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Camera Program Improved for Driver & Passenger Safety

The Passenger Transportation Board is updating its taxi camera standards and equipment approval process for BC taxis that use, or want to use taxi cameras in their vehicles.

For many years, taxi cameras have proven effective in deterring attacks against drivers and passengers in:

- Metro Vancouver (since 2004)
- Williams Lake and Prince George (since 2007)
- Greater Victoria (since 2008)
- Fraser Valley (since 2016)

Updates to the taxi camera program focus on standards for images inside the taxi. They enable the use of newer camera technologies and require encryption across-the-board to ensure that camera recordings are accessed only by authorized police.

We also made the approval process more flexible so it's easier for camera manufacturers to get their commercial-grade camera equipment approved by the Board for use in BC taxis. Process details and approval criteria are set out in our new [Taxi Camera Approval Guide](#).

With these program changes, the Board is phasing out the use of 2GB memory cards in G4 and G5 taxi cameras. Immediately, only cards 4GB or larger may be used to replace cards that are removed for any reason from a G4 or G5 camera. By March 31, 2019, memory cards in all G4 and G5 cameras must be 4GB or higher. The six month phase-in period gives licensees time to test, buy and install replacement cards that are configured for the camera model they use.

The Board's updated [taxi camera rule](#) no longer prohibits the use of cameras with exterior video or audio recording. The Board does not regulate or sanction exterior video or audio. As a result, taxi operators who choose to use such camera equipment or functions are responsible for complying with any applicable laws, including privacy legislation.

More Info

- [Taxi Camera Webpage](#)