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New Fitness Requirements for Special Authorization Applicants and Licensees

The Board considers applicant fitness when it reviews applications. Applicants must be “fit and proper persons and capable of providing the passenger transportation service”. The *Passenger Transportation Act* was amended this summer. Now, the Board can review fitness of licensees. Factors relevant to a fitness review may include:

- operation and management of the service,
- knowledge of legal obligations and responsibilities
- financial stability, and
- criminal charges or convictions, especially those related to motor vehicle offences, fraud, threats or violence.

Applicants must now complete a “[Disclosure of Unlawful Activity and Bankruptcy](#)” form. The Board will use the answers as part of its assessment of applicant fitness. It may require follow-up information from an applicant.

The Passenger Transportation Branch is amending its renewal form to ask the following:

1. Has there been a change in the controlling interest in the company in the last 12 months?
2. Has there been a change in the majority of directors of a society in the last 12 months?

If the answer to either questions is “yes”, the Branch will notify the Board. The Board will ask licensees to complete the *Disclosure of Unlawful Activity and Bankruptcy* form.

For more information, please refer to “[Fitness Reviews by the Passenger Transportation Board](#)”. Information on fitness reviews by the Registrar of Passenger Transportation is available at: http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/07_advisory.htm

Note: URLs were updated March 2012