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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

Eco-Friendly Sedan Limousines

Applicability

This notice applies to limousine companies with terms and conditions in their Passenger Transportation Licence that refer to sedan limousines.

Context

The Board authorizes sedan limousines that accommodate a driver and a maximum of 3 - 5 passengers. These are 4-door, closed-body vehicles with a wheelbase of 113" or more. The sedan limousine policy provides a standard for the type of luxury service and vehicle styles that are expected when a limousine is hired, and it separates taxis and limousines.

The Board also supports measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and has an eco-friendly taxicab policy for taxi operators in Metro Vancouver and the CRD. Some sedan limousine licensees have asked to use sedan limousines with a wheelbase less than 113" that are economically more fuel efficient and environmentally emit fewer CO₂ emissions.

Operational Policy IV.3

The criteria for "sedan limousine" is unchanged. Licensees with authorization to use sedan limousines can now operate an eco-friendly sedan limousine which must:

1. have a gasoline-electric hybrid motor or a bio-diesel motor,
2. have a wheelbase of not less than 112",
3. have a manufacturer's suggested retail price of not less than \$50,000 CDN, and
4. be not more than 24 months old when the licensee first requests a vehicle identifier.

The [new policy](#) does not permit a Camry Hybrid or Prius for use as a sedan limousine.

Board Direction to Registrar of Passenger Transportation

Pursuant to section 31(3) of the *Passenger Transportation Act*, the Board is directing the Registrar to replace any sedan limousine terms and conditions of licence with the following:

Specialty Vehicles: A **sedan limousine**, including an **eco-friendly sedan limousine**, may only be operated when the vehicle meets the applicable criteria, rules, policies and orders of the Passenger Transportation Board.

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
<u>T1011-08</u>	A.C. Shuttle Services Inc. Nanaimo BC dba Nanaimo Airport Shuttle	Change of Rates (PDV) Proposed increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	August 9, 2008
<u>994-08</u>	Ace of Spades Limousine Ltd. Richmond BC dba Ace of Spades Limousines	New Special Authorization (PDV) Proposed new special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Metro Vancouver with a maximum fleet size of 5 limousines that accommodate a driver and not less than 6 and not more than 11 passengers.	August 14, 2008
<u>1025-08</u>	North Delta Alfalfa Enterprises Ltd. Delta BC dba Alfalfa Tours	New Special Authorization (PDV) Proposed new special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Metro Vancouver area with a maximum fleet size of 1 vehicle that accommodate a driver and not less than 6 and not more than 11 passengers.	August 14, 2008

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, or by credit card (Mastercard, Visa, American Express) using the form at <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/Forms/PTB0001.pdf>*
- *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.

Part 2: Application Decisions

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

Application	Applicant	Brief Summary of Application	Decision
<u>958-08</u>	1096709 Alberta Ltd. Valemount BC dba Valemount Shuttle Service	Transfer of Licence (PDV) Transfer of passenger transportation licence 71195 from Elaine Wanda CARLSON to 1096709 Alberta Ltd. dba Valemount Shuttle Service.	Approved
<u>2632-07</u>	BLANZA, Yolanda Grand Forks BC dba Yo's Taxi	New Special Authorization (PDV) New special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles from the Municipality of Grand Forks and points along the corridors of Highway 3 between Eholt and Christina Lake with a maximum fleet size of 1 vehicle that accommodates a driver and not less than 2 and not more than 7 passengers.	Refused
<u>AV988-08</u>	Lake Country Taxi Ltd. Lake Country BC	Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Addition of 1 motor vehicle to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 3 to 4 vehicles.	Approved
<u>T977-08</u>	POULIN, Peter Harvey Quesnel BC dba Cariboo Taxi	Change of Rates (PDV) Increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	Approved
<u>976-08</u>	POULIN, Peter Harvey Quesnel BC dba Cariboo Taxi	Amendment of Licence (PDV) Amendment of the <i>destination area</i> for Service 1 to "anywhere in the Province of British Columbia". Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Addition of 2 motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 6 to 8 vehicles.	Approved
<u>934-08</u>	SCHNEIDER, William Rock Creek BC dba Boundary Taxi Company	New Special Authorization (PDV) New special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Grand Forks and the Regional District of Kootenay-Boundary with a maximum fleet size of 1 taxi that accommodates a driver and not less than 2 and not more than 7 passengers.	Approved
<u>T1015-08</u>	TOWNSEND, Robert Gordon Cranbrook BC dba A Touch of Class Limousine Service	Change of Rates (PDV) Increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	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