



Uber announces BC-wide expansion plans

Building on its presence in Metro Vancouver, Chilliwack, Kelowna, and Victoria, Uber plans to make their rideshare available across British Columbia on May 28th. For drivers, Uber is a great flexible earning opportunity for those with a safe driving record. For residents and visitors, Uber offers a safe, affordable, and reliable transportation option at the tap of the button. Here's everything you need to know:

When and where will this expansion happen?

On May 28th, 2025! We will make the app available across the province, but rides will only be available where drivers sign up and go online to complete trips. At launch, ride availability may vary depending on the number of drivers in your area, but we're growing every day and always looking for more to join the road. We're looking for drivers from Nanaimo to Fort St. John and everywhere in between.

Does Uber have provincial approval to expand?

Yes. In May 2023, the Passenger Transportation Board (PTB) approved a licence transfer to Uber to operate in all BC regions. The PTB's decision requires Uber to give 3 months' notice before expanding beyond existing cities.

Does my municipality need to take any additional steps?

Licensing and compliance are managed by the Passenger Transportation Board and the Government of BC's Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch, so no additional steps are required.

What does someone need to become a driver in BC?

In BC, a driver needs a Class 1, 2, or 4 licence; a criminal record check and driving history that meet standards established by the province; a vehicle that is 9 years old or newer and that passes a provincial inspection; and the legal ability to work in Canada. [Learn more.](#)

What safety features are available in-app for riders?

The Uber platform was built with safety in mind, with incident prevention tools, insurance coverage, and technology that keeps you connected. Read about our safety features [here](#) with some highlights below:

- **Secure financial transactions:** Payments and tips happen through the app.
- **Emergency Assistance Button:** Riders and drivers can get assistance in urgent circumstances by calling 911 directly from the Uber app and sharing their GPS location and trip details with authorities.
- **24/7 Incident Support:** Whenever riders and drivers need help in an urgent safety situation, they can call Uber's trained 24/7 support team directly in app.
- **Share My Trip:** Set up your Trusted Contacts and create reminders to share your trip status with friends and family in real-time.
- **RideCheck:** Using sensors and GPS data, RideCheck can help detect if a trip has an unexpected event, such as a long stop or route detour. If so, we'll check on you and offer tools to get help.

What if I want to learn more?

We are happy to set up a time to talk to you. Please contact Yanique Williams, Public Policy Manager for Western Canada, at yanique@uber.com