

Hire & Drive Operations Information Sheet

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1. General Information

A passenger vehicle that is let or rented for hire to be driven by the hirer must be registered as a Hire and Drive Vehicle. This is to ensure that the correct Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB) premium class is allocated, and to prompt regular inspection where required.

Hire and Drive Vehicles do not require a separate licence.

Hire and drive status will be:

- recorded on the registration certificate and registration label; and
- signified by MAIB premium class 8 being allocated on the vehicle registration record.

Vehicles used to carry goods, such as:

- utes;
- vans; and
- trucks

are not required to be registered as Hire and Drive Vehicles, even if they are hired out to be driven by the hirer.

However, a dual cab utility or a camper van/mobile home that is let or rented for hire is regarded as having a primary purpose of carrying passengers, and therefore is required to be registered as a Hire and Drive Vehicle.

2. About The Vehicle Status

a. How do I have my vehicle registered as a Hire and Drive Vehicle?

You should complete the appropriate application form (see section 6).

Please note that your vehicle must be under current inspection before it can be registered as a Hire and Drive Vehicle unless:

- it is a small passenger vehicle (less than 13 seats, including the driver's seat); and
- is less than three years of age.

These vehicles are exempt from inspection (see section 5).

b. Can I remove Hire and Drive status from my vehicle?

Yes, you may apply at any time to have your vehicle's hire and drive registration status removed by completing the appropriate form (see section 6).

3. Registration

Can my vehicle have both Hire and Drive and Public Passenger Vehicle registration?

Yes, a passenger-carrying vehicle may be recorded as both a Public Passenger Vehicle and as a Hire and Drive Vehicle.

Circumstances where this may occur are:

- where a bus company wishes to hire out its own Public Passenger Vehicle buses to be driven by the hirer; or
- where a person wishes to rent buses to a bus operator to carry passengers for commercial purposes. That person will be required to be accredited - see below.

Where a vehicle is registered as both a Public Passenger Vehicle and Hire and Drive Vehicle, the higher MAIB premium class 8 for Hire and Drive Vehicles will apply.

4. Accreditation

As a hire and drive operator, do I need to be accredited?

Yes, all hire and drive operators must be accredited by the Transport Commission. The Commission imposes conditions on the accreditation of Hire and Drive operators. These conditions are detailed at the following link: http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/operator_information. An application for accreditation is available - see section 6.

5. Inspection

Does my hire and drive vehicle need to be inspected?

If it has:

- more than 12 seats, including the driver's seat (a Large Passenger Vehicle), it must be inspected every six months, regardless of the age of the vehicle;
- less than 13 seats, including the driver's seat (a Small Passenger Vehicle), and is more than three but less than fifteen years old, it must be inspected annually.
- less than 13 seats, including the driver's seat, and is more than fifteen years old, it must be inspected every six months.

If the vehicle is less than 3 years of age and less than 13 seats, including the driver's seat, it does not require an inspection. Large passenger vehicles must undergo an initial inspection and then six monthly inspections thereafter regardless of age.

All inspections of Hire and Drive vehicles are carried out by Authorised Inspection Stations, which are detailed at the following link: <http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/standards>

Inspection fees are payable to the AIS and are detailed at the following link: <http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/fees>

6. Application Form/Fees

Addition/removal of Public Passenger Vehicle and/or Hire and Drive status

- Application forms are available through the link below or from *Service Tasmania* shops. http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/operator_forms
- A current certificate of inspection must be presented before your vehicle can be registered as a Hire and Drive (unless it is exempt from inspection - see section 5).

- Completed application forms should be returned to a *Service Tasmania* shop, where a Customer Service Officer will change the vehicle record and enter the appropriate MAIB premium class.
- You will be provided with a replacement registration certificate and label once the record has been changed.
- If you are adding hire and drive status to your vehicle, you may need to pay additional MAIB premium.
- If you are removing hire and drive status from your vehicle, a refund of MAIB premium may be applicable.

Application for Accreditation

- Application forms are available through this the link below or from *Service Tasmania* shops.
http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/operator_forms
- A copy of your (or the Responsible Officer's where relevant) Personal Conviction Check Release form completed by Tasmania Police (or equivalent if applying from outside of Tasmania) must be attached to the application form. In Tasmania, this form is available from your local Police Station. Fees may apply.
- Completed application forms should be returned with fees of \$105 to a *Service Tasmania* shop or mailed to the Transport Operator Accreditation Branch of DIER at GPO Box 936, Hobart 7001.
- You will be notified in writing as to whether your application was successful.

7. Like Further Information?

This paper is one in a series of Information Sheets that provide further detail on a range of public vehicle licensing reform matters. This information can be accessed from the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources' public website. Copies of the Information Sheets are available from *Service Tasmania* shops or by contacting the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources' Telephone Enquiry Service on 1 300 851 225.

Other Information Sheets available are:

- [Public Passenger Vehicles](#)
- [Luxury Hire Cars](#)
- [Public Passenger Vehicle and Hire and Drive Operator Accreditation](#)
- [Loading Zone Use](#)
- [Vehicle Inspection Scheme](#)
- [Small Public Passenger Vehicle, Taxi and Luxury Hire Car Operations](#)
- [Review of Decisions Under Passenger Transport Legislation](#)

These information sheets and more detailed information on the legislation relevant to Hire and Drive Vehicles (listed below) can be found on the Tasmanian Government's legislation [website](#) or you can obtain a copy from the Print Applied Technology Bookshop at 123 Collins Street, Hobart 7000, telephone 1800 030 940, or email sales@thepat.com.au

- [Passenger Transport Act 1997](#)
- [Vehicle and Traffic \(Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration\) Regulations 2000](#)
- [Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999](#)