



Ministry of  
Transportation  
and Infrastructure

## REGISTRAR OF PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION

### LICENCE APPLICATION FORMS PACKAGE

## GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

### New General Passenger Vehicles (GPVs)

*Application forms are available on the Registrar's website or by request at the Passenger Transportation Branch.*

**Send your application to:**

*Registrar of Passenger Transportation*  
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
Passenger Transportation Branch  
Suite 200 – 1500 Woolridge Street  
Coquitlam, BC V3K 0B8

**Contact Information:**

Phone: 604-527-2198  
*BC residents can call toll free through Enquiry BC:  
Victoria: 250-387-6121  
Elsewhere in BC: 1-800-663-7867*  
Fax: 604-527-2205  
Email: [PassengerTransportationBr@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PassengerTransportationBr@gov.bc.ca)  
Website: [www.gov.bc.ca/rpt](http://www.gov.bc.ca/rpt)

## Use this application package (PTR 5005) to apply for

### ✓ New General Authorization Licence only

If you are applying to transfer a licence with General Authorization, please refer to the Registrar's website, or contact the Passenger Transportation (PT) Branch for the following application package:

- General Authorization Licence Transfer Application Package – Form PTR5027

**! Note:** The information sheet “Do I need a General Authorization or a Special Authorization Licence?” posted on the Registrar's Advisory page (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=1694DCB0BBEC4CB49D7A6D6CB34B9DC1>) explains exemptions and provides an overview of the two passenger transportation licensing streams under the *Passenger Transportation Act*. A copy of the information sheet can be requested from the PT Branch.

## Application Fee

The application fee is:

- **\$200**
- payable to the Minister of Finance (in Canadian funds only)
- payable by cheque, money order or credit card
- *non-refundable* once an application is accepted by the PT Branch

⊗ *Note: If you pay with a credit card*

- Do not send credit card information with your application.
- Check the “Credit Card” box in Section 4 of the application (Form PTR 5005)
- When your application is received at the PT Branch a staff member will contact you by telephone to request your credit card information and authorization.

## Collection of Personal Information

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## Legislation and Regulations

The legislation and regulations referred to in this application package are subject to amendment and judicial interpretation.

Unofficial versions of the *Passenger Transportation Act* and Passenger Transportation Regulations are available on the Passenger Transportation website at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/rpt>. The versions available on the website may not reflect recent amendments to the legislation and should not be relied upon as an accurate statement of the existing laws. Official versions of the legislation (and regulations) may be obtained from:

Crown Publications  
521 Fort Street  
Victoria BC V8W 1E7

Telephone: 250-386-4636  
Website: <http://www.crownpub.bc.ca>

The *Motor Vehicle Transport Act, 1987 (Canada)* is available on the Department of Justice Canada's website at [http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/AnnualStatutes/2001\\_13/FullText.html](http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/AnnualStatutes/2001_13/FullText.html) or a copy may be obtained from:

Department of Justice Canada  
284 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada K1A 0H8

*Communications Branch (General Inquiries):*  
Telephone: 613-957-4222  
TDD/TTY: 613-992-4556  
Fax: 613-954-0811

## Roles and Responsibilities

The **Passenger Transportation Board** (Board) and the **Registrar of Passenger Transportation** (Registrar) are separate entities with distinct responsibilities under the *Passenger Transportation Act* and the *Motor Vehicle Transport Act, 1987 (Canada)*.

In the PT Branch's office, the **Registrar** accepts all applications (including those which require Board approval), verifies safety requirements for vehicles proposed for licensing and issues all licences. The Registrar is also responsible for initiating compliance and enforcement actions against both licensed and unlicensed operators.

*Registrar Rules of Practice and Procedure* can be viewed on the Registrar's website at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=63E0E0A333054DAB8E6474C4B85345FA> or a copy can be requested from the PT Branch.

The **Board** is an independent tribunal in British Columbia established under the *Passenger Transportation Act*. The Board's primary responsibility is to make decisions on applications relating to the licensing of passenger directed vehicles (e.g. taxis, limousines, shuttle vans) and inter-city buses in British Columbia. *Board Rules of Practice & Procedure* and *Operational Policies* can be viewed on the Board's website at <http://www.ptboard.bc.ca/> or copies can be requested from the Board at 250-953-3777.

## Application Process Overview

Application materials are sent to the PT Branch. The PT Branch reviews the materials to confirm that they are complete. You will be contacted if the application is incomplete.

The \$200 application fee will not be refunded.

## Registrar of Passenger Transportation Forms and Information Requirements

### 1. Basic Registrar Application Requirements

All applicants are required to submit the following:

a) General Authorization Licence Application

Form PTR 5005 is included in this application package.

b) Signing Authority

Form PTR 5002 is included in this application package.

The PT Branch keeps specimen signatures on file for all signatories and persons who will be in contact with the PT Branch regarding passenger transportation matters.

⊗ **Note:** *This requirement does not apply to applicants that currently hold a Passenger Transportation Licence if there are no changes to the Signing Authority Form as filed with the PT Branch.*

c) Agent Letter of Authorization (if applicable)

If the applicant has hired an agent to prepare their application, the PT Branch requires a letter signed by the applicant authorizing the agent to act on their behalf.

d) Passenger Service Proposal Statement

Prepare and submit a written statement to describe the service(s) you propose by answering the following questions:

- i) What is the nature of your business? – e.g. what type of business?
- ii) How will your vehicle(s) be used? – e.g. sightseeing or charter bus
- iii) What size vehicle(s) will you use? A brief description of the vehicle(s) you plan to use – e.g. year, make, model and passenger carrying capacity (excluding the driver).

**! Note:** Applicants are advised to delay the purchase, lease, or rental of vehicle(s) until after approval is obtained from the Registrar of Passenger Transportation.

## Registrar of Passenger Transportation Forms and Information Requirements (cont'd)

If you have already purchased or leased vehicle(s), complete and submit:

- Commercial Vehicle Safety Compliance Declaration – Form PTR 5005B (included in this application package).

iv) What is the service area for the proposed transportation service?

v) What type of compensation will you receive? – e.g. charter/individual fares/flat rates/point to point

vi) How will the compensation be collected?

e) Application Fee

Applications received at the PT Branch will not be accepted until the application fee is processed.

## 2. My business or organization is located in BC

**The legal name(s) on all documents and forms MUST match.**

I have entered my British Columbia National Safety Code Certificate (NSC) number on the application form in the space provided in Section 2.

*! Note: Applicants must obtain a NSC certificate before submitting an application for a passenger transportation licence.*

Applications received from applicants who have not yet been issued a NSC certificate will be returned, unprocessed, to the applicant.

### **National Safety Code (NSC) Applications Contact Information:**

Phone: 250-952-0576

Website: [http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/national\\_safety\\_code.htm](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/national_safety_code.htm)

## Registrar of Passenger Transportation Forms and Information Requirements (cont'd)

### 3. My business or organization is located outside BC

The legal name(s) on all documents and forms MUST match.

- a) I have included the applicable identification documents
1. I am applying as an **individual (sole proprietor)** and have included a legible photocopy of my current driver's licence.
  2. I am applying as a **partnership** and have included a legible photocopy of each partner's current driver's licence.
  3. I am applying as a **corporation, limited liability company or society** and have included:
    - i) a photocopy of my Company's certificate of incorporation/articles of incorporation issued by my Company's home jurisdiction, and a list of directors and officers; **AND**
    - ii) a photocopy of my Company's BC Certificate of Incorporation (issued by the BC Registrar of Companies and showing registration in BC as an extra-provincial company), **OR**  
a signed letter declaring that my Company is exempt from being a BC registered company under the *Business Corporations Act*, SBC2002 Chapter 57 – Part 11, Section 375.7
- ! Note: To register your Company in BC, or to learn if your Company is exempt from registering in BC, visit the BC Corporate Registry's website at <http://www.bcregistryservices.gov.bc.ca/bcreg/corppg/crcontact.page> or call 1-800-663-6102*
- b) I have attached a photocopy of the safety certificate with a satisfactory rating issued by my home jurisdiction.
- c) I am authorized by my home jurisdiction to operate as a commercial passenger carrier beyond the boundaries of my home province/state. I have attached a photocopy of the extra-provincial or inter-state operating authority issued by my home jurisdiction.
- d) I have already purchased, leased or rented vehicle(s). The vehicle(s) are registered (base plated) outside of British Columbia.
- I have attached a copy of my valid BC Insurance Filing letter issued by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; OR

I do not have a BC Insurance Filing letter issued by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia. I have attached a written statement to explain how I intend to meet motor vehicle liability insurance requirements. For example, prior to entering British Columbia I will contact the Provincial Permit Centre\* to purchase a non-resident single commercial vehicle permit (NRSCV) or a non-resident quarterly commercial vehicle permit (NRQCV) that includes insurance.

*For further information on British Columbia Financial Responsibility (BC Insurance Filing) please call 604-443-4624 or Toll Free 1-800-665-4336.*

- e) I have already purchased, leased or rented vehicle(s). The vehicle(s) are registered (base plated) outside of British Columbia. I have attached a copy of the apportioned cab card for each vehicle showing proof that the vehicle is licensed under the International Registration Plan (IRP) to operate in British Columbia; OR

The vehicle(s) are not registered with IRP. I have attached a written statement to explain how I intend to pay British Columbia vehicle licensing fees. For example, prior to entering British Columbia I will contact the Provincial Permit Centre\* to purchase a non-resident single commercial vehicle permit (NRSCV) or a non-resident quarterly commercial vehicle permit (NRQCV).

*For further information on IRP please call your local IRP office.*

**\* Provincial Permit Centre Contact Information:**

Phone (Toll Free): 1-800-559-9688

Web: [onroutebc.gov.bc.ca/](http://onroutebc.gov.bc.ca/)

## Important Applicant Advisory

**The filing of an application does not confer any permission or authority to operate a passenger transportation service.**

**Applicants are advised to delay the purchase, lease or rental of vehicles until after they have obtained Registrar of Passenger Transportation approval of their service proposal.**

Before a licence can be issued, the PT Branch will contact applicants and request the required vehicle documents.

The Registrar of Passenger Transportation (Registrar) must then be satisfied that a vehicle has met safety requirements before it can be operated as a commercial passenger vehicle.

In British Columbia, commercial passenger vehicles must be in compliance with provincial regulations as specified under Section 29 (Special Authorization) of the *Passenger Transportation Act* which can be viewed on the Registrar's website at: [http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/00\\_04039\\_01](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/00_04039_01).

Division 10 of the provincial Motor Vehicle Act Regulation (MVAR) sets out the regulations governing commercial passenger vehicles and requires compliance with Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS) under the mandate of Transport Canada.

**Prior to the purchase, lease or rental of vehicles, applicants are advised to learn about provincial and federal regulations for commercial passenger vehicles.**

The *Commercial Vehicle Safety & Importation Information Sheet* (Form PTR 5005A) is available on the Registrar's website at <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/forms/results.aspx?group=21> or by request at the PT Branch.

MVAR Division 10 can be viewed in full on the Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) Branch website at:

[http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/safety\\_and\\_standards.htm](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/safety_and_standards.htm).

Vehicle Safety and Standards Notices and Bulletins are also posted on this website.

If you have questions regarding CMVSS compliance standards you can contact the CVSE Branch at:

Phone: 250-952-0577

Fax: 250-952-0578

Email: [Vehicle.Safety.Standards@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Vehicle.Safety.Standards@gov.bc.ca)



## Vehicle(s) Information

If vehicles have been purchased, leased or rented, you have included:

Vehicle(s) base plated in BC

- a) Photocopy(ies) of current vehicle registration(s) – “Owner’s Certificate(s) of Insurance and Licence/Vehicle Registration” that:
  - i) show the vehicle(s) to be licensed/registered in the correct I.C.B.C. insurance category;
  - ii) show the vehicle(s) to be classified as “commercial type”; and
  - iii) display the correct seating capacity.
- b) Photocopy(ies) of the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Report(s) (CVIP), Form MV3104, that verify the vehicle(s) have been inspected and passed by an approved vehicle inspection facility (Please note, inspections are required to be performed on a semi-annual basis unless your operation is part of a preventative maintenance program).

Vehicle(s) base plated outside of BC

- a) Photocopy(ies) of current vehicle insurance showing the vehicle(s) have been properly licensed, insured as commercial passenger vehicles and displaying the correct seating capacity; and
- b) Photocopy(ies) of mechanical inspection report(s) that verify the vehicle(s) have been inspected and passed by an approved vehicle inspection facility. (Please note that semi-annual inspections are a requirement in BC).

## Registrar of Passenger Transportation Issues Licences

The Registrar must approve and issue a licence before the service can start.

## Annual Renewal of Licences (Registrar)

If a General Authorization licence is approved, and issued, it is valid for one year from the date of issue. Renewals are under the authority of the Registrar of Passenger Transportation. The annual licence renewal fee is \$100.

**If a licence is not renewed the licence expires.** If the licence expires, any pending application(s) associated with that licence will also expire.

Licensees with General Authorization who fail to renew their licence within the time specified under the *Passenger Transportation Act* must re-apply for a licence. This means that they must cease their passenger transportation service and submit an application for a new licence which will require approval from the Registrar of Passenger Transportation. An application filing fee of \$200 will apply.

## **Changes to Business Address, Information and Records**

It is your responsibility to submit written notice to the Registrar, Passenger Transportation Branch, for any changes to:

- Legal Name
- Directors/Officers
- Business mailing address and/or physical location of records
- Authorized and/or delegated signatories

The following forms are available on the Registrar's website or by request at the Passenger Transportation Branch:

- Change of Address (Form PTR 5009)
- Signing Authority (Form PTR 5002)



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PT Application #

About this form: Complete this form when making a new application for a General Passenger Vehicles (GPVs). Refer to the "Registrar of Passenger Transportation Forms and Information Requirements" section of this application package for the application requirements that apply to you.

1. Legal Name of Applicant (check one of the boxes and write the FULL legal name(s) on the line(s) below)

Individual / Sole Proprietor:

Partnership

Full Name of Legal Entity

(Name each partner):

(i.e. Corporation, LLC, Society, City):

Legal Name(s):

2. Identification and Contact Information

All trade names (i.e. "doing business as"):

Safety Certificate Number: Home Jurisdiction:

Business Mailing Address:

Postal/Zip Code:

Physical Location of Records

(if different):

Postal/Zip Code:

Phone: Cell: Fax:

Email: Website:

3. Type(s) of Application

NEW. I intend to operate vehicle(s).

4. Application Fee (\$200) (check the appropriate box)

Cheque (attached) Money Order (attached) Credit Card Other:

Note: DO NOT SUBMIT CREDIT CARD INFORMATION. Read the credit card payment instructions included in this package.

5. Declaration(s)

I (we) declare that the statements and information contained in, attached to and submitted with this licence application form are true and correct; and I (we) understand that they are subject to verification and that any false or misleading representations could result in the refusal or cancellation of the application and/or licence. I (we) also confirm my (our) commitment to safe operation as identified in the Passenger Transportation Act.

This form must be signed by the individual (sole proprietor), all partners in the partnership, or a principal of the legal entity (i.e. corporation, LLC, society, city).

Full Name: Title:

Signature: Date:

Full Name: Title:

Signature: Date:



**About this form:** Submit this form to the Registrar, Passenger Transportation Branch, with new and transfer applications; and any time there is a change in signing authority (including a change in the principals of a corporation and a change in the person(s) with delegated signing authority). **This form cancels and replaces all prior Signing Authority forms submitted to the Branch.**

**1. Legal Name of Applicant (check one of the boxes and write the FULL legal name(s) on the line(s) below)**

Individual / Sole Proprietor:

Partnership  
(Name each partner):

Full Name of Legal Entity  
(i.e. Corporation, LLC, Society, City):

Legal Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Identification and Contact Information**

All trade names (i.e. "doing business as"): \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger Transportation Licence Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Location of Records (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Persons with Delegated Signing Authority (Optional)**

Full Name (Print)	Position	Signature
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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**4. Declaration of Owner(s)**

I (we) understand that any delegation of signing authority to persons named in Section 3 does not relinquish or diminish the authority of the individual (sole proprietor), partners or principals to sign for and bind the carrier on matters under the *Passenger Transportation Act*.

I (we) authorize the persons named in Section 3 above to act on behalf of the carrier in all matters relating to the *Passenger Transportation Act*, Passenger Transportation Act Regulation and policies and orders of the Passenger Transportation Board.

**It is the responsibility of the individual (sole proprietor), all partners in the partnership, or a principal of the legal entity (i.e. corporation, LLC, society, city) to formally advise the Passenger Transportation Branch of any change to persons with delegated signing authority.**

**This form must be signed by the individual (sole proprietor), all partners in the partnership, or a principal of the legal entity (i.e. corporation, LLC, society, city).**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY COMPLIANCE DECLARATION

Applicant/Licensee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Application/Licence #: \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ Before completing this form, please read the **Industry Notice** "Introduction of Vehicle Safety Compliance Declaration Requirement", posted June 15, 2011, on the Industry Notices page of the Registrar, Passenger Transportation Branch website ([http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/industry\\_notices/RPT\\_110615-01\\_PTR5005B.htm](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/industry_notices/RPT_110615-01_PTR5005B.htm)).

**Applicants are advised to delay the purchase, lease, or rental of vehicle(s) until after approval is obtained from the Registrar of Passenger Transportation or the Passenger Transportation Board.**

## 1. LIST VEHICLES TO BE OPERATED:

Year	Make/Model	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) #	BC Registration # (if applicable)	Seating Capacity (including driver)

Attach additional pages if needed.

## 2. DISCLOSE VEHICLE(S) SEATING ARRANGEMENT AND POST FACTORY MODIFICATIONS (if applicable):

- i. Do all vehicle(s) listed in 1 (above) have forward facing passenger seats?  
**If you answered "no"**, identify which vehicle(s) do not have forward facing seats (below)  Yes  No and describe their seating arrangement(s).

- ii. Do any vehicles listed in 1 (above) have post factory modifications?  
**If you answered "yes"**, identify which vehicle(s) are modified (below) and describe the modifications.  Yes  No

Attach additional pages if needed.

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**This declaration must be signed by the applicant/licensee – an individual (sole proprietor), all partners in the partnership, a principal of the legal entity (i.e. corporation, LLC, society, city) or a person with delegated signing authority as filed with the Passenger Transportation Branch.**

I (we) declare that the above listed vehicle(s) comply with the Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS) or, if imported, the vehicle(s) comply with the *Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Act* which requires that all vehicles imported into Canada be in compliance with the Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations and associated Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS). I (we) understand that this declaration is subject to verification and that any false or misleading representations could result in the refusal or cancellation of the application and/or licence.

**I (we) understand it is an ongoing obligation to operate only vehicles that are in compliance with CMVSS.**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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