

Passenger  
Transportation Board

# Bulletin

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The *Passenger Transportation Board Bulletin* is published weekly on the web site of the Passenger Transportation Board. Printed copies are available directly from the Passenger Transportation Board at the address above.

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 Cost Index 2006

The Board has approved a Taxi Cost Index (TCI) for 2006. TCI 2006 will allow taxicab operators to request a permanent rate increase of up to 5.77%. This increase is based on increases in fuel, wages, insurance and consumer goods over the past two years. The earliest date for implementing TCI 2006 is July 1, 2006.

A TCI request form is available on the Board's website and from the Board office in Victoria. For more information on TCI please see the Board rule dated May 29, 2006: "Taxi Cost Index 2006 (TCI 2006)."

The implementation of TCI 2006 means that TCI 2004 is no longer in effect.

### **Note: End of the Temporary Fuel Surcharge (TFS 2005)**

In November 2005, the Board set a temporary fuel surcharge of 4.5% that is now in effect for most taxicabs in the province. The TFS 2005 will end:

- when a licensee has requested and been approved for TCI 2006 rates, or
- on **October 31, 2006** if no TCI 2006 has been requested and approved.

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## Reduction of GST and Impact on PDV Rates

The Federal Government has announced that its Goods and Services Tax (GST) is reduced from 7% to 6% effective July 1, 2006.

### *A. Impact on Board Approved Rates for Limousines, Charter or Shuttle Operators*

- If the Board-approved rates **do not** include GST, then no change to approved rates is required.
- If the Board-approved rates **include** GST, then licensees must submit a letter to the Board by **June 15, 2006** requesting that their rates be adjusted in light of the GST reduction. The Board will send out adjusted rates before July 1, 2006 that **exclude** GST.

### *B. Impact on Board Approved Rates for Taxicab Operators*

- If taxicab rates are metered, then operators **must** have their meters reprogrammed and charge only 6% GST as of July 1, 2006.
- If taxicab operators do not use a meter and have GST included in their rates, then licensees must submit a letter to the Board by **June 15, 2006** requesting that their rates be adjusted to reflect the GST reduction. The Board will send out adjusted rates before July 1, 2006.

**Note:** The Board has issued a TCI 2006 rule. This may impact some taxicab operators. See the following Industry Advisory dated May 29, 2006: "Taxi Cost Index 2006."

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## 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 |
|-------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| 984-06      | <b>DeWinter Enterprises (1996) Ltd.</b><br>Pouce Coupe BC<br><br>dba Yellow Cabs/AC Taxi & Delivery | <b>Amendment of Licence (PDV)</b><br>Proposed addition of Service 2.<br><br>Proposed amendment to expand the <i>vehicle capacity</i> to include vehicles that can accommodate a driver and 10 passengers.<br><br>Introduction of proposed new rates for services the applicant proposes in the amendment of licence application.<br><br><b>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV)</b><br>Proposed addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 16 to 17 vehicles | June 15, 2006            |

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### ***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.*

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## Part 2: Application Decisions

Board decisions on applications for special authorization are published in Part 2 of the *PT Board Bulletin*. To see a more detailed summary of the application, click on the application number.

| <b>Application</b>  | <b>Applicant</b>  | <b>Brief Summary of Application</b>   | <b>Decision</b>                     |
|---------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| T3171-05            | <b>Excel Limousine Service Ltd.</b><br>Vancouver BC   | <b>Change of Rates (PDV)</b><br>Change in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.  | Approved as set out in the Decision |
| T425-06             | <b>G. Elliott &amp; Associates Consultants Ltd.</b><br>Victoria BC<br><br>dba Heritage Tours/Daimler Limousines   | <b>Change of Rates (PDV)</b><br>Change in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.  | Approved                            |
| 596-06              | <b>JOHAL, Surjit Singh</b><br>Victoria BC<br>(transferee)<br><br>dba Bluebird Cabs<br><br><b>SAHOTA, Davinder Singh</b><br>Victoria BC<br>(transferor)<br><br>dba Bluebird Cabs   | <b>Transfer of Licence (PDV)</b><br>Proposed transfer of passenger transportation licence 70335 from Davinder Singh SAHOTA to Surjit Singh JOHAL.   | Approved                            |
| T512-06             | <b>PRC Cab Co. Ltd.</b><br>Nelson BC<br><br>dba Glacier Cabs/Glacier Limousine  | <b>Change of Rates (PDV)</b><br>Change in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.  | Approved                            |
| T467-06<br>& 270-06 | <b>Pacific Rim Five Star Shuttle Service Inc.</b><br>Qualicum Beach BC<br>(transferee)<br><br>dba Pacific Rim Navigators<br><br><b>BALDWIN, Ernest Noel</b><br>Parksville BC<br>(transferor)<br><br>dba X-Clusive Limousine | <b>Transfer of Licence (PDV)</b><br>Proposed transfer of passenger transportation licence 70482 from Ernest Noel BALDWIN to Pacific Rim Five Star Shuttle Inc. dba Pacific Rim Navigators.<br><br><b>Change of Rates (PDV)</b><br>The applicant seeks to regularize its rates and have a charge of \$75.00 per hour for all services. | Approved                            |

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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