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INDUSTRY NOTICE

Vehicle Identifier Requirements for Metro Vancouver Taxi Licensees

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This notice communicates a change regarding vehicle identifiers for Metro Vancouver taxi licensees and next steps for these affected licensees.

Background

Taxi licensees have a Special Authorization (SA) licence. All SA taxi licensees display a plate and decal on each vehicle operating under their SA licence. These vehicle identifiers are issued by the Registrar and their staff at the Passenger Transportation Branch (Branch).

In addition to the plate and decal, Metro Vancouver taxi licensees have been required to display a taxi identification code, or a "TIC", on their vehicles by the Passenger Transportation Board (Board).

Change

The following changes to vehicle identifiers are effective August 1, 2020:

- the Registrar is no longer issuing plates, decals, or any vehicle identifiers to Metro Vancouver taxi licensees (hereafter "authorized SA licensees");
- Authorized SA licensees are now responsible for issuing their own vehicle identifiers;
- Authorized SA licensees must issue identifiers that meet the Registrar's requirements;
- Authorized SA licensees are no longer required to post a list of TICs to their website

The Registrar is maintaining the existing TIC system established by the Board, but with some revisions. Authorized SA licensees must be in compliance with the Registrar's new vehicle identifier requirements by September 1, 2020.

Next Steps: Returning Plates & Decals, and submitting TIC information

Under the *Passenger Transportation Act* section 42, Registrar issued vehicle identifiers (i.e. plates and decals) must be returned when government seeks to retrieve its property.

Authorized SA licensees must complete this checklist, **in this order**. All required documents listed are available from the Passenger Transportation Branch.



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- Read the new requirements, listed under the heading “Authorized SA Licensee Identifiers” located on our new web page [Vehicle Identifiers for Commercial Passenger Vehicles in B.C.](#)
- Complete the Excel workbook titled Plate List Workbook (instructions within)
- Complete the related Declaration form. Submit this Declaration along with the completed Plate List Workbook by email to the Branch at passengertransportationbr@gov.bc.ca **by September 1, 2020**
- Schedule a drop-off of plates/decals with the Passenger Transportation Branch. Plates/decals must be returned no later than October 31, 2020. Pack plates/decals in a box labelled with the licensee’s PT number and addressed “Attn: Passenger Transportation Branch”. Box(es) can be dropped off at the front desk security at 1500 Woolridge Street, Coquitlam

If you require more time to meet the deadlines listed above, please contact the Branch directly:

Telephone: 604 527-2198 or toll free through Service BC 1-800-663-7867

Email: passengertransportationbr@gov.bc.ca

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Haywood".

Steven Haywood
Registrar of Passenger Transportation