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2016 Festive Season TOPs for Taxis

For the ‘festive season’ later this year, taxi companies in BC are able to apply for Festive Season Temporary Operating Permits (TOPs) and choose any 30-day period between December 1 and January 15. Taxi licensees in British Columbia may apply for Festive Season TOPs to increase their fleet by 10% or 1 vehicle, whichever is greater. Board application requirements and processes are streamlined.

The choice of dates gives taxi companies the flexibility to expand their taxi fleets at a time when the need is greatest. The Board recognizes that December and New Years is typically the busiest period of the year for taxis in the province. Thus, the festive season creates a *temporary and urgent need* for some extra taxis.

An application for Festive Season TOPs is posted online. The Board’s Operational Policy II.7 is posted with more details. Links are provided below.

References:

Policy: [OP II.6: Festive Season TOPs](#)
Form: [Festive Season Taxi TOP Application](#)