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New Rates and Rules for Limousines in Vancouver, Victoria and Surrounding Areas

The Passenger Transportation Board has established a [new rule governing rates and rules](#) for limousine services in Vancouver, Victoria and surrounding areas. These new rates and rules are effective as of **May 1, 2014**. This rule sets:

- Minimum and maximum hourly rates for limousine licensees in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD), Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD), Capital Regional District (CRD) and communities along the Sea-to-Sky Highway.
- Standard rules governing the rates

This rule is established following an evaluation of the minimum / maximum rates pilot project that began in July 2011. The evaluation included an industry survey, discussion paper and industry sessions in the Lower Mainland and the CRD. We heard that the rate bands provide flexibility, allows negotiations with customers and are simple and flexible. Participants suggested minor adjustments.

There are now 4 rate categories: Sedan, Mid-size (including antique sedans), Stretch SUV, Non-Stretch SUV. Each category has a minimum and maximum rate. There is no change to sedan limousine rates. Other rate categories have an increased minimum rate and a reduced maximum rate. The Board will establish a mechanism for reviewing rates. The Board will keep a PDV Fuel Surcharge, but modify its application.

The standard rules are the same in principle but have been revised to be clearer and more precise. The Rule includes a transition section to assist those with a pre-existing contract.

We note that industry raised other issues such as flat fares, enforcement and the GA/SA dichotomy, during the evaluation. We may seek further input on these matters. We thank everyone who took the time to contribute to the various evaluation activities.