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## Taxi Camera Approval Process Starts

The Passenger Transportation Board is initiating a taxi camera approval process. This will result in new cameras approved for use in BC.

Interested vendors of taxi cameras should review the [Request for Taxi Camera Approval Package](#) on our [taxi camera webpage](#). The package sets out the process for field testing, evaluating and approving taxi camera models. It explains that vendors first need a *taxi company* and *camera installer* to sponsor and assist with field testing. Vendors can send requests to the Board **from now until September 16, 2014**.

The approval process includes the testing of cameras for 6 to 9 weeks in 2 working taxicabs for each model. Cameras and their recordings are evaluated by members of the Forensic Video Analysts' Association of BC. Taxi companies and other stakeholders in BC taxi camera programs will review results and identify cameras they want. The Board administers the process but is not directly involved in field testing. The Board decides which cameras may get tested, and which cameras receive approval for use in BC.

Taxi companies decide which cameras to buy in accordance with Board requirements for operating taxi cameras. Taxi companies may only use cameras that are Board-approved.

Vendors now have a limited time to have their market-ready cameras tested, evaluated and approved. Participation is voluntary. The Board may approve one or more camera models that are produced by one or more vendors. Approval decisions are not subject to appeal.

### More Info

Details: [Request for Taxi Camera Approval Package](#)

Web: [Taxi Camera Webpage](#)

Rule: [BC Taxi Camera Programs, Standards & Requirements](#) (Nov. 2008)