

## Limousine Regulation Change: Perimeter Seating Buses

On February 27, 2015, Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure announced a change to the Passenger Transportation Regulation regarding limousine



licensing. This change means that all vehicles with primarily perimeter seating – regardless of seating capacity - are included in the definition of a “passenger directed vehicle”. These vehicles must be operated under a Special Authorization (SA) licence approved by the Passenger Transportation Board (“PT Board”).



We are calling perimeter seating vehicles that seat 12 or more passengers and a driver, “**Perimeter Seating Buses**” A Perimeter Seating Bus (PSB) is a vehicle that:

- seats a driver and 12 or more passengers
- has primarily perimeter seats (e.g. stretch SUV; limo bus) and
- provides a passenger directed service

Operators with a General Authorization (GA) have until **May 1, 2015** to obtain SA licensing for their PSBs. The PT Board and PT Branch have developed streamlined application packages and processes to facilitate the transition.

**We strongly encourage GA licensees to apply for a SA licence before March 25, 2015.**

More information is available at:

- PT Branch website: [http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/licence\\_PSB.htm](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/licence_PSB.htm)
- PT Board website: <http://www.ptboard.bc.ca/PSB.htm>
- News Release: <http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2015/02/regulation-increases-safety-accountability-in-bc-limousine-industry.html>