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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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Industry Advisory

Taxi Driver Safety

Taxi driver safety is a significant issue that requires ongoing action and commitment from drivers, owners and management. The Board encourages industry to implement safety initiatives.

Taxi camera programs are operating in some parts of British Columbia to reduce attacks against taxi drivers. Taxi camera programs in BC are designed to improve taxi driver safety, help with police investigations when an incident does occur, and protect the privacy of passengers and drivers.

Other ways for taxi companies and drivers to improve driver safety include:

- Safety training for new drivers
- Periodic training of drivers in assault avoidance awareness
- Use and review of company safety policies, procedures, and incident reporting protocols
- Installation of permanent or collapsible taxi shields
- GPS taxi location monitoring systems
- Emergency GPS buttons or emergency codes

Taxi shields may be used without prior Board approval. When a shield and camera are used in the same taxi, the taxi shield must not interfere with the operation or usefulness of the taxi camera.

WorkSafeBC advises that companies have legal responsibilities for workplace safety and must have policies, procedures and engineering controls in place to reduce the risk of violence to drivers.

Additional Information & Resources:

- [Passenger Transportation Board](#) for information about [taxi camera programs and requirements](#).
- [Pacific Traffic Education Centre](#), Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) for [TaxiHost](#) training, resources and information.
- [WorkSafeBC](#): Use the [Prevention Information Line](#) for more information and resources.

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
<u>AV504-08</u>	Central Valley Taxi Ltd. Abbotsford BC dba Central Valley Taxi	Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Proposed addition of 4 motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 18 to 22 vehicles. (Of these 4 additional vehicles, the applicant is proposing that 2 will be accessible taxis.)	April 3, 2008
<u>587-08</u>	MOUAIT, Mohamed Victoria BC dba Tillicum Taxi	New Special Authorization (PDV) Proposed new special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Victoria with a maximum fleet size of 1 vehicle (taxicab) that accommodate a driver and not less than 2 and not more than 7 passengers.	April 3, 2008
<u>371-08</u>	STOCKDALE, Robert Bryan Marsden Richmond BC dba I Drive Seniors	New Special Authorization (PDV) Proposed new special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Richmond with a maximum fleet size of 1 vehicle that accommodates a driver and 4 passengers.	April 3, 2008

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 the full decision, click on the **application number**.

Application	Applicant	Brief Summary of Application	Decision
<u>3014-07</u>	BHATTI, Resham Lal Kelowna BC dba Apple Cabs	Amendment of Licence (PDV) Amendment of the <i>originating area</i> for Service from “any point in the City of Kelowna” to “Transportation of passengers may originate from any point within 41 road kilometres of the Federal Building located at 471 Queensway Avenue in the City of Kelowna, Big White Ski Resort or Silver Star Ski Resort”. Amendment of the <i>destination area</i> for Service from “any point of the City of Kelowna” to “any point in British Columbia and beyond the British Columbia border when engaged in an extra-provincial undertaking”. Addition of Return Trip authority.	Approved as set out in the Decision
<u>3014-07</u>	BHATTI, Resham Lal Kelowna BC dba Apple Cabs	Amendment of Licence (PDV) – Amended Decision Due to a clerical error, the Terms and Conditions of the licence were incorrect in the original decision. Return Trip authority was included, but was refused by the Board. The corrected Terms and Conditions are as shown in this amendment.	Amended as set out
<u>08-08TOP</u>	First Class Limo Service Ltd. Kamloops BC	Application for Temporary Operating Permit (PDV) 1 temporary operating permit to operate an additional passenger directed vehicle for 92 days.	Approved 1 permit for 92 days
<u>T2570-07</u>	Irish Creek Management (1988) Ltd. Vernon BC dba Star Taxi	Change of Rates (PDV) Increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	Approved
<u>3044-07</u>	Nixdorf Classic Cars Inc. Summerland BC	New Special Authorization (PDV) New special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles from Okanagan Valley to any point within the Okanagan Valley with a maximum fleet size of 6 classic vehicles that accommodate a driver and not more than 5 passengers.	Approved as set out in the Decision

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<u>3273-07</u>	Tofino Bus Services Inc. Tofino BC dba Tofino Bus	Amendment of Licence Tofino Bus applied to amend its special authorization to operate inter-city buses so it can switch the vehicle transfer and passenger consolidation point from Port Alberni to Nanaimo. To do this, the applicant proposed the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add the City of Nanaimo as a route point for Route 2. • Revise the "Limited Pick Up & Drop Off" term and condition for Route 2. • Revise the "Route Overlap" term and condition which relates to Routes 1 and 2. 	Approved
<u>T2571-07</u>	Vernon Taxi Inc. Vernon BC	Change of Rates (PDV) Increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	Approved
<u>04-08TOP</u>	Whistler Limousine Ltd. Whistler BC	Application for Temporary Operating Permit (PDV) 3 temporary operating permits to operate additional passenger directed vehicles for 92 days.	Approved 3 permits for 92 days
<u>AV2114-07</u>	Whistler Resort Cabs Ltd. Whistler BC dba Resort Cabs	Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Addition of 10 motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 15 to 25 vehicles. (Of these 10 additional vehicles, the applicant is proposing that 3 will be accessible taxis.)	Approved as set out in the Decision

Part 3: Hearing Notices

None

Part 4: Appeal Decisions

None

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

None

Part 6: Other Matters

None