



REGISTRAR OF PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION LICENCE APPLICATION PACKAGE

New General Passenger Vehicle (GPV)

Application forms and guidelines are available at the Passenger Transportation Branch and are posted on the Registrar's web site. Please submit all applications to:

Registrar of Passenger Transportation
Passenger Transportation Branch
Ministry of Transportation
104 – 4240 Manor Street
Burnaby BC V5G 1B2

Contact Information:

Phone: 604-453-4250
Toll Free: 888-453-4280
Fax: 604-453-4253
Email: passengertransportationbr@gov.bc.ca
Web: <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt>

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Introduction to Passenger Transportation Licensing and Authorizations

Individuals and companies that operate commercial passenger vehicles in British Columbia require a Passenger Transportation Licence. The following provides an overview of the regulatory structure for licensing commercial passenger vehicles. A commercial passenger vehicle is defined, in the *Passenger Transportation Act*, as being one of the following authorizations and types:

General Authorization Licences

General authorization is required from the *Registrar of Passenger Transportation* for the following types of commercial passenger vehicles:

- “General Passenger Vehicles” (GPVs) – such as sightseeing and charter buses designed to carry 12 passengers or more, excluding the driver; and
- Vehicles designed to carry 11 passengers or less, excluding the driver, *provided the services are carrier directed* – such as sightseeing tours.

To obtain a general authorization licence, applicants are required to meet safety requirements only.

Special Authorization Licences

Special authorization is required from the *Passenger Transportation Board* for the following types of commercial passenger vehicles:

- “Inter-City Buses” (ICBs) – such as vehicles providing scheduled services (set time, individual fares, regular route and fixed terminal points); and
- “Passenger Directed Vehicles” (PDVs) – such as taxis, limousines or other passenger type vehicles with a carrying capacity of not more than 11 passengers, excluding the driver (approval of rates is also required from the Passenger Transportation Board).

General and Special Authorization Licences

Passenger Transportation licences can include a) general authorization; b) one or two special authorizations; or c) a combination (hybrid) of general authorization and one or two special authorizations.

To obtain a licence for special authorization(s) applicants are required to meet both economic entry criteria as well as safety requirements (please refer to the Special Authorization Application package (PT5010) and Application Handbook for more information regarding the Board’s decision making process).

You may also want to refer to the *Passenger Transportation Act* for more detailed definitions of passenger directed vehicles, inter-city buses, as well as for definitions of auxiliary passenger vehicles and connector buses. There are also certain types of vehicles that are exempt from Passenger Transportation licensing under the provisions of the *Passenger Transportation Act Regulations*.

Use this application package (PT5005) to apply for:

✓ New General Authorization Licence (Form PT5005)

Other Application Form for General Authorization

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

- General Authorization Licence Transfer Application Package (Form PT5027)

Application Filing Fee:

The application filing fee is non-refundable once an application is accepted by the Passenger Transportation Branch:

- \$200.00 – Payable to the Minister of Finance (Canadian funds only)
- Payable by cheque, money order, Visa or MasterCard (credit card remittance slip attached)

Overview of Application and Licensing Processes:

- The process for a "General Authorization" application begins when an applicant submits an application to the Registrar at the Passenger Transportation Branch (the Branch). The Branch reviews each application to confirm that all required documents and information have been received.
- An application that is accepted* by the Branch is reviewed and, if it appears to meet the criteria for a general authorization licence, is approved by the Registrar.
- An application that is approved by the Registrar does not take effect until a corresponding licence is issued by the Branch. The Branch will notify the applicant of the required documents and will issue a licence if specific safety requirements are met.

*If an application submitted to the Branch is incomplete (does not contain all required documents and information), the Branch will advise the applicant in writing and allow the applicant 30 days to submit the required documents and information.

Please note that when the 30 day submission deadline has passed, if the requested documents have not been received, the file will be closed.



**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION
LICENCE APPLICATION**

Part 4, *Passenger Transportation Act*

Office Use Only
PT Application#

About this form: Complete this form when making a **new** application for a General Passenger Vehicles (GPVs). Please refer to the "Information Requirements" section of this application package for the application requirements that apply to you.

1. Legal Name of Applicant (complete one of the following)

☐ Individual / Sole Proprietor:

☐ Partnership

☐ 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:

Base Jurisdiction:

BC Insurance Filing Number (BC Financial Responsibility Certificate letter issued by I.C.B.C.):

Business Mailing Address:

Postal/Zip Code:

Physical Location of Records
(if different):

Postal/Zip Code:

Phone:

Cell :

Fax:

Email:

Web Site:

3. Type of Application

☐ NEW. I intend to operate _____ vehicle(s).

4. Declarations

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 licence applied for. I am also confirming my commitment to safe operation as identified in the *Passenger Transportation Act*.

This form must be signed by the applicant, a principal of the corporation, all partners in the partnership or a person with delegated signing authority as filed with the Passenger Transportation Branch.

Full Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

Full Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:



Submit this Signing Authority form to the Registrar, Passenger Transportation Branch with new applications, transfer applications, and any time there is a change in signing authority (including changes in the principals of a corporation and changes in delegated signing authority). **This form cancels and supersedes all previous Signing Authority forms.**

1. Legal Name of Applicant (complete one of the following)☐ Individual / Sole Proprietor:☐ Partnership
(name each partner):☐ 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: _____

Business Mailing Address: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____

Physical Location of Records
(if different): _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell : _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web Site: _____

3. Persons with Delegated Signing Authority (Optional)

Full Name (Print)

Position

Signature

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4 Principal Owner(s)

This form must be signed by the applicant, a principal of the corporation, or all partners in the partnership. Any delegation of signing authority to persons named in section 3 does not relinquish or diminish the authority of applicants, partners or principals to sign for and bind the carrier on matters under the *Passenger Transportation Act*. **I (we) authorize 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 applicant, a principal of the corporation, or all partners in the partnership to formally advise the Passenger Transportation Branch of any changes to the delegation of authority.

Full Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Ministry of Transportation
Passenger Transportation Branch104 – 4240 Manor Street
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Information Requirements:

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 or lease of vehicles until approval is obtained from the Registrar of Passenger Transportation.

Before a licence can be issued, the Branch will contact you to request that you submit the required vehicle documents.

1. Basic Application Requirements – all applicants are required to submit the following:

a) General Authorization Licence Application (included in this application package).

b) Signing Authority (Form PT5002 is included in this application package)

The Branch requires specimen signatures for all signatories and for all persons who will be in contact with the Branch regarding Passenger Transportation matters.

This requirement does not apply if you currently hold a Passenger Transportation Licence and there are no changes to your Signing Authority Form on file with the Branch.

c) Agent Letter of Authorization

If you have hired an agent to prepare your application, the Branch requires a signed letter from the applicant that authorizes the agent to act on your 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?
- ii) How will your vehicle(s) be used? – e.g. sightseeing and charter bus
- iii) What size of vehicle(s) will be used? (How many persons is/are the vehicle(s) designed to carry?)
- iv) A description of 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) Will the compensation be charged directly to the passengers or is the charge built into a package?

e) Application Filing Fee

Applications received without submission of the filing fee will be returned, unprocessed, to the applicant. Please refer to Page 3 of this application package for information about the application filing fee.

2. If your business or organization is located in BC the following is required:

- You have entered your National Safety Code Certificate (NSC) number on the application form in the space provided in section 2.

Applicants must obtain a National Safety Code certificate before making application for a Passenger Transportation Licence. The NSC certificate must bear the legal name of the applicant.

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

To apply for a NSC certificate please call National Safety Code Applications at (250) 952-0576 or visit their web site http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/national_safety_code.htm.

3. If your business or organization is located outside BC the following is required:

Please ensure that all documents submitted bear the legal name of the applicant.

a) You have included identification documents:

1. If you are applying as an **individual**, you have included a legible photocopy of your current driver's licence.
2. If you are applying as a **partnership**, you have included a legible photocopy of all partners' current driver's licence(s).
3. If you are applying as a **corporation, limited liability company or society** you have included:
 - i) a photocopy of your Company's certificate of incorporation/articles of incorporation issued by your home jurisdiction, and a list of directors and officers; **AND**
 - ii) a photocopy of your Company's BC Certificate of Incorporation (issued by BC Registrar of Companies and showing registration in BC as an extra-provincial company), **OR**

a signed letter declaring that your Company is exempt, from being a BC registered company, under the Business Corporations Act, SBC2002 Chapter 57 – Part 11, Section 375.

To find out how to register your Company in BC, or if your Company is exempt from registering in BC, please the visit the BC Corporate Registry web site at <http://www.fin.gov.bc.ca/registries/corppg/>.

- b) You have included a photocopy of the safety certificate issued by your home jurisdiction with a satisfactory rating.
- c) You have included a photocopy of your extra-provincial or inter-state operating authority, issued by your home jurisdiction, indicating that you are authorized by your home jurisdiction to operate as a commercial passenger carrier beyond the boundaries of your home province/state.

- d) You have entered your British Columbia Financial Responsibility Certificate (BC Insurance Filing) number on your application form, in the space provided in Section 2, if your vehicle(s) are base plated outside of British Columbia and you hold a valid BC Insurance Filing letter issued by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC); **OR**

If you do not have a BC Insurance Filing number, you have included a written explanation on how you are intending to meet your motor vehicle liability insurance requirements (e.g. you will purchase a non-resident single commercial vehicle permit (NRSCV) or a non-resident quarterly commercial vehicle permit (NRQCV), that includes an insurance certificate, from the Provincial Permit Center's toll-free vehicle permit line: 1-800-559-9688 or at an inspection station, formerly known as a weigh scale, when entering British Columbia).

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

- e) If vehicle(s) have been purchased or leased, and are base plated outside of British Columbia, you have included a copy of your apportioned cab card showing proof that your vehicle is registered in British Columbia with the International Registration Plan (IRP); **OR**

If you are not registered with IRP, you have included a written explanation on how you are intending to pay your British Columbia vehicle licensing fees (e.g. you will purchase a non-resident single commercial vehicle permit (NRSCV) or a non-resident quarterly commercial vehicle permit (NRQCV) from the Provincial Permit Center's toll-free vehicle permit line: 1-800-559-9688 or at an inspection station, formerly known as a weigh scale, when entering British Columbia).

(For further information on IRP please call your local IRP office)

Vehicle(s) Information

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 or lease of vehicles until approval is obtained from the Registrar of Passenger Transportation.

If vehicles have been purchased or leased, 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).

Other Information

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:

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

The following forms are available at the Branch or on the Registrar's web site:

- Change of Address (Form PT5009)
- Signing Authority (Form PT5002)

Annual Renewal of a Licence

If a 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 pursuant to the requirements of the *Passenger Transportation Act*, the licence expires. Any pending application made pursuant to that licence would also expire when the licence expires.

Legislation and Regulations

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

Unofficial versions of this legislation are available on the Passenger Transportation Registrar's web site at <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt>. This application package may not reflect recent amendments to the legislation and should not be relied upon as an accurate statement of the existing law. It is a guide only. An official version of the legislation (and regulations) may be obtained from:

Crown Publications
521 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 1E7.
Telephone: (250) 386-4636; or
<http://www.crownpub.bc.ca>

Rules of Practice and Procedure and Policy Guidelines

a) Registrar of Passenger Transportation (the Registrar)

The Registrar is responsible for accepting all applications, verifying safety requirements and issuing all licences. The Registrar's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* can be viewed on the Registrar's web site: <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt> or a copy can be requested from the Passenger Transportation Branch.

b) Passenger Transportation Board (the Board)

The Board is responsible for determining whether applications for inter-city buses or passenger directed vehicles meet an economic test and for adjudicating licence applications for inter-city buses and passenger directed vehicles. The Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* and *Policy Guidelines* can be viewed on the Board's web site: <http://www.ptboard.bc.ca> or copies can be requested from the Passenger Transportation Board.



1. Passenger Carrier Client Information

Legal Name: _____

Trade Name (doing business as): _____

British Columbia Passenger Transportation Reference or Client Number: _____

Business Mailing Address: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Fax: () _____

2. Credit Card Information

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Payment Amount (Canadian dollars): \$ _____

Credit Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiry (mm/yyyy): ____ / ____

Name of Card Holder: _____

Signature of Card Holder: _____

Date: _____

3. Processing Information (OFFICE USE ONLY)

Information Quoted: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Information: _____

Operator ID: _____

Transaction No.: _____

Transaction Date: _____

Processed by: _____

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[PT5051 Credit Card Remittance Slip]