

Legislation

Passenger Transportation Act section 7(1)(g):

the board may...make rules respecting

- (i) rates that are or may be charged by a licensee,*
- (ii) any rules or practices of a licensee relating to those rates, and*
- (iii) any tariff of those rates.*

Purpose

To describe the Taxi and Limousine Cost Index ("TLCI") and the implementation of a 2019 TLCI rate increase for taxis in British Columbia.

Context

- The Board uses the TLCI as an objective measurement for identifying rate increases for taxis.
- TLCI uses Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for BC that is obtained from Statistics Canada and BC Stats.
- For the 2018 calendar year, CPI (BC) data showed an increase of 2.7%; therefore, the Board is allowing taxi licensees to request a 2019 TLCI increase in their rates by up to 2.7%.
- Taxi licensees seeking a rate increase greater than 2.7% or after the TLCI request deadline of August 31, 2019, must make a Change of Rates application.
- TLCI rate increases are optional for taxi licensees.

Rule

1. Applicability

The Board approved a maximum TLCI rate increase of 2.7% for any licensee:

- a) whose license has express authorization to use a top light or pick up hails and flags from the street, and
- b) who is approved to charge:
 - i. metered rates, or
 - ii. non-metered rates.

Any change to metered taxi rates must include a change to the flag rate.

2. Requirements for TLCI rate increases

To obtain a TLCI rate increase, taxi licensees must:

- a) complete and send a “2019 TLCI Request for Taxis” form to the Passenger Transportation Board no later than **August 31, 2019**;
- b) send notice of the TLCI request to the administrator or manager of each local government or First Nations council where the licensee is authorized to pick up passengers;
- c) attach to the request form a copy of each notice sent to local governments or First Nations councils; and
- d) receive written confirmation from the Board before implementing a TLCI rate increase.

3. Uniform Rates in Common Geographic Areas

- a) In Prince George, Nanaimo, Penticton, Port Alberni or the Capital Regional District, at least 51% of licensees must submit TLCI request forms before the Board will authorize a rate increase.
- b) In the Metro Vancouver or Fraser Valley regional districts, licensees that, in total are authorized to operate at least 51% of the taxis in the common rate area, must submit TLCI request forms before the Board will authorize a rate increase.

4. Effective Dates for Rate Changes

- a) Rates are effective on the date set by the PT Board.
- b) Licensees may not change their rates before the effective date set by the Board.

Prior Rule

The following Board rule is rescinded:

- *Taxi & Limousine Cost Index 2018* dated September 24, 2018

Date of Rule

- May 15, 2019