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# Passenger Transportation Board Bulletin

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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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## Vehicle Capacity “Bands”

The Passenger Transportation Board sets vehicle capacity as a term and condition of licence for passenger directed vehicles. The Board is establishing vehicle capacity bands that would apply to particular types of passenger services. Licences would state vehicle capacity as a band rather than a specific number. This will give licensees more flexibility in fleet management. Licensees would only need to submit applications to amend fleet capacity if they want to use a vehicle with a capacity that is outside their band. The bands are as follows:

Band	Range of Passenger Capacity (not including drivers)	Types of Vehicles that fall into this Band (these labels are for easy reference only)
T	<u>2 – 7</u> e.g. Vehicles can accommodate a driver and not more than 7 passengers.	<u>Taxis</u> Vehicle operations would be classified as a taxicab if licensees: a) Charge metered rates and have Board authorization to use a taxi meter, or b) Charge non-metered rates and have a licence that contains express authorization to use a top light or pick up hails and flags from the street, and operate one or more vehicles that carry no more than 7 passengers.
SL	<u>3 – 5</u> e.g. Any vehicle that can accommodate a driver and not less than 3 and not more than 5 passengers must be a <i>sedan limousine</i> .	<u>Sedan Limousines</u> Vehicles must bear a National Safety Mark or Compliance Label as a passenger car under the Canada Motor Safety Act that has 4 passenger doors, a closed body and a wheel base of not less than 113 inches (287.02 cm).
LV	<u>6 – 11</u> e.g. Vehicles can accommodate a driver and not less than 6 passengers and not more than 11 passengers.	<u>Large Passenger Directed Vehicles</u> E.g. Limousines, larger passenger vans, sport utility vehicles, etc.
M	<u>1-2</u> e.g. Vehicles can accommodate a driver and not more than 2 passengers	<u>Motorcycles</u> Vehicle must be a motorcycle as defined by the <i>Motor Vehicle Act</i>

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# Implementation

## New Applicants

All applications summaries will state vehicle capacity in terms of vehicle banding and, if approved, terms and conditions of licence will state vehicle capacity in terms of banding.

Any applications approved after the effective date of this policy will state vehicle capacity in terms of banding.

## Existing Licensees

Existing licensees who want to take advantage of the banding policy must submit a "PDV Vehicle Banding Request Form" to the Passenger Transportation Board office in Victoria. This form is available on the Board's website at [www.ptboard.bc.ca](http://www.ptboard.bc.ca) Click "information". There is no fee associated with this form.

The Board will review the form and the current conditions of licence of a licensee. If the request is approved, the Board will complete a "PDV Banding Direction to Registrar" sheet which will direct the Registrar to amend a licensee's terms and condition of licence to reflect the banding policy as it applies to a licensee's current condition of licence. This sheet will be sent to the licensee and the Registrar.

For 90-95% of licensees, this should be a straight forward process. However, for 5-10% of licensees, the process may be more complex or not appropriate. This can be determined upon submission of a PDV Banding Request Form and discussion with Board staff.

If approved, the new condition of licence will be effective immediately. A new licence will only be issued at time of (a) licence renewal or (b) issuance of a new licence pursuant to a transfer or amendment application.

This policy is to give flexibility, within current conditions of licence, to licensees with respect to vehicle capacity. It will not:

- Increase maximum fleet size
- Increase the number of sedan limousines that may be operated if this is limited under current conditions of licence
- Enable limousines to become taxis or taxis to become limousines.

The Board's Policy Guideline on "Eco-friendly Taxis" continues to apply to any new or additional vehicle taxi applications approved in the GVRD or CRD.

The effective date for this policy is **July 5, 2007**

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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**.

<b>Application</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Brief Summary of Application</b>	<b>Deadline for Submissions</b>
1450-07	Beach Bus Lines Inc. <b>Tofino BC</b>	<p><b>Amendment of Licence (ICB)</b> Proposed amendments to (a) eliminate service during the winter season and (b) reduce the minimum route frequency from 2 return trips daily to 1 return trip daily for the remaining operating season (i.e. March 1 – October 31).</p> <p>Interested parties may submit written comments about this application. Please quote “application number 1450-07” and send comments to:</p> <p>Passenger Transportation Board PO Box 9850 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 9T5 Fax: 250-953-3788 Email: <a href="mailto:ptboard@gov.bc.ca">ptboard@gov.bc.ca</a></p> <p>To ensure that comments are considered by the Board, submit them to the Board office in Victoria by <b>August 8, 2007</b>. Pursuant to section 27(6) of the Passenger Transportation Act, no fee is required to submit comments about this published application.</p> <p>Beach Bus Lines Inc. will be required to provide additional public notifications to the communities (Ucluelet to Tofino) where the proposal would reduce or eliminate service.</p>	August 8, 2007
1560-07	<b>Prince George Taxi Holding Co.</b> Prince George BC (transferee)	<p><b>Transfer of Licence (PDV)</b> Proposed transfer of passenger transportation licence 70095 from Centre City Cabs Ltd. to Prince George Taxi Holding Co. Ltd. This is an administrative transfer.</p>	July 11, 2007
	<b>Centre City Cabs Ltd.</b> Prince George BC (transferor)		
1347-07	<b>SIEMENS, Irene Grace</b> Prince George BC (transferee)  dba Paxton Shuttle Service	<p><b>Transfer of Licence (PDV)</b> Proposed transfer of passenger transportation licence 70110 from Judy Wynne CHRISTENSON dba Paxton Shuttle Service to Irene Grace SIEMENS dba Paxton Shuttle Service.</p>	July 19, 2007
	<b>CHRISTENSON, Judy Wynne</b> Prince George BC (transferor)  dba Paxton Shuttle Service		

Application	Applicant	Brief Summary of Application	Deadline for Submissions
1453-07	<b>Tofino Bus Service Ltd.</b> Tofino BC	<b>Transfer of Licence (ICB)</b> Proposed transfer of passenger transportation licence 70030 from Beach Bus Lines Inc. to Tofino Bus Services Inc. This is an administrative transfer.	July 11, 2007

### **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
T750-07	<b>0768872 BC Ltd.</b> Vancouver BC dba Imperial Limousine	<b>Change of Rates (PDV)</b> Amendment to rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	Approved as set out in the Decision
AV3073-06	<b>Bonny's Taxi Ltd.</b> Burnaby BC	<b>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV)</b> Addition of 18 motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles <b>from 103 vehicles of which 98 may be non-accessible taxis to 121 vehicles of which 110 may be non-accessible.</b>	Approved in Part

## Part 3: Hearing Notices

None

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## Part 4: Appeal Decisions

None

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

None

## Part 6: Other Matters

### **Williams Lake Taxi Camera Program**

The following licensees have met PT Board requirements for starting and participating in a local taxi camera program in Williams Lake:

Town Taxi (1987) Ltd.

More information about applicable taxi camera rules and the Williams Lake taxi camera program is posted on the PT Board website at:

[www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/taxicameras.htm](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/taxicameras.htm)