



INDUSTRY NOTICE

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Taxi Cameras

Driver safety is a significant issue in the taxi industry. Concerns have been raised that some taxi cameras may be in non-compliance of the BC Taxi Camera Program Standards & Requirements issued by the Passenger Transportation Board (Board).

The Board's website introduction to Taxi Cameras in British Columbia states:

"Taxi cameras are used in British Columbia to make it safer for taxi drivers to operate taxicabs, especially at night. Taxi cameras deter crime and help police identify suspects and prosecute offenders. Taxi camera standards and procedures are put in place by the Passenger Transportation Board so that taxi cameras perform as intended."

Licensees that have installed a digital taxi camera in their taxicabs must operate these cameras in accordance with the applicable rules and orders of the Board.

Licensees must have their taxi camera system, including the memory card or hard drive, inspected by a designated inspector:

- a. within 5 days of a serious accident (i.e. the threshold set out in section 67 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*)
- b. as required by the Passenger Transportation Board or Registrar, Passenger Transportation Branch, and
- c. a minimum of once each calendar year.

Further information on taxi cameras can be located on the Board's website at <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/cameras.htm>.

The Registrar of Passenger Transportation (Registrar) is accountable for the enforcement and compliance of the *Passenger Transportation Act*, including imposing sanctions and penalties.

Non-compliance of the [Board Rule – BC Taxi Camera, Program Standards & Requirements](#) can result in administrative penalties and sanctions against a licensee.

A licensee is required to maintain care and control of every commercial passenger vehicle and driver operating under their licence. If a licensee is not in compliance with the Board's taxi camera rule, the Registrar may take one or more of the following actions:

- a. order that the licensee's licence be suspended for any period the registrar considers necessary;
- b. make an order prohibiting the licensee from doing one or more of the following:
 - (i) transferring the licence to another person;
 - (ii) amending the licence;
 - (iii) replacing the licence;
 - (iv) renewing the licence;
 - (v) obtaining a new licence;
- c. order the licensee to stop operating one or more motor vehicles under the authority of a licence and, subject to subsection (1.1), to
 - (i) return, in the manner prescribed by the regulations, the special authorization vehicle identifiers and the vehicle identification certificates issued in relation to those motor vehicles, and
 - (ii) remove from or cease displaying on each motor vehicle the general authorization vehicle identifier assigned by the licence in respect of that motor vehicle;
- d. order that the licensee's licence be cancelled;
- e. make an order imposing an administrative fine on the licensee.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification please contact the Passenger Transportation Branch Duty Inspector at:

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Yours truly,



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