



PEDICAB LICENSING INFORMATION PACKAGE

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All Pedicabs operating in the City of Vancouver are required to be licensed under the Vehicles for Hire bylaw #6066.

Pedicab requirements, are outlined in the Vehicles for Hire bylaw #6066 Sections 7 & 20 at: vancouver.ca/bylaws/6066c.PDF

The Vehicles for Hire bylaw defines two types of pedicabs as:

“Pedicab”, which means a 3-wheeled vehicle propelled solely by the foot power of the operator and capable of carrying no more than 2 passengers in addition to the operator.

“Motor Assisted Pedicab”, which means a 3-wheeled vehicle propelled by foot power of the operator and motor assist, and capable of carrying no more than 2 passengers in addition to the operator. (See page 2 for ICBC requirements for Motor Assisted Cycle.)

Licensing Requirements

1. Pedicabs are subject to licensing and inspection by the Licences and Inspections staff, prior to being allowed on the street.
2. Applicants must be 19 years of age or older
3. No more than **60** licences will be issued with a limit of 10 licences per applicant.
4. All Pedicab operators are required to obtain a Vehicles for Hire Licence from the Licences and Inspections Department. See Schedule "A" of the bylaw for the amount per pedicab, per calendar year.
5. All Pedicab operators must hold a minimum \$2,000,000 valid liability insurance coverage pertaining to the pedicab and is subject to approval of the Director of Risk Management.
6. Pedicabs or Motor Assisted Pedicabs must be equipped with:
 - rear hydraulic brakes and front V-brakes or another braking system approved by the inspector
 - front headlight/rear tail lights and rear flashing light (for night time operations)
 - turn signal lights and standard bell
 - reflectors on wheels and carriages & rear bumper or similar protection
 - rear mud flaps or similar protection
 - first aid and repair kit
 - 6' safety flag (unless rooftop design exceeds 6')
 - Business name and identification number painted or permanently affixed, in figures at least 5 cm high, on each side and to the rear of the pedicab which uniquely identifies each pedicab
7. All Pedicab operators must have the brakes of each pedicab inspected at least annually by a bicycle repair shop that has a current business licence issued by a municipality, and promptly undertakes any repair or maintenance to the brakes disclosed by such inspection.

8. All pedicab operators must retain the records of any inspection, repair, or maintenance for at least 2 years, and makes these records available to the inspector.
9. All Pedicab operators must inspect the brakes and other safety equipment each day prior to operating the pedicab and make adjustments if necessary.
10. The displaying of third party advertising (as defined in Section 2 of the Sign By-law) is only allowed in an area on the rear of the Pedicab that must not exceed 0.45m².
11. The current Vehicle for Hire plate must be displayed at the rear of the pedicab, as well as the owner/operator must have a current business licence. The licence **cannot** be transferred to other individuals
12. All persons operating pedicabs must obtain a Pedicab Lessee licence from the Licences and Inspections Department, and pay an annual fee as stated in Schedule A of the bylaw.
13. All operators must carry current photo identification that includes the person's name, address, and date of birth.
14. All drivers must obey all provisions of the Street and Traffic **By-law #2849** and all provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act (normally those applicable to the definition of a vehicle)
15. All drivers must **not** stop to load/unload passengers in any location which would disrupt traffic. When parked, they **must** pay at parking meters and must not park in any restricted zones identified for other vehicles.
16. Pedicabs must only be operated on designated streets as approved by the City Engineer. Drivers who operate on prohibited streets are subject to having their licenses suspended.
17. Pedicab licences expire and must be renewed by December 31st annually to avoid penalty. Operators have until **February 2nd** of each year to renew their licences and if not renewed by this time, they become available on a first come, first serve basis.
18. An owner of a pedicab must demonstrate, at the request of the Chief Licence Inspector, that the pedicab of available for transporting passengers.
19. An owner of a pedicab must ensure that parking, storage and maintenance of the pedicab occurs only on private property, except for parking on streets in accordance with other by-laws during business hours while waiting for customers.

ICBC Requirements for Motor Assisted Cycles (MAC)

In order to qualify as a MAC, certain conditions must be met. For example:

- the electric motor must be 500 watts or less and be capable of propelling the cycle no faster than 32 km/h on level ground without pedalling
- it must be equipped with a mechanism that either: allows the driver to turn the motor on and off, or prevents the motor from turning on or engaging before the MAC attains a speed of 3 km/h
- the motor must disengage when the operator does at least one of the following: stops pedalling, or releases the accelerator, or applies a brake
- the motor cannot be gas-powered
- it must be capable of being propelled by muscular power using the pedals, but it is not necessary to always be pedalling
- it must meet any additional conditions set forth in the Motor Assisted Cycle Regulations (B.C. Reg 151/2002)

Source: Insurance Corporation of British Columbia – Register, License a Vehicle – Rules for low-powered vehicles – *Motor Assisted Cycles*.

<http://www.icbc.com/registration-licensing/specialty-vehicles/low-powered/motor-assisted>