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# Industry Advisory

## Policy Updates

### *Rules Governing Lower Mainland Taxi Rates*

The Board has updated the Lower Mainland taxi rates rule so the rules governing rates reflect recent changes to Board policies such as the transportation of personal baggage and tolls charges for the Golden Ears Bridge. See the [Board Rule Respecting Lower Mainland Taxicab Rates](#) or the [Board web page about rates](#). Copies are being mailed to Lower Mainland taxi companies.

### *Golden Ears Bridge Tolls & Individual Fares*

The Board introduced a rule to clarify that operators or passenger directed vehicles that charge individual fares must not charge passengers an extra fee to cross the Golden Ears Bridge. Operators may seek Board approval to adjust their rates to cover the toll charges that are incurred. Until **December 31, 2009**, operators can ask the Board to make a rate adjustment to individual fares that are directly-affected by the tolls on Golden Ears Bridge. For details, see the Board rule: Golden Ears Bridge Tolls and Individual Fares for Passenger Directed Vehicles on the [Board web page about rates](#).

### *Comment Period for Inter-City Bus Applications*

When an inter-city bus operator applies to discontinue a route or reduce minimum route frequency, the public comment period will be 21 days instead of 30. Among other public notice requirements, applicants must still publish two notices in the newspapers of affected communities. See [Board Rule 35: minimum notice requirements](#) or the [Board's bus application web page](#).

### *Administrative Transfer Applications*

The Board adjusted its application requirements for administrative transfer application. When an administrative transfer application is received from a new entity, the applicant can provide a balance sheet be supplied by either the transferee or the transferor. See [Operational Policy II.5: Transfer Application Requirements](#).