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## Fuel Surcharges & Rates Information Online

### *1. Optional PDV Fuel Surcharge Starts throughout BC*

Since May 15, 2011, all passenger directed vehicle operators (except taxis) have the option of adding a fuel surcharge to their transportation rates. The surcharge amount changes as fuel prices change. Any changes in the maximum fuel surcharge amount are posted on Wednesdays on the new [surcharges](#) web page. The surcharge is subject to written notice requirements that are also posted on the [surcharges](#) page.

### *2. New Threshold for Considering Taxi Fuel Surcharges*

If the average price of unleaded gas in British Columbia exceeds **\$1.351** per litre, the Board will consider a temporary fuel surcharge for taxis. Last week, the average price of gas was **\$1.329** per litre. The threshold of \$1.351 is 25% higher than the 2010 average price of fuel. The Board recently reduced the threshold from 30% to 25%. The updated policy is posted on the new [surcharges](#) web page.

*Note: [Taxi Cost Index increases](#) can be requested until October 31, 2011.*

### *3. New Rates Pages at the Board Website*

The Board re-organized the rates information on its website. Instead of one web page, there are now four:

- [PDV Rates](#)
- [Taxi Rates](#)
- [Limousine Rates](#)
- [Surcharges and Tolls](#)