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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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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.