

Purpose

To set minimum rates for Transportation Network Services (TNSs) in British Columbia.

Legislation

The *Passenger Transportation Act*, section 7(1)(f), enables the Board to approve, or set, for the purpose of establishing just and uniform charges, rates to be charged by a licensee in respect of passenger directed vehicles operated under a licence that includes a passenger directed vehicle authorization or transportation network services authorization.

Applicability

1. This rule applies to licensees with a Transportation Network Services Authorization in their Passenger Transportation Licence.

Definitions

2. For the purposes of this rule:

“**act**” means the *Passenger Transportation Act*;

“**licence**” means a licence issued under the Act that has a transportation network services authorization (TNSA);

“**licensee**” means the holder of a valid licence and to which these terms and conditions apply pursuant to section 1 of these terms and conditions; and

“**TNS operating region**” means the originating area set out in the terms and conditions of licence of the licensee’s passenger transportation licence.

Rule

3. Unless specified otherwise by the Board, licensees providing transportation network services must charge rates for each ride that do not fall below the applicable TNS minimum rate in Table 1 below.
4. The use of any coupons or discounts that reduces a fare charged for a ride to an amount below the TNS minimum rate is prohibited.

TNS MINIMUM RATES RULE

Table 1: TNS Minimum Rates by TNS Operating Region

TNS Operating Region	Regional Districts	TNS Minimum Rates
1. Lower Mainland, Whistler	Metro Vancouver Fraser Valley Squamish-Lillooet	\$3.35
2. Capital Region	Capital Regional District	\$3.40
3. Vancouver Island excluding CRD	Cowichan Valley Nanaimo Comox Valley Alberni-Clayoquot Strathcona Mount Waddington qathet (Powell River)	\$3.40
4. Okanagan-Kootenays-Cariboo	Okanagan-Similkameen Central Okanagan North Okanagan Kootenay Boundary Central Kootenay East Kootenay Cariboo Thompson-Nicola Columbia Shuswap	\$3.50
5. BC North Central & Other BC Regions	Fraser-Fort George Bulkley-Nechako Kitimat-Stikine Peace River Northern Rockies North Coast Central Coast Sunshine Coast Islands Trust	The TNS minimum rate will be set on a case by case basis after a review of the TNS application and taxi rates in an area.

5. TNS minimum rates in Table 1 include 5% GST.

Dates

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