

Large Passenger Vehicle Information Sheet

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I. General Information

a. Is my vehicle a Large Passenger Vehicle?

The requirements for Large Passenger Vehicles are contained in the [Passenger Transport Services Act 2011](#).

A vehicle is a Large Passenger Vehicle (LPV) if it has 10 or more seats, including the driver's seat.

b. Seating capacity

- For vehicles registered **before 1 July 2013** the number of seats is taken to be the number of seats recorded in the Motor Registry System.
- Vehicles registered **from 1 July 2013** will have a seating capacity equal to the original manufactured seating capacity regardless of whether seats have been removed. However if as a result of modification the seating capacity is increased above the original manufactured capacity then the higher number of seats will apply.
- This distinction does not apply to vehicles used as wheelchair-accessible taxis, where the number of seats is taken to be the number of seats after modification.

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2. About the Vehicle

a. What can my LPV do?

An LPV may provide:

- a Regular Passenger Service, either for school students or for the general public - provided the service is approved by the Transport Commission (see section 3a);
- a hire and drive (rental vehicle) service; or
- a passenger transport service.

An operational licence for the vehicle is not required.

3. Services

a. What is a Regular Passenger Service?

A Regular Passenger Transport Service is defined as a service which:

- involves the carriage of passengers for reward;
- involves a vehicle travelling over a defined route (or between defined places) on a regular basis according to an advertised or publicly accessible schedule; and
- is open to use by the general public or a significant sub-group (eg school children).

Legislation also requires all Regular Passenger Services to be authorised by, and registered with, the Transport Commission.

b. What is a passenger transport service?

A passenger transport service with respect to an LPV is where the vehicle is used:

- for the purposes of carrying passengers;
- is available to the general public irrespective of whether a fare or fee is paid;
- and the service is deemed to be a "transport concern".

A "transport concern" is a transport service operated by a person or business as its sole or main activity, and is the primary focus of the operator of the service. The Commission may consider a number of other matters before deeming a passenger transport service to be a transport concern.

c. What is a Hire and Drive Passenger service?

A hire and drive passenger service is the provision of unmanned passenger vehicles for hire or rent, to be driven by the hirer.

4. Registration

a. How is my vehicle registered as a Large Passenger Vehicle?

The registration of a LPV is automatic at the time of its first and usually, subsequent registration (even if it is not being used for reward).

Registration of a vehicle as a Large Passenger Vehicle entails:

- the payment of the correct MAIB insurance premium;
- the need to have the vehicle regularly [inspected](#).

Registration of a LPV as a Hire and Drive is at the discretion of the registered operator of the vehicle.

b. What are the appropriate MAIB insurance premium classes?

The appropriate MAIB premium class on the vehicle's registration record signifies Large Passenger Vehicle registration. The premium class is also shown on a vehicle's registration certificate, which is issued only for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass of 4.5 t or more. You should contact Service Tasmania for further information on premium classes.

Class 16 applies to a Large Passenger Vehicle up to 16 passengers. Class 7 applies to a Large Passenger Vehicle that exceeds that. Class 8 premium applies to a vehicle used to provide Hire and Drive services.

c. Can my large passenger vehicle be exempt from being registered as a LPV?

There are certain instances where a LPV is not required to be registered as such;

- if the LPV is registered to an individual or 2 individuals and is used as a private family vehicle - (in this case a "personal, private use" form is available at, and lodged with, Service Tasmania), or for "incidental passenger services" such as private car-pooling arrangements, or used wholly within a tourism or sporting complex, the requirements of the [Passenger Transport Services Act 2011](#) do not apply. The Act describes these services in detail.
- where an approved Motor Dealer is transferring registration of a LPV to their name as an interim measure whilst the LPV is for sale.

In each instance, Service Tasmania will adjust registration accordingly.

5. Accreditation

Anyone who provides a Passenger Transport Service or a Hire and Drive Passenger Service must be [accredited](#) in respect of that service.

6. Fees

a. Addition or removal of Large Passenger Vehicle and / or Hire and Drive status

As noted above, LPV registration status will be automatic at initial and subsequent registration – (it may be subsequently exempted as noted in section 4 above). If a Hire and Drive or LPV registration status is to be added or removed:

- the registered operator of the vehicle should visit a Service Tasmania shop and advise of the required MAIB premium change. NO SPECIFIC APPLICATION DOCUMENT TO CHANGE MAIB PREMIUM IS REQUIRED. For Hire and Drive vehicles, the registered operator can also email TES@stategrowth.tas.gov.au
- If adding LPV or Hire and Drive MAIB premium, a current certificate of inspection must be presented, or previously recorded, to allow the recording of Large Passenger Vehicle or Hire and Drive status. If the vehicle is greater than 4.5t GVM, you will be provided with a replacement registration certificate once the record has been changed.
- If you are adding Hire and Drive or LPV registration status to your LPV, you may need to pay additional MAIB premium.
- If you are removing Hire and Drive or LPV status from your LPV, a refund of MAIB premium may be applicable.

5. Further Information

This information sheet is one in a series of information sheets listed below that provide further detail on a range of passenger transport matters. This information can be accessed from the [Department's website](#). Copies of the information sheets are available from Service Tasmania shops or by calling 1300 135 513.

Other information sheets available are:

- Passenger Transport Services Operator Accreditation
- Hire and Drive Passenger Services
- Taxi, Luxury Hire Car and Restricted Hire Vehicles
- Review of Decisions Under Passenger Transport Legislation
- Vehicle Inspections

More detailed information on the legislation relevant to Passenger Transport Services Operator Accreditation (listed below) can be found on the Tasmanian Government's legislation [website](#):

- [Passenger Transport Services Act 2011](#)
- [Vehicle and Traffic \(Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration\) Regulations 2010](#)
- [Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999](#)
- [Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008](#)

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