is because a valid licence must at all times be in existence for the Board to consider applications for transfer (section 30 of the Passenger Transportation Act), amendment of licence (s. 31), additional vehicles (s. 32), and a change of rates (s. 35).

Contact:

For more information about licence renewals and making a licence application, contact the Passenger Transportation Branch:

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Part 1: Applications Received

Applications in which special authorization is sought are published in Part 1 of the *PT Board Bulletin*. To see a more detailed summary of the application, click on the application number.

Application	Applicant	Brief Summary of Application	Deadline for Submissions
1860-05	682759 BC Ltd. Fernie BC (transferee) dba Prestige Tours	Transfer of Licence (PDV) Proposed transfer of passenger transportation licence 70686 from Foothills Silva Culture Inc. to 682759 BC Ltd. dba Prestige Tours.	January 26, 2006
	Foothills Silva Culture Inc. Fernie BC (transferor)		
3250-05	Bluebird Cabs Ltd. Victoria BC (transferee)	Transfer of Licence (PDV) Proposed transfer of passenger transportation licence 70295 from Saranjit Singh GILL to Bluebird Cabs Ltd.	January 26, 2006
	GILL, Saranjit Singh Victoria BC (transferor)		
T3102-05	DAVENPORT, David Brentwood Bay BC dba Pacific Companion Services	Change of Rates (PDV) Proposed increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	January 21, 2006
3127-05	JOHAL, Jagrup Singh Victoria BC (transferee) dba Bluebird Cabs	Transfer of Licence (PDV) Proposed transfer of passenger transportation licence 70210 from Bakhshish Singh NAGRA to Jagrup Singh JOHAL dba Bluebird Cabs Ltd.	January 26, 2006
	NAGRA, Bakhshish Singh Victoria BC (transferor) dba Bluebird Cabs		
2719-05	QM Transport Ltd. Langley BC	Amendment of Licence (PDV) Proposed amendment of the <i>destination area</i> by adding "Transportation of passengers may terminate at any point in British Columbia and at points beyond any British Columbia border when engaged in an extra-provincial undertaking." Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Proposed addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 2 to 5.	January 26, 2006

Submissions:

Any person may make a submission on an application to the Passenger Transportation Board. Submissions should relate to the following matters that the Board must consider (see section 28 of the Passenger Transportation Act):

- (a) *whether there is a public need for the service the applicant proposes to provide under any special authorization;*
- (b) *whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to provide that service and is capable of providing that service; and*
- (c) *whether the application, if granted, would promote sound economic conditions in the passenger transportation business in British Columbia.*

All submissions must be:

- *in writing*
- *accompanied by a \$50 fee (payable only by cheque or money order to the Minister of Finance)*
- *received at the Passenger Transportation Board office in Victoria by 4:30 p.m. within 15 days of the PT Board Bulletin publication date (10 days for Change of Rates applications).*

All information that a person submits on an application is routinely disclosed by the Board to the applicant. Any person who gathers and submits personal information from third parties is subject to the Personal Information Protection Act and should not guarantee the confidentiality of the information being submitted.

Within 10 days of when a submission is forwarded by the Board to the applicant, the applicant may reply by sending written comments to the Board.

Part 2: Application Decisions

Board decisions on applications for special authorization are published in Part 2 of the *PT Board Bulletin*. To see a more detailed summary of the application, click on the application number.

Application	Applicant	Brief Summary of Application	Decision
T2484-05	Cheam Tours Ltd. Surrey BC	Change of Rates (PDV) Increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	Approved
T1353-05	City Limousine Ltd. Richmond BC dba City Limousine; Limo Royale; Limo Gino	Change of Rates (PDV) Increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	Approved as set out in Decision
2247-05	CoachCanada Bus Line Ltd. Richmond BC	Amendment of Licence (PDV) Amendment of the <i>Service Limitation</i> under Service 1 to add First Express Travel Centre Ltd. as a contractor.	Approved
3365-05 UPN	Pacific Rim Five Star Shuttle Inc. Qualicum Beach BC dba Pacific Rim Navigators	New Application (Urgent Public Need) Pacific Rim Five Star Shuttle Inc. failed to renew its licence by December 2, 2005, as required under the Passenger Transportation Act.	Approved

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T472-05	Pearl International Limousine Service Ltd. Vancouver BC dba Pearl Limousine	Change of Rates Approval of a "sliding scale" rate system with minimum and maximum rates. The public would be charged the price as quoted in advance. Approval to introduce 12-hour wedding packages and increase the maximum commission from 15% to 20%.	Approved
44-05TOP & 45-05TOP	POULIN, Peter Harvey	Application for Temporary Operating Permit (PDV) Application for 2 temporary operating permits to operate an additional passenger directed vehicle from December 30, 2005 to January 28, 2005.	Approval
05-06 UPN	Whistler Resort Cabs Ltd. Whistler BC dba Resort Cabs	New Application (Urgent Public Need) Whistler Resort Cabs Ltd. failed to renew its licence by December 14, 2005, as required under the Passenger Transportation Act.	Approval as set out in Preliminary Decision
2508-05	SOMMERFELD, Edward A. & Richard New Hazelton BC	Reconsideration Decision The Board's decision on application 2508-05 is rescinded.	

Part 3: Hearing Notices

None

Part 4: Appeal Decisions

None

Part 5: Decisions Whether Application for General Authorization Requires Special Authorization

None

Part 6: Taxi Cost Index (TCI) Requests

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