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Q&As—Simplified ICB Applications

These Q&As complement the [Simplified ICB Application package](#) for passenger transportation companies that want a licence to operate inter-city buses (ICBs) in BC.

1. How is the process simplified?

- Application materials are scaled back, clearer and reflect our emphasis on applicant fitness
- All the forms you need are on one web page
- Publication and reply timelines are shortened
- Applications are being fast tracked at every step in the process

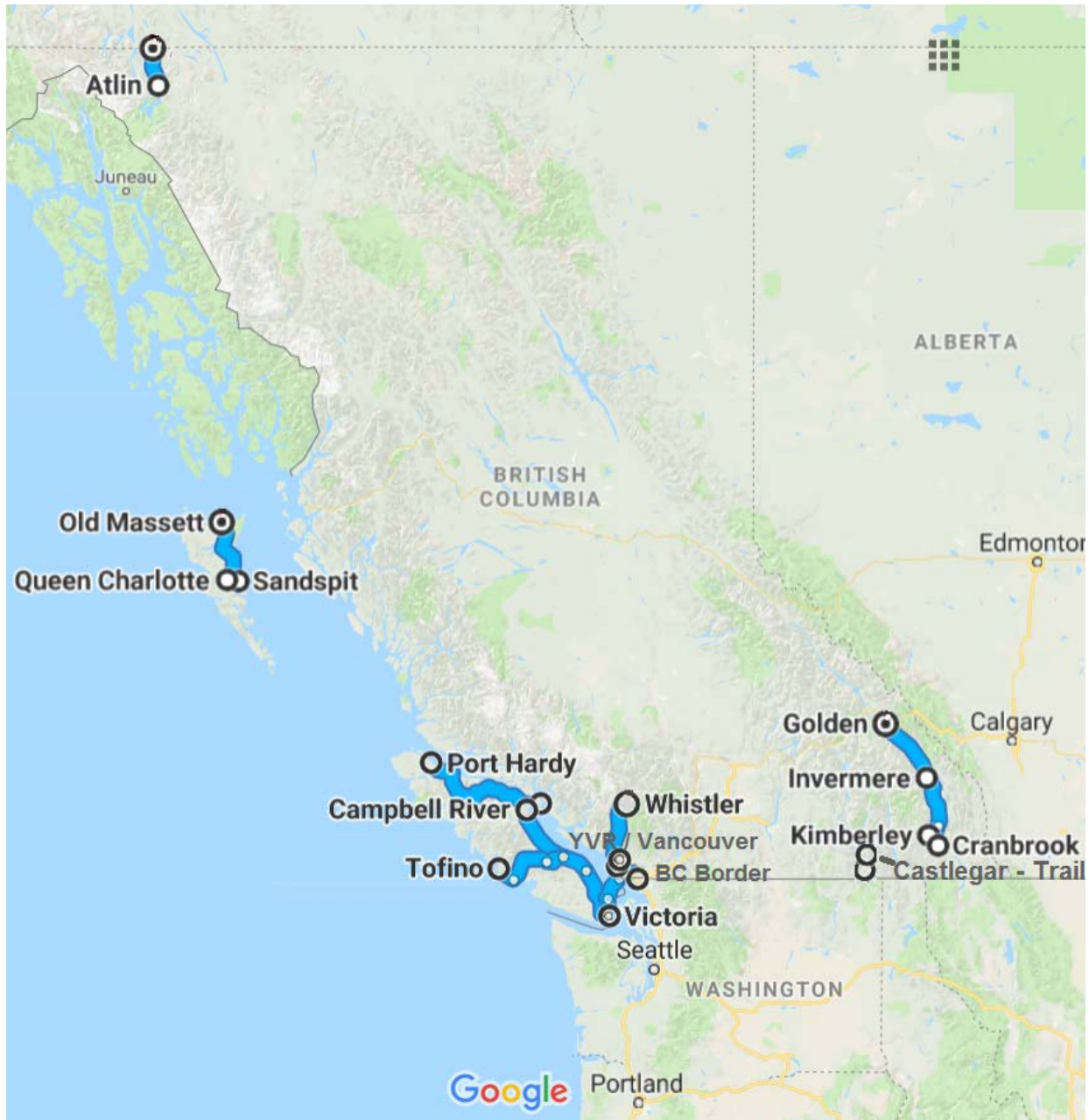
2. Am I eligible to use the Simplified ICB Application process?

Yes if you apply to operate ICBs on a route:

- without ICB service, or
- that has no service after Greyhound Canada withdraws service on October 31, 2018.

3. Where do ICBs operate in BC?

See the map on the next page. On the map, blue lines mark corridors with ICB service after Greyhound exits on October 31, 2018. The map does not show corridors with seasonal ICB service to ski and recreational destinations.



4. What is the status of Greyhound Canada's ICB licence and operation in BC?

Greyhound stopped operating in the North Central region of BC, and on 3 routes in southwestern British Columbia on June 1, 2018.

On July 9, 2018, Greyhound Canada issued a [news release](#) that it will stop operating in BC and Western Canada on October 31, 2018. Until Greyhound Canada exits the province, it must comply with its current Passenger Transportation Licence.

5. I want to operate on routes where there are existing ICB operators and also on routes without ICB operators. What forms do I fill out?

You can use the [regular forms and application guide](#) for all the routes. On routes without an ICB operator, information in your application should meet the requirements of the [Simplified ICB Application package](#). That is, the focus of these routes is applicant fitness.

6. Why publish any applications?

Publication is required by the [Passenger Transportation Act](#), and it makes the process transparent. The public has notice of the application and can make comments to the Board. Publication also notifies other potential applicants that the Board has received an application.

7. Do all applications need to be published?

The Board may process an application on an urgent public need basis. These applications are not published or open to submissions. For example, the Board may consider applications for ICB service to rural or remote routes on the basis of urgent public need.

8. How do I get my application considered on the basis of urgent public need?

You must ask the PT Board to consider the application on an urgent public need basis. For more information, see [Reference Sheet 5: Urgent Public Need](#).

9. What if the Board receives more than one application for a route or corridor?

The Board publishes applications every Wednesday. If we receive more than one application for the same route, the Board may consider them together.

10. Are subsidies available?

The PT Board does not have a mandate to provide subsidies to commercial ICB operators. We are not aware of the availability of subsidies from other governments or agencies.

11. Will the Board approve any application it receives?

When application requirements have been met, the Board may approve the application in whole or in part. It may also refuse the application.

For Simplified ICB Applications, much of the Board's focus is on applicant fitness. The Board will carefully review all documents it receives with an application, including any submissions, before it makes a decision.

12. How long does it take the PT Board to make a decision on an application?

Our goal is to make a decision on simplified applications 60 days or less after publication.

Factors that can affect decision-making timelines include:

- Detail and clarity of the application
- Whether other applicants have applied for the same route

13. Where can I get more information?

- [Simplified ICB Applications](#)
- [Regular ICB Applications](#)
- Information Sheet: [Do I need a General Authorization or Special Authorization?](#)
- Reference Sheet 10: [Sample Terms and Conditions of S.A. Licences](#)
- Contacts:
 - [PT Board Office](#)
 - [PT Branch Office](#)