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# 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 2008

The Board approved a Taxi Cost Index (TCI) increase for implementation as early as January 7, 2008. TCI 2008 allows taxicab operators to request a permanent rate increase of up to 2.27%.

TCI is a tool that is used by the Board to assess rate increases based on objective measures of increased operating costs. TCI 2008 is based on net cost increases in British Columbia that occurred in calendar year 2006. During this period, fuel costs increased 5%, wages increased 3%, CPI (for British Columbia) increased closer to 2%, and insurance costs across the industry declined by 1%. Each component has a separate weighting: Wages (31%); fuel (19%); insurance (13%) and the Consumer Price Index, or CPI (37%). CPI for BC is adjusted to 80% of the 37% to encourage business efficiencies and reduce duplication of fuel and other costs.

The following deadlines apply to TCI 2008 requests:

- **December 8, 2007:** For Changes to take effect on January 7, 2008
- **January 31, 2008:** Final deadline for requesting at TCI 2008 increase

By November 16, 2007, the following TCI 2008 documents will be available from the PT Board office in Victoria and posted on the Board web site at [www.ptboard.bc.ca](http://www.ptboard.bc.ca):

- Request Form (TCI 2008)
- Board Rule for TCI 2008 Increases
- Board Rule for Non-TCI Increases

The Board last made TCI available in July 2006 and was based on cost increases that occurred in 2004 and 2005. TCI 2006 allowed taxi operators to request an increase of up to 5.77%. In Fall 2007, the Board completed a review of the TCI program with stakeholder input. The Board will continue to use TCI with the following changes:

- The next review of TCI data will take place in Spring 2009, and subsequent reviews will be conducted annually each Spring (instead of every 2 years)
- TCI increases will be made available where the data supports a rate increase of 1.75% or more; where data is less than 1.75%, the increase will be carried over for inclusion in the data review that occurs in the following year.

Implementation of TCI 2008 will coincide with the federal government's announced GST reduction from 6% to 5%. Although GST is anticipated to change effective January 1, 2008, this is not a practical date for changing taxi meters. Therefore, the Board is setting January 7, 2008 as the effective date for taxi meter changes.

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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**.

<b>Application</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Brief Summary of Application</b>	<b>Deadline for Submissions</b>
<u>AV2706-07</u>	<b>Surdell Kennedy Taxi Ltd.</b> Surrey BC	<b>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV)</b> Proposed addition of 8 motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 61 vehicles of which 48 may be non-accessible, to 69 vehicles. None of the additional vehicles proposed will be accessible.	November 29, 2007

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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>
<u>AV2119-07</u>	<b>Courtesy Cabs Ltd.</b> Penticton BC	<b>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV)</b> Addition of 2 motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 9 to 11 vehicles.	Refused
<u>1724-07</u>	<b>GRISTWOOD, James</b> Kitimat BC dba Haisla Taxi	<b>New Special Authorization (PDV)</b> New special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Kitimat with a maximum fleet size of <b>2 accessible vehicles</b> that accommodate a driver and not less than 6 and not more than 11 passengers.	Approved as set out in the Decision
<u>1260-07</u>	<b>Sun Valley Limousine Ltd.</b> Kelowna BC	<b>New Special Authorization (PDV)</b> New special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Licence District 5 with a maximum fleet size of 2 vehicles that accommodate a driver and not less than 6 and not more than 10 passengers	Approved as set out in the Decision
<u>17-07 TOP</u>	<b>Time Limousine Service Ltd.</b> Surrey BC	<b>Application for Temporary Operating Permit (PDV)</b> 1 temporary operating permit to operate an additional passenger directed vehicle for 1 day.	Approved

## 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