

INDUSTRY NOTICE

Licence fee Reduction for Operators with a PDV Authorization Posted June 29, 2020

This notice communicates a change to the Passenger Transportation Regulation (PTR) that affects licensees who operate under a passenger directed vehicle authorization (PDVA).

In the past, licensees with a PDVA have paid an annual renewal fee of \$100 per vehicle operating under the authority of a PDVA as per section 24.1(2) of the PTR.

Effective June 22, 2020, licensees with a PDVA now pay the lesser of either \$50 per vehicle, or \$5,000.

Refunds

Licensees are required to apply for their passenger transportation licence renewal in advance of their licence expiry date (*Passenger Transportation Act* s. 34(3)). Licensees with a licence expiry date of June 22, 2020 or later who have paid for the renewal of their vehicles under the old fee of \$100 per vehicle will receive a refund of \$50 per vehicle.

Staff from the Passenger Transportation Branch will contact licensees to address overpayments. Staff will confirm the amount of your refund and a cheque will be issued to the business address on file.

Deferred Renewals due to COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Registrar authorized a temporary policy allowing eligible licensees to defer their licence renewal and vehicle fees. This policy can be found under Industry Updates on our web page COVID-19 Information for the Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry in B.C. Once that policy is rescinded, licensees with a PDVA who chose to defer their licence renewal will pay the reduced licence fee.

Visit our <u>Fees & Payment</u> web page for more information on payments related to commercial passenger vehicles in British Columbia.

Thank you,

Passenger Transportation Branch