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Temporary Operating Permits (TOPs)

Taxis, limousines and other passenger directed vehicles may experience additional business during the upcoming Holiday Season.

The Passenger Transportation Act allows the Board to approve TOPs for additional vehicles if there is an **urgent** and **temporary** need. The Board considers each permit request in light of the circumstances outlined by the applicant. Some examples of approvals for TOPs include:

- Conferences or special events
- Transportation of dignitaries
- Seasonal spike in demand for services
- Bookings exceed capacity for a limited period of time

Licensees requesting a TOP should submit information that shows the “urgent” and “temporary” need for the permit. The information may include:

- Contracts
- Written confirmation of additional bookings
- Information that proves that bookings exceed capacity

Applications must be submitted to the Passenger Transportation Branch. A [TOP application package \(Special Authorization\)](#) is available at the [Branch website](#) at <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/index.htm>.

TOP Cost Per Vehicle

(i) for 1 to 14 days	\$25
(ii) for 15 to 30 days	\$50
(iii) for 31 to 60 days	\$75
(iv) for 61 to 92 days	\$100