

Attention: Manager Legislation and Compliance,
I bring your attention to –

Part 2 - Licences

6 - Minimum service level as condition on wheelchair accessible taxi licence

(1) The Commission must impose on a wheelchair-accessible taxi licence a condition requiring the vehicle to which the licence relates to be used to undertake 20 hirings that involve carrying a wheelchair passenger in each calendar month.

Response:

Should read – 30 Hirings.

Part 4 - Equipment

17 - Equipment required for on-demand passenger vehicle

(1) Security camera taxi area means any of the following taxi areas:

- (a) Burnie taxi area
- (b) Devonport taxi area
- (c) Hobart taxi area
- (d) Huonville taxi area
- (e) Launceston taxi area
- (f) Perth taxi area
- (g) Ulverstone taxi area

Response:

It appears nearest adjacent area to a city is included except for New Norfolk.

Suggestion, remove requirement for Huonville, Ulverstone and Perth or add New Norfolk.

(2) A vehicle used, or intended for use, as a taxi is to be fitted with the following equipment

- (a) a taximeter installed in such a way that
 - (ii) all passengers who are facing forward can see the fare displayed on the taximeter at all times during the hiring

Response:

All late model vehicles of today with their busy layout across the console, instrument cluster areas and intrusion of air bags, proves difficult and on some occasions impossible to mount a meter in such a position that it is visible to all seats in the vehicle. This includes WAT vehicles.

Suggestion – The vehicles taxi meter must be visible to a hiring passenger(s) of the taxi.

(d) a light, affixed to the roof of a vehicle or to a taxi roof sign, that, when the vehicle is being operated as a taxi, indicates the tariff, if any, under which the vehicle is operating.

Response:

There are currently two(2) types of taxi meters available.

1 – A taxi meter that has no ability to automatically: change tariff at the prescribed time of day or add tolls via GPS coordinates, instead requiring manual activation via the driver. (This would be applicable to WAT vehicles regardless, as depending on circumstance of hiring, the meter tariff can be manually adjusted.)

2 – A taxi meter that operates fully automatically: the change of tariff and adds any prescribed tolls via GPS coordinates to the total fare upon completion of the trip. These meter requests are set either by the manufacturer or Authorised Meter Adjuster.

Suggestion:

A clear light affixed to the inside of the taxi roof sign illuminated when the taxi is for hire or vacant.

Where a taxi with a meter installed as described in Response 1 above; a light(s), affixed to the roof of a vehicle or to a taxi roof sign, that, when the vehicle is being operated as a taxi, indicates the tariff, if any, under which the vehicle is operating.

Kind regards,

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