

Industry Notice

Ride-hailing Per-Trip Fees Increasing January 1, 2023

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The B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is committed to the continued modernization of the passenger directed transportation industry, and to ensuring accessible vehicles are available as needed.

On October 27, 2022, the Province introduced Bill 40, proposing changes to the Passenger Transportation Act that will enhance safety and accessibility for B.C.'s taxi and ride-hailing industries.

Among other changes, this bill will enable the registrar of passenger transportation to operate an accessibility program that will support increased availability of accessible vehicles and services and remove barriers for people with accessibility needs in B.C.

To support this new program, the regulatory per-trip fee charged for rides in ride-hailing vehicles will be increasing from \$.30 to \$.90, effective January 1, 2023.

Impacted Ride-hailing licensees have been notified regarding the increase, submission requirements and timeline for fee adjustment.

Information regarding the accessibility program will be shared after the increased fees take effect in January.

The ministry will continue to engage with stakeholders and partners, with the aim of evolving the program over time.

More information on Bill 40 can be found in the ministry's <u>news release</u>.

Should you have questions or input, please contact the Passenger Transportation Branch at 604-527-2198, or by email at passengertransportationbr@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you,
Passenger Transportation Branch