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Peak Season TOPs for Limousines—A New Pilot

The PT Board is introducing Peak Season Temporary Operating Permit (PS TOPs) for limousines.

Limousine operators provide a discretionary service. They often experience spikes in demand at various times of the year. Spikes may occur during the festive, grad, ski or summer season. To meet cyclical demands and serve their client base, operators need to add vehicles to their fleet temporarily.

Limousine TOP applications have increased significantly in the past year and a half, from 3 in 2013/14 to 46 in 2015/16. We received 17 TOP requests to date in 2016. The PT Board is piloting PS TOPs for limousines to:

- Allow limousine operators to respond to seasonal spikes in demand
- Streamline regulatory practices and procedures

PS TOP Highlights

- A licensee may apply for up to 3 PS TOPs in a calendar year.
- Each PS TOP may be for a consecutive time block of 30 days, 60 days or 92 days (the total may not exceed 92 days in a year)
- The maximum number of additional vehicles under a PS TOP is as follows:
 - 1 vehicle for a licensee with PT authority for 10 limousines or less
 - Up to 2 vehicles for a licensee with PT authority for 11-23 limousines
 - Up to 3 vehicles for a licensee with PT authority for 24 limousines or more

PS TOP applications are available as of today. The pilot period is one year. During this time, the Board will monitor PS TOPs and may make policy adjustments. After the year, we will assess the PS TOP program and decide whether to continue, change or cancel it.

TOP applications outside the PS TOP policy must be submitted through the regular TOP process. The Board expects applicants to supply corroborating evidence of “urgent & temporary need”. Refer to Reference Sheet 17: TOPs and the Limousine Data Spreadsheets.

More Info

- [Q&As for PS TOPs](#)
- [Apply for PS TOPs](#)