

Heavy Duty Towing and Storage Rate Payment Schedule

Effective for all ICBC authorized claims with towing/storage services on or after March 1, 2020.

ICBC pays all applicable GST.

**CL14H** must be used for invoicing ICBC for Heavy Duty Towing and Storage.

For details on policies, procedures and supplier requirements refer to our Material Damage Claims (Towing & Storage) procedures on ICBC.com under the <a href="Business Partners page">Business Partners page</a>

# **Towing Categories and Rates**

Applicable Tow, Distance and Category	Category 3 (Heavy Duty)  Towed vehicle 6,301 Kgs to 9,072 Kgs  GVWR  Heavy Duty Towing & Recovery Plus  (HD T&R+)		Category 4 (Heavy Duty)  Towed vehicle 9,073 Kgs GVWR and over Heavy Duty Towing & Recovery Plus (HD T&R+)	
Hourly Rates are based on the GVWR of the towed vehicle. Tow company is responsible for using an appropriate tow vehicle.				
	Base	HD T&R+	Base	HD T&R+
Claim Required (1st Tow) Rates Includes up to 6.0 km's distance	\$125.00	\$129.67	\$166.26	\$172.47
Claim Required (2nd & Additional Tow ) Rates	\$88.91	\$92.23	\$150.96	\$156.60
6.0 km's – 150 km's (Base) 6.0 km's -500 km's (HD T&R+)				
a) 6.1 to 16.0 km (Add per km)	\$3.65	\$3.72	\$7.69	\$7.83
b) 16.1 to 32.0 km (Add per km)	\$3.09	\$3.15	\$6.59	\$6.71
c) 32.1 km and over (Add per km)	\$2.49	\$2.53	\$4.73	\$4.82
Category Hourly Rate for Additional Services	\$125.00	\$129.67	\$166.26	\$172.47

**Note:** Category 3, 4, Rotator and Tri-Drive invoices that include Additional Service charges, require a minimum of four scene photographs to assist in reconciling the accident /recovery services provided. In urgent recovery situations or in low visibility conditions, it may not be possible to provide photos.

# Towing Rate Definitions for Heavy Duty Tow Equipment (Towed vehicle 9,073 Kgs GVWR and over)

The applicable Category 4 Hydraulic 1st, 2nd & Additional Tow Rates apply to heavy duty tow trucks with tandem drive rear axles, a hydraulic extendable boom and a hydraulic under-lift or w heel-lift.

The applicable Category 4 Hydraulic 2nd & Additional Tow Rate applies to all tow s completed by:

- a heavy duty multi rear axle sliding deck trailer and tractor
- a heavy duty tandem drive rear axle roll-back carrier tow truck (flat deck)
- distance charges for Category 3 & 4 towed vehicles taken directly from the accident/recovery location to a repair facility are based on the distance from the initial tow truck dispatch location to the accident/recovery location or the distance to the repair facility whichever is greater.

Heavy Duty Rotator & Tri-Drive in service rates for tow companies that are HD T&R+ start when a tow company dispatches the tow truck, includes the travel time to the scene, and ends after the tow truck completes providing assistance at the scene and if applicable, returns to their normal service area/yard. The appropriate in service rate applies in ½ hour increments with a 1 hour minimum. Provide GPS tracking statement if possible to assist in reconciling invoices.

- a heavy duty rotator for tow companies that are HD T&R+ in service rate of \$335.00 applies to a heavy duty tow
  truck with minimum tandem drive rear axles, a rotating hydraulic extendable boom with a lifting capacity of a
  minimum of 35 tons and a hydraulic under-lift or wheel lift.
- a heavy duty tri-drive for tow companies that are HD T&R+ in service rate of \$275.00 applies to a heavy duty tow truck with tri-drive rear axles, hydraulic extendable boom with a lifting capacity of 50+ tons and a hydraulic under-lift or wheel lift.

Note: When dispatched to a difficult accident/recovery situation; submitting scene photos is encouraged to assist in reconciling additional service charges.

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# **Claim Required Additional Services**

# Unless otherwise stated, items listed below are paid in ½ hour increments, with a ½ hour minimum at the applicable category hourly rate.

#### 1. Recovery

• When required, recovery is to relocate the vehicle to provide access for hooking up.

**Note:** When circumstances require a tow truck with a higher capacity than the GVWR category hourly rate of the towed vehicle in order to complete a recovery, scene photos and a detailed written description of the services are required.

## 2. Recovery with service truck

• The Category 1 Hourly Rate for Additional Services applies from when the tow company dispatches the service vehicle(s) or tow truck(s), including the travel time to the scene, and ends after the additional truck driver completes the required assistance at the scene and returns to their place of departure prior to call-out.

## 3. Additional Tow Trucks Required

• The applicable Category hourly rate applies in ½ hour increments with a 1 hour minimum

## 4. Loading and securing vehicles

These charges apply if loading and securing the vehicle safely for transport takes more than 10 minutes i.e. Vehicle
parts damaged in collision that require securing, a vehicle that requires tarping or covering to prevent further
damage, aerodynamic components requiring strapping/removal need to be properly secured to prevent further
damage while being towed.

Note: Scene photos and a detailed written description of the additional services provided are required.

#### 5. Clean up – from vehicle being towed

- Detached vehicle parts should be gathered on scene, and delivered with the vehicle, based on the following categories:
- useable parts, such as an undamaged grill emblem attached to a broken grill assembly, and
- all parts from vehicles involved in a hit and run.

**Note**: Vehicle parts should be stored within the vehicle *only* if they are small enough not to damage the interior. Vehicle parts that do not easily fit within the vehicle should be safely secured to, and transported with the tow vehicle.

• Fluid spills - Use and disposal of absorbent material (Absorb-All) for fluid spills can be invoiced as a consumable. All absorbent material must be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

## 6. Standby time

• Standby charges are paid at the applicable Category Hourly Rate

# 7. Special Services pertaining to vehicles having a GVWR of over 3,000 kgs

• Charges for any one or a combination of services such as release airbrakes, removal of axles, drive shaft removal.

# 8. Traffic Control Vehicle

 Applicable Category 2 Hourly Rate applies to a tow company owned and/or leased traffic control vehicle, including one certified flag person who is a company employee.

# 9. Extra person/Flag Person

• Is paid at  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the applicable Category 1 Hourly Rate

# 10. Vehicle triage photo request

The applicable Category 1 Additional Services Hourly Rate applies with a one hour minimum. Indicate applicable charge on the invoice with the notation "Fee for Digital Photos".

Note: ICBC's system only accepts 25 MB of data per e-mail.

## 11. Unusually difficult road conditions

The Unusually Difficult Road Conditions rate is applied to situations when road conditions slow the speed of travel to and from an accident/recovery scene to the extent that substantial additional time is required and the distance charge-out rate is not appropriate. Mileage charges are not applicable during the time this rate is applied.

Examples of difficult road conditions:

- unplowed with deep snow
- untraveled with ice
- deeply mudded
- flooded
- deeply rutted, and
- washed out.

Note: Difficult road conditions do not include traffic congestion.

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#### 12. Recovery scene coordinator

The use of a recovery scene coordinator is specifically required for complex recoveries that meet WorkSafeBC requirements and is paid at the applicable **Category 2** hourly rate.

This includes:

- Travel time to/and if applicable from the scene.
- Scene assessment and completion of a safety plan.
- Time on scene during recovery.

**NOTE**: A complex tow (vehicle recovery) is a recovery operation that requires measures above the standard recovery process, and can involve one and/or more of the following:

- use of heavy tow truck in a mountainous, deep valley and/or with narrow road geography
- assistance of an off-road heavy equipment vehicle or specialized piece of equipment, such as a crane
- use of an extension to the winch line from the line available on the tow vehicle, due to the distance of the vehicle from the roadway
- recovery of a vehicle where the location presents a hazard (such as a lake, river, or ravine)
- recovery of a vehicle carrying or containing high risk cargo, which can pose environmental or safety issues if accidentally released.

Note: Invoices submitted with a Recovery scene coordinator that do not include one or more of these definitions listed will be removed and the invoice adjusted accordingly.

## 13. Fuel Surcharge

Applies to all fees outlined in this schedule other than:

- Extra Person
- Flares and Consumable Products
- Storage Rates
- Recovery Scene Coordinator
- all sublet services or charges
- MD Triage Photos

## 14. Flares and Consumable Products

Products required at accident recoveries are paid at product cost subject to ICBC's markup policy.

## 15. Storage Rates (subject to Towing Service Time Schedule for a Non-Priority Tow)

Zone Areas: (see City Zone Reference Table)*	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Base Storage Rate	\$19.75 /	\$18.71 /	\$15.59 /	\$11.43 /
	day	day	day	day
T & R+ Storage Rate	\$23.28 /	\$22.22 /	\$20.11 /	\$15.87 /
	day	day	day	day

<sup>\*</sup>City Zone Reference Table is available under Claims Portal/Work Tools or on the Business Partner's Page under "Towing".

- The daily storage rate applies for vehicles up to 20 feet in length (6.1 metres).
- Vehicles longer than 20 feet in length (6.1 metres) and up to 35 feet (10.7 metres) will be charged at double the daily rate.
- Vehicles over 35 feet in length (10.7 metres) will be charged at triple the daily rate.
- Motorcycles will be charged at ½ the daily rate.
- When required, indoor storage to protect a vehicle (from weather due to claim related damage or uniqueness of the vehicle model) must be pre-approved by ICBC, and is charged at double the daily storage rate.
- Storage Facility Access Fee (SFA) is for estimating purposes by ICBC employees and is charged at one applicable daily storage rate.

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