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Industry Advisory

Update to the Eco-Friendly Taxi Policy

The Passenger Transportation Board has revised its eco-friendly taxi policy to simplify the identification of eco-friendly taxis. In part, the update was needed because some of the benchmarks previously used by the Board do not exist for 2009 model vehicles.

This policy continues to apply to taxi companies in Metro Vancouver and the Capital Regional District. The update applies to vehicle models that are 2006 or newer. Although the method for identifying an eco-friendly taxi has changed, the same vehicles may still be operated as eco-friendly vehicles. The policy gives the industry practical vehicle options for meeting the transportation needs of the public while minimizing carbon emissions and operating costs.

The Board is establishing fuel consumption criteria for three general types of vehicles that may be operated as taxicabs. Fuel consumption ratings are based on a 'combined fuel consumption rating' ("CFCR" is 55% city and 45% highway). Fuel consumption ratings can be obtained from vehicle manufacturers or [Natural Resources Canada](http://www.nrc.ca).

More information about "eco-friendly vehicles" is available on the Board's website : http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/eco_friendly.htm.

Examples of Eco-Friendly Vehicles

The following table shows how the updated eco-friendly vehicle ("EFT") policy applies to 2009 model vehicles. This is an illustrative list, not a comprehensive list.

Types of Vehicles	Maximum Fuel Consumption	Examples of 2009 Model EFTs (CFCR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Midsize• Compact• Wagon	6.8 litres per 100 km (CFCR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toyota Prius (4.1)• Honda Civic Hybrid (4.5)• Toyota Camry Hybrid (5.7)• Nissan Altima Hybrid (5.8)• Volkswagen Jetta Wagon – diesel (5.9)• Honda Fit Wagon (6.4)• Toyota Corolla (6.6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SUVs / Special Purpose Vehicles• Full Size	8.0 litres per 100 km (CFCR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ford Escape FWD Hybrid (6.1)• Toyota Highlander 4X4 Hybrid (7.7)• Hyundai Sonata - 2.4L engine (8.0)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passenger Vans	10.1 litres per 100 km (CFCR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mazda 5 (8.7)