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Engaged carrier authorizations

Context

The Passenger Transportation Board (Board) may approve an engaged carrier authorization term and condition for Inter-city Bus (ICB) or limousine licensees. This term and condition is intended to fulfill public need where circumstances exceed the primary carrier's ability to provide complete service.

The engaged carrier authorization can be activated when a primary carrier cannot meet demand. In these circumstances, an engaged carrier authorization allows the primary carrier to engage another licensee in the same sector type, if that licensee also has an engaged carrier authorization on their licence.

Applicability

This policy applies to:

- ICB licensees; or,
- PDVA, limousine licensees only.

Policy

- The Board must approve all special authorizations and set the terms and conditions of licence.

- To cover the limited circumstances where an ICB or limousine licensee requires immediate assistance to manage passenger overflows, the Board may establish in advance an “engaged carrier authorization” as a term and condition of licence.
- The engaged carrier authorization allows a licensee to:
    - Assign overflow passengers to another licensed carrier in the same sector type (i.e., ICB to ICB; limousine to limousine); or,
    - Receive overflow passengers from another primary carrier in the same sector type.
- For an engaged carrier authorization arrangement to occur, both the primary carrier (with the overflow) and the secondary carrier (receiving the overflow) require engaged carrier authorizations as a term and condition on their licence.
- The Board may consider letters from authorized ICB or limousine operators as proof of need for an engaged carrier authorization.

Legislation

28 (3) The board may establish terms and conditions that apply to a special authorization included in a licence, if issued…