

Taxi & Limousine Cost Index 2022

Q&As

How much is the TLCI 2022 increase?

- 5.3%

How is TLCI 2022 calculated?

- The TLCI uses the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for British Columbia from Statistics Canada to track annual cost changes and the Board established a threshold of 2% that must be met in order for TLCI to be made available.
- The TLCI provides an efficient and fair way for taxi licensees to obtain periodic increase when operating costs rise as it strikes a balance between the interests of transportation operators and the consumers they serve.

TLCI Component	Cost Changes
CPI 2022 (Jan/Feb)	0.63%
CPI 2021	3.7%
CPI 2020	1%
TLCI 2022 TOTAL	5.3%

How much are the rates changing?

- Impacts on a \$10 trip:
 - Flag Rate: Average increase is approximately 18 cents
 - Net change: Passengers can expect the fare to be 50 cents more

When do these changes happen?

- Taxi companies have until **July 31, 2022** to request an increase and can only change their meters upon the effective date provided by the Board.

Implementing TLCI

Who gets an increase?

- Licensed taxi companies in BC that accommodate up to 7 passengers with metered or non-metered rate may request the increase.

Who did you notify?

- An Industry Advisory and Backgrounder are posted on the Board's website and in the Weekly Bulletin.

TLCI Alternatives

What if a taxi operator wants an increase greater than 5.3%?

- The taxi company would need to submit a regular application to change its rates.
- Additional information on this application process and requirements can be found in [Application Guide 3: Change Taxi Rates](#).

When was the last increase in taxi rates offered?

- The Board approved a TLCI 2020 rate increase of 2.3%.
- For TLCI 2020, taxi licensees had from July 29, 2020 to October 31, 2020 to request the increase.

TLCI Program Info

What is the Taxi Limousine Cost Index?

- TLCI is a tool that is used by the Board to assess rate increases based on objective measures of increased operating costs.
- To learn more, visit the Board's website at <https://www.ptboard.bc.ca/tlci.htm>.

When is the TLCI data reviewed?

- Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Board ties to review taxi cost data each spring so that any TLCI increase can be implemented in June or July.

What cost components are included in the TLCI?

- Consumer Price Index for British Columbia prepared by Statistic Canada.

Is TLCI data for Canada or British Columbia?

- All TLCI data represents costs in British Columbia only.

What increases were allowed in the past?

- 2021 no increase – 1% carry over 2020 data
- 2020 2.3% based on 2019 data
- 2019 2.7% based on 2018 data
- 2018 3.95% based on 2016 & 2017 data
- 2017 No increase – 1.83% carry over 2016 data
- 2016 2.9% based on 2014 & 2015 data

What cities have the same taxi rates?

1. Metro Vancouver
2. Fraser Valley
3. CRD
4. Kelowna
5. Nanaimo
6. Prince George
7. Penticton
8. Port Alberni

Limousines

Can limousines request a TLCI increase?

- No, the Board takes a different approach to the regulation of limousine rates as limousine cost structures and rates are not the same as taxis.
- The Board approved [Minimum-Maximum Rates](#) for limousines in British Columbia and limousine companies have the flexibility to change their rates in response to changing market conditions.
- Also, limousines in British Columbia can also charge a fuel surcharge that increases when fuel prices rise.