

## Passenger Transportation Act Authorizations (PDV & TNS)

Passenger Transportation Act (PTA) amendments come into force in September 2019. Under the amended act, there will be three types of Special Authorizations:

1. passenger directed vehicle authorization (PDVA);
2. transportation network services (TNS) authorization (TNSA); and
3. inter-city bus authorization (ICBA).

Taxis, limousines and other vehicles currently operating under a “Special Authorization: Passenger Directed Vehicles” will have a “Passenger Directed Vehicle Authorization”.

A TNSA is required for all services that connect drivers with passengers who **hail and pay** for the services **through an online platform**. Online platform is not defined in the PTA. Basically, any service using an app through which passengers hail the vehicle and pay for the ride requires a TNSA.

The type of vehicle operated under either a PDVA or TNSA is a “passenger directed vehicle”.

Licensees with a PDVA may apply for a TNSA. Licensees may use the same vehicles under a PDVA or a TNSA. In other words, vehicles may “toggle” between authorizations depending whether they are being operated as a taxi, limousine or transportation network service.

When used as taxis, limousines or other service under a PDVA, vehicles may only be hailed or dispatched:

- by advance booking
- from the street (taxis only)
- through a (telephone) dispatcher
- through a dispatch only app (payment is not through the app)
- any other method except through a TNS

When operating under a PDVA, taxis, limousines and other services must comply with their terms and conditions of licence, including: fleet size; operating areas; and equipment in vehicles. Only Board approved rates may be charged. For most taxis, these are metered rates. For limousines, these are rates set out in the Board’s minimum and maximum rates rule.

When operating under a TNSA, companies must comply with terms and conditions of licence for TNSs. They must also comply with approved rates for TNSs. The Board is requiring TNSs to collect data and report on data at the start of their operations. Also, the Board is establishing supplementary terms and conditions regarding the app used by TNSAs. These will apply at the start of a TNS. Anyone applying for a TNSA must be able to meet the data requirements and supplemental terms and conditions for apps.

Taxi vehicles operating as a TNS must not have top lights on or pick up passengers who hail from the street.

The chart below identifies separate licensing requirements for PDVAs and TNSAs.

<b>SA: PDVA (Sept. 2019)</b>	<b>SA: TNSA (Sept. 2019)</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Taxi T&amp;C of Licence</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fleet size (conventional vs wheelchair accessible taxis)</li> <li>• Vehicle size</li> <li>• Specific originating area (RD, municipality; highway corridor)</li> <li>• Equipment</li> <li>• May hail from street (taxis only)</li> <li>• Express authority for meters &amp; top lights (taxis)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <u>Rules &amp; Policies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taxi cameras</li> <li>• Limo rules</li> <li>• Taxi rates &amp; rules</li> <li>• Eco-friendly vehicles</li> <li>• Data requirements</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <u>Rates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meter or point to point</li> <li>• Hourly</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <u>Fees</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$100 per vehicle annually</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>TNS T&amp;C of licence</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customers must pay through online platform</li> <li>• Vehicles must display an identifier authorized by the Registrar</li> <li>• May only hail passengers through a TNS</li> <li>• Operating areas as set out in the TNS application package</li> <li>• No fleet size initially; Board to monitor and may review when data is available</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <u>Rules &amp; Policies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TNS apps</li> <li>• Data requirements</li> <li>• Vehicles 10 years old or newer (regulations)</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <u>Rates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum rates based on taxi flag rates in an operating areas</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <u>Fees</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5000 annually + 0.30 cents per trip</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

The Passenger Transportation Branch of the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure will start accepting applications for a TNS on September 3, 2019. The Board and Branch will post a TNS application package on the week of August 19, 2019.

Licensees who want to use a TNS may apply for a TNSA on September 3, 2019.

Section 33 of the amended regulations requires licensees, who **on July 1, 2019** are authorized to use passenger directed vehicles and these vehicles are hailed through a TNS, to apply for a TNSA on or before **January 2, 2020**.