

## 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 2018 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. For the 2017 calendar year, [CPI \(BC\) data](#) showed an increase of 2.1%. Therefore, the Board is allowing taxi operators to request a TLCI 2018 increase of up to 2.1% on their rates.
- Taxi operators seeking a rate increase that exceeds 2.1% or after the TLCI deadline, 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 2.1% 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 2018 TLCI Request for Taxis form to the Passenger Transportation Board no later than **January 31, 2019**,
- b) send a 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, 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 Lower Mainland or Fraser Valley, 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 Rules

The following Board rule is rescinded:

- *Taxi Cost Index 2016* dated April 6, 2016

## Date of Rule

September 24 2018