

# New taxi rates structure

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Starting in 2026, the Passenger Transportation Board is implementing [new rates structures](#) for the B.C. taxi sector. What to know:

- The Board is implementing [rate bands](#), starting with taxi companies in Region 5.
- Geographic areas of the province in with common rates rules previously applied will have new [standardized rates](#) that fall within the applicable rate bands.
- Implementation of new rates structures will happen through 2026 and 2027 in [different regions](#).

## What is a rate band?

A [rate band](#) states the minimum and maximum rates that taxi licensees can charge in a region. Taxi licensees can choose any rate within their region's approved band. No need to apply to the Board; licensees just need to notify the Board of their new rate.

## Why rate bands?

The Board introduced rate bands to:

- Give taxi licensees more flexibility and control over pricing

- Reduce the need for applications and paperwork
- Keep fares affordable while supporting long-term sustainability in the taxi industry

## **Who sets the bands?**

Rate bands are set by the Board using:

- Trip and cost data from across B.C.
- Regional operating conditions
- Input from industry and stakeholders

## **Do I need to change my rate?**

Once the Board establishes a rate band in a region, all taxi licensees within that region are required to charge rates that are within that band.

- If your rate is within the band ? You can keep it.
- If your rate is above the band ? You have until 2028 to adjust it. You may want to make incremental changes. You can change your rate every 6 months with a simple notification form.
- If your rate is below the band ? You have until 2029 to adjust it. You may want to make incremental changes You can change your rate every 6 months with a simple [notification form](#).

## **Find your region's rate band**

Use [our map](#) or select your region below:

Region 5 – Effective January 1, 2026

Region 4 – Effective April 1, 2026

Region 3 – Effective August 1, 2026

Region 2 – Standardized rates, early 2027

Region 1 – Standardized rates, mid 2027

Don't know your region? Look up [your region](#) here according to your operating area.

## **FAQs and operator information**

Need more information?

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[Licensee Brief](#)

[Rate Change Notification Form](#)

## **Questions?**

The Board is here to help. You can contact us at:

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