

Material Damage Memo

Subject: **Reminder – Passenger Vehicle Rental Tax (PVRT)**

Date: **October 30, 2014**

We'd like to remind express repair suppliers that since April 1, 2013 the Passenger Vehicle Rental Tax (PVRT) applies to replacement vehicles.

The following is a general overview of the rules that relate to the PVRT and provides examples on how these costs are calculated and billed to customers and ICBC. For further information about the PVRT, please contact the Consumers Tax Branch or refer to their [Bulletin PST 118 – Vehicle Services and Parts](#).

Please note that this is not to be construed or relied upon as tax advice. If you are unsure as to when PVRT applies, please contact the Consumers Tax Branch of the Ministry of Finance or your own tax professional.

PVRT Overview

- PVRT is charged at a rate of \$1.50/day
- PVRT is not charged if the rental period is eight consecutive hours or less
- PVRT is not charged if the rental period is more than 28 consecutive days
- GST applies to the PVRT daily rate

PVRT days are entered using the ARIES Payment Request (APR) system and **only apply** when the customer is provided with a replacement vehicle.

Questions and Answers

Q. How is PVRT applied if a repair facility satisfies the customer's transportation needs without providing a replacement vehicle?

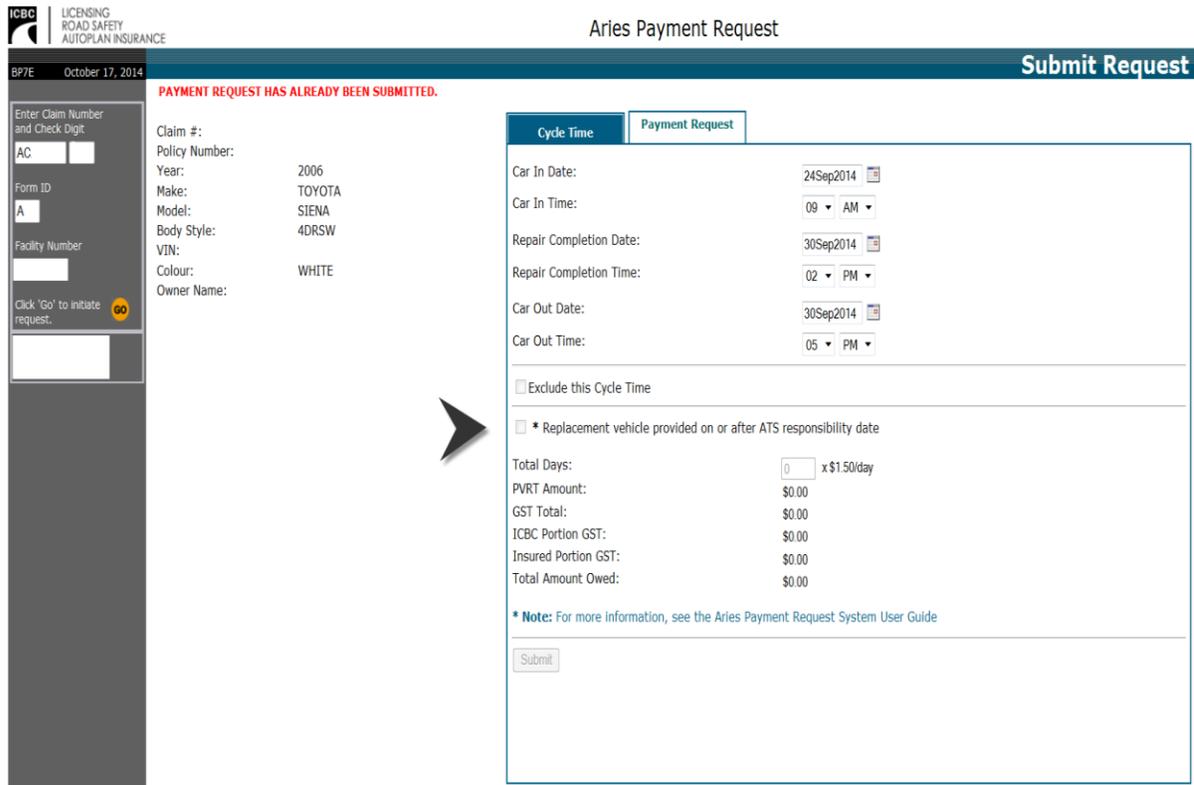
A. PVRT is only applicable if a customer is supplied with a replacement vehicle.

Q. Is the shop eligible to claim ICBC's Alternate Transportation Service (ATS) hourly rates without entering PVRT days in the Vehicle Repair Cycle Time Capture System?

A. Yes, ATS hourly rates are still applicable as outlined in the [Express Programs Guide](#). If the shop is able to meet the customer's needs without providing a replacement vehicle the PVRT is not applicable.

Q. If a replacement vehicle is supplied and PVRT is applicable how do I account for PVRT?

- A. PVRT is accounted for using the ARIES Payment Request (APR) system. After logging into the web application, check the box **Replacement vehicle provided** and enter the number of PVRT days in the **Total Days** section.



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Aries Payment Request

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PAYMENT REQUEST HAS ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED.

Enter Claim Number and Check Digit: AC

Form ID: A

Facility Number: []

Click 'Go' to initiate request. GO

Claim #:

Policy Number:

Year: 2006

Make: TOYOTA

Model: SIENA

Body Style: 4DRSW

VIN:

Colour: WHITE

Owner Name:

Cycle Time | **Payment Request**

Car In Date: 24Sep2014

Car In Time: 09 AM

Repair Completion Date: 30Sep2014

Repair Completion Time: 02 PM

Car Out Date: 30Sep2014

Car Out Time: 05 PM

Exclude this Cycle Time

* Replacement vehicle provided on or after ATS responsibility date

Total Days: 0 x \$1.50/day

PVRT Amount: \$0.00

GST Total: \$0.00

ICBC Portion GST: \$0.00

Insured Portion GST: \$0.00

Total Amount Owed: \$0.00

* Note: For more information, see the Aries Payment Request System User Guide

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Q. How is PVRT applied when a customer has more than one claim?

- A. PVRT days should only be entered in the ARIES Payment Request (APR) system on the claim with the largest amount of labour hours and the other claims should have no PVRT days entered.

Q. My customer has been supplied with a replacement vehicle and ATS applies. I know that I use the ARIES Payment Request (APR) system to enter the PVRT days. I don't count weekends in the APR system – does this mean that the PVRT day count stops on weekends too?

- A. No, PVRT is a consecutive count of days, so if the customer has been supplied with a replacement vehicle over the weekend those days need to be accounted for.



Q. If I have sent in a CL113D ATS reimbursement to ICBC do I request PVRT on that form?

- A. No, PVRT is accounted for using the ARIES Payment Request (APR) system for repairable vehicles. (Subject to the total loss exception described below.)

Q. How do I account for the PVRT if the vehicle becomes a total loss and I have teardown estimate?

- A. You would enter the cycle time days for the claim using the ARIES Payment Request (APR) system. You would not select the check box that indicates that you provided a car on a tear down estimate; instead, you would submit a request for the PVRT using the CL113D.

Q. We just got a sheet in from a body shop, I see that there is only 5 hours on the repair sheet and the cycle time is 3 hours. Why is there \$6.00 in PVRT if the rule is no PVRT on rental less than 8 hours?

- A. There is no connection between the hours on the repair sheet or the cycle time days and PVRT. For example, if a customer takes their vehicle into the shop on a Friday morning, uses a replacement vehicle but returns to shop that same day (in under 8 hours) PVRT does not apply; however, if the customer takes a replacement vehicle Friday morning and they return it Monday end of day when the repairs are done, the PVRT applicable is four calendar days multiplied by \$1.50/day (plus GST).

Q. I am paying the Estimate at the Claim Centre; I note that the PVRT is the reason that the amounts in my payment screen are different from the approved estimate. What is the easiest way to check the PVRT payable on the claim?

- A. When PVRT is entered in the ARIES Payment Request (APR) system, the shop selects the box that states a replacement vehicle was supplied and types in the number of days the customer had the vehicle. With this information, the ARIES Payment Request (APR) system will calculate the number of days by the \$1.50 PVRT and it will be attached to the ARIES Payment automatically, including the GST amount applicable. The system will then send a CWMS note to the file that shows the PVRT payment applicable.

Q. Do I have to enter the number of PVRT if the number of days exceeds 28 days?

- A. Yes, we still need to account for the number of days the customer had a replacement vehicle. If you enter a number into the ARIES Payment Request (APR) system that exceeds 28, the system will not calculate the amount of PVRT applicable.

If you have any questions about this communication, please email [Alex Jansen](#), ICBC's towing and rental program advisor, or contact him by phone at 604-777-4587.

Regards,

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