

Taxi Plate Distribution

History of Controlled Entry System for Taxis

The vehicle-for-hire industry has a long history of providing transportation options for Calgarians and visitors to the city. For many years the taxi industry was the dominant vehicle-for-hire option and therefore the main focus of City regulation to ensure public safety and service standards. During the mid-80s, Alberta was experiencing economic recession and taxi drivers had petitioned The City for taxi licence limits to make a better living. In 1986, a temporary freeze was placed on the number of City-issued taxi licences available to the taxi industry (no more than 1311 plates). This freeze was approved to be continued by Council in a 1987 May decision as was the regulatory approach of a controlled entry system of City-set limits on taxi licences issued. Transferability of plates was added in 1993. No additional plates would be issued by Council until 2006.

History of Taxi Plate Release

Plates issued from 2012 onwards were non-transferable. Seventy-five percent of the 1881 plates released to date are transferable from one plate-holder to another. It should be noted that in the current regulatory approach, new taxi plates (both regular and accessible) must first be approved by Council, and then approved again by Council for release to industry by Administration. Council has approved no more than 1909 plates be issued. Refer to the Chart below titled “**Taxi Plates Issued**” for a timeline of when each type of plate was released.

Taxi Plates Issued

Plate Series	Issue Date	Type	Transferable	Total
1-1311	Pre 2006	Regular	Yes	1311
1312-1411	2006	Accessible	Yes	100
1412-1466	2012	Accessible	No	55
1467-1479	2013	Accessible	No	13
1480-1526	2013	Regular	No	47
1527-1638	2014	Regular	No	112
1639-1652	2014	Accessible	No	14
1653-1659	2015	Accessible	No	7
1660-1881	2016	Regular	No	222
ATPL				189
TPL				1692
Transferable			1411	75%
Non-Transferable			470	25%
Total Taxi Plates Released				1881
TPLs approved, not yet released				7
ATPLs approved, not released				21