

APPLICATION & GUIDELINES TO DRIVE A PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE

What is an Ancillary Certificate to Drive a Public Passenger Vehicle?

A Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate authorises you to drive a Public Passenger Vehicle that carries passengers for hire or reward. This includes coach/bus, luxury hire cars, limited passenger services and other small passenger vehicles (excluding Taxis).

To obtain an Ancillary Certificate to drive a Taxi you must complete the Application to Drive a Taxi and comply with the requirements set in the guidelines.

To be eligible to drive a Public Passenger Vehicle you must:

- Hold a current Australian drivers licence for a minimum of 12 months
- Be at least 20 years of age, and
 - If you are 20 years of age you must have held your car licence for at least two out of the three years before you make an application
 - If you are 21 years or older you must have held your car licence for at least one year out of the three years before you make an application
- Be an Australian or New Zealand Citizen, permanent resident or hold a visa allowing you to work in Australia
- Satisfy the character requirements by supplying a National Criminal Security Check from Tasmania Police (see general information for meeting character requirements)
- Meet the Assessing Fitness to Drive Guidelines at the commercial drivers standard

How to make an application for a Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate:

Step 1 – Complete the application form included with these guidelines

Step 2 – Obtain a National Criminal History Check from Tasmania Police

It must be issued no more than 6 months prior to the date you lodge your complete application, and must be the original document – It may take 6 weeks to receive the National Criminal History Check

Step 3 – Undertake a medical with your regular treating general practitioner who will complete the Medical Fitness to Drive Assessment form and Assessing Fitness to Drive form included with these guidelines

Step 4 – Complete checklist below:

- Meet the minimum period for holding an Australian Drivers Licence, see page 1
- Meet the minimum age requirements, see page 1
- Completed Application Form
- Work visa (if applicable)
- National Criminal History Check
- Completed Medical Fitness to Drive Assessment Form
- Prepare for the Driver Knowledge Test by reading the *Tasmanian Road Rules* and the questions included in this form

Step 5 – Attend a Service Tasmania shop and pass the Driver Knowledge Test

Step 6 - Take all the above information together with your current Australian Drivers Licence and evidence of your residential address to any Service Tasmania shop along with the required Ancillary licence fee:

See: http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/fees/other_driver_licence_fees

Step 7 – You will be issued with your Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate so you can begin to drive Public Passenger Vehicles, except Taxis

General Information –

Meeting the Character Requirements – To be issued with a Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate you must be of good character.

There are offences and crimes which may prevent you for being issued with a Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate, these are:

- Murder, manslaughter, rape, sexual assault
- Assault, stealing, burglary, fraud
- Serious Drug offences
- Being disqualified from driving for a traffic or drug/alcohol related offence.

If you have:

- Been convicted of a criminal offence, or a serious traffic offence;
- Been refused a Taxi or Public Vehicle Licence, or
- Had a Taxi or Public Vehicle Licence cancelled,

You must provide a letter to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles outlining why you should be issued with a Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate. You should also provide other documents supporting your application (e.g. character references). You should do this when you apply for your National Criminal Security Check.

How long is a Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate valid – A Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate is valid for 12 months. A renewal notice will be sent to you before your Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate expires.

If you are disqualified from driving, your Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate will be automatically cancelled. Unless the court issues you with a Restricted Driver Licence to drive a Public Passenger Vehicle, you will have to re-apply for your Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate and provide the Registrar of Motor Vehicles with a letter of explanation outlining why you should be re-issued with a Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate.

What happens after a Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate is granted – Regular checks will be made of your conviction and driving record. If you commit a criminal offence or crime, any alcohol/drug related offence or other traffic offences your Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate may be cancelled.

You must undertake a medical which will be conducted in accordance with the Assessing Fitness To Drive Guidelines at the commercial standards:

- every three years until you turn 65 years of age
- every year from the age of 65, or
- at any time as required by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

You are not required to have a driving assessment unless requested by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

Information concerning driving assessments can be obtained by contacting the Transport Enquiry Service on 1300 851 225.

Exemption to hold an Australian Drivers Licence for 12 months – You may be able to apply for an exemption to the minimum 12 month licensing period. To be eligible for this exemption you must meet certain employment criteria. Contact the Telephone Enquiry Service on 1300 851 225 for more information regarding this exemption.

Driver Knowledge Test Information

Applicants for a Public Passenger Vehicle Ancillary Certificate will be tested on the Tasmanian road rules and the questions below.

The *Tasmanian Road Rules* are available for purchase at Service Tasmania or can be downloaded at www.transport.tas.gov.au/licenceinformation.

Questions	Answers
When is the driver of a public passenger vehicle required to carry an Ancillary Certificate to drive a Public Passenger Vehicle?	A driver must carry their Ancillary Certificate at all times that the vehicle is being used for its intended purpose. This applies whether passengers are in the vehicle or not. (For example, the driver of a taxi standing on a taxi rank must carry their Ancillary Certificate).
Is smoking permitted in a public passenger vehicle?	No. It is an offence for the driver or passengers to smoke in a public passenger vehicle.
What is a driver permitted to do if a passenger is doing something which they believe may endanger the safety of the vehicle or another person?	A driver may stop the vehicle and direct the passenger to leave the vehicle, and/or request the passenger to state his or her name and address.
There are offences that apply to the driver of a public passenger vehicle. Name these:	The driver of a public passenger vehicle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shall not refuse a hiring without lawful excuse; • shall not threaten, harass or attempt to intimidate a passenger; • shall not have any alcohol in their body while in charge of the vehicle; • must not stand or park a vehicle to pick up or set down passengers in such a way as to create an unreasonable risk to other road users; • must not drive any vehicle with any luggage not being safely stowed.
How does a driver show that they are operating a public passenger vehicle that has passed the regular inspections required by law?	A vehicle inspection label must be affixed and kept affixed to the vehicle by the person to whom it is issued. It is an offence for the registered operator to use or permit the use of a public passenger vehicle which is not under current inspection.
What is the maximum number of hours, in a period of 24 hours, a person can drive a bus with a seating capacity of 13 or more, including the driver?	12 hours
Are passengers permitted to stand in a bus?	Passengers are permitted to stand provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that there is only one person for every 1600 square cm of floor space; • they do not obstruct an entrance or exit nor cause danger or discomfort to another passenger; • the distance between the roof and the floor of the vehicle is 1.7 m or over; • the aisle is over 380 mm wide and a holding device is provided for each standing passenger.

Driver Knowledge Test Information (continued)

Questions	Answers
What is the maximum legal Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) for the driver of a public passenger vehicle?	Nil.
Is the driver of a luxury hire car permitted to approach a person in the street to make it known that his/her vehicle is available for hire?	No. It is an offence to solicit custom in a “public place”. A public place includes a public street, airport terminal or sea terminal.
Is a luxury hire car permitted to stand on a taxi rank?	No. Only a taxi which is licensed for the area may stand on a taxi rank.
What are the prescribed Limited Passenger Services that a small public passenger vehicle may undertake?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hiring out of a classic or vintage car, or a custom car such as a “hot rod” for weddings or other special occasions; together with a driver; • The hiring out, for weddings or funerals of a small passenger vehicle that (apart from any consideration of age) would be classifiable as a luxury vehicle; together with a driver; • The hiring out of a motor cycle for irregular tours or general hire; together with a driver; • The hiring out of a bus for irregular tours or general hire; together with a driver; • The hiring out of a Small Passenger Vehicle, together with a driver, for adventure, recreational, educational or other brochured tours, in accordance with guidelines or an approval issued by the Commission; • The hiring out of a 4 wheel drive vehicle for irregular tours; together with a driver; • The hiring out of a vehicle that is fitted with a wheelchair lift for general hire by persons with disabilities, together with a driver; • The use of small passenger vehicle on regular passenger transport services, together with a driver; • Such other passenger services as may be prescribed to be limited passenger services, together with a driver.

Remember you must also update your knowledge of the road rules by reading the *Tasmanian Road Rules* publication.

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Application to Drive a Public Passenger Vehicle

Surname (Family Name)			
Given Names			
Residential Address			
Postal Address (If difference from above)			
Daytime Phone Number	Mobile Phone Number	Date of Birth	Licence Number

DRIVING HISTORY/CONVICTION DETAILS

1. Have you ever had an application for a Taxi or PPV Ancillary Certificate refused?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes give details:
2. Have you ever had a Taxi or PPV Ancillary Certificate Cancelled?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes give details:
3. Have you had any traffic infringement notices issued within the last 3 years?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes give details:
4. Have you been charged or convicted of any criminal offence whether a Conviction was recorded or not?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes give details:
5. Are there any convictions pending against you?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes give details:

Work Visa, if applicable see eligibility page 1 – Please supply the details, including the permit number of your Work Visa issued in Australia

Supporting Information – If you have answered YES to Questions 1, 2, 4 and 5 under Driving History/Conviction Details then you must provide a statement outlining why you should be issued with a Public Passenger Vehicle Licence. You should also provide other documents to support your application (e.g. character reference). If insufficient space please attach a separate sheet.

Checklist (see page 2 of Guidelines)

I (full name)

confirm I have attached all documentation required as per the Checklist, Step 4 on page 2 of the Guidelines.

Signature and Declaration

I

(full name)

of

(address)

Declare that the information that I have provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I also consent to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles obtaining any additional information and National and Local criminal checks from the Department of Police and Emergency Management and interstate authorities as part of this application and during the currency of the Public Passenger Vehicle Licence.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Personal Information Protective Statement.

Personal information we collect from you for Registration and Licensing processes will be used by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for that purpose and may be used for other purposes permitted by the Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999 and associated laws. Your personal information may be disclosed to contractors and agents of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, law enforcement agencies, the Motor Accidents Insurance Board, vehicle manufacturers (safety recalls only), courts and other public sector bodies or organisations authorised to collect it. This information will be managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 2004 and may be accessed by you on request to this Department. You may be charged a fee for this service. Failure to provide this information may result in your application not being processed or records not being properly maintained.