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Industry Advisory

Express Authorization for Flip Seats in Accessible Taxis

Vehicles may only be equipped with a moveable, let-down seat (or "flip seat") when a licensee has **express authorization** of the Board in the terms and conditions of licence. To obtain this express authorization, a licensee must submit an Amendment of Licence Application to the Passenger Transportation Branch. Section 28 (1)(a)-(c) of the Passenger Transportation Act applies to applications to include express authorization to use flip seats in a vehicle.

Operators that are licensed to operate accessible taxis have an obligation to respond to the needs of people who use wheelchairs or other mobility aids. In reviewing applications for flip seat authorization, the Board may consider the availability of accessible taxi services and the measures that an operator has in place to ensure that persons requiring accessible transportation are served in a timely manner.

The Board has created a "Flip Seat Authorization Request" form that lets taxi operators know what information must be provided with applications for express authorization to use flip seats. The form also sets out exemptions from regular application requirements. The new form is being added to the Board "sample forms" package (Form PT9002).