

I. Background

- ♦ The Board uses its Taxi Cost Index (TCI) as an objective method for reviewing taxi rates and identifying increases. Components of the TCI include fuel, insurance, wages and consumer prices. Details are posted at <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/tci.htm>.
- ♦ On February 27, 2013, the Board approved the “Taxi Cost Index 2013” Rule which implements a rate increase of 1.9% for licensed taxi operators in British Columbia.
- ♦ Effective April 1, 2013, British Columbia returns to a PST and GST tax system. The 5% GST that was applicable to taxi fares is being replaced with 5% GST. The provincial government has indicated that provincial PST does not apply to taxi fares. Rates in this rule reflect these government tax changes.

II. Rates for Taxicab Companies

The following rates and taxi meter formula must be implemented on **March 31, 2013**:

| Type of Rates | Rounded | | | Taxi meter formula with 5% GST included |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| | Rates without GST | Rates with 5% GST | Rates with 5% GST | |
| Flag | 2.5997 | 2.7297 | 2.75 | \$2.75 for the first 48.20 metres |
| Distance (per km) | 1.9758 | 2.0745 | 2.07 | \$0.10 for each additional 48.20 metres |
| Wait Time (hourly) | 41.5950 | 43.6747 | 43.67 | \$0.10 for each consecutive 8.24 seconds (or \$43.6747 per hour) |

III. Applicable Licensees

This Board Rule applies to all Penticton taxi operators. The list below is subject to change:

| Operator | PT Licence |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Courtesy Cabs Ltd. | 70276 |
| Penticton Klassic Kabs Ltd. | 70345 |
| Peach City Cabs Ltd. | 71657 |

IV. Dates

Start Date of the New Rates: **March 31, 2013**
Date of Rule: March 28, 2013

V. Other Rules

The “Board Rule Respecting Penticton Taxicab Rates” effective June 18, 2011, is rescinded. The Board’s “Standard Rules for Taxicab Rates” effective May 1, 2011, remain in effect.