

Assessing a Vehicle as a Commercial Passenger Vehicle

Introduction

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to provide a consistent and transparent process to the customer and Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics staff when assessing the suitability of a vehicle type for use in a commercial passenger vehicle (CPV) category.

A vehicle will be assessed when processing an application to use any modified and / or imported vehicle as a CPV.

Please refer to form *CPVF34 – Application to Assess a Vehicle for use as a Commercial Passenger Vehicle*.

Background

The Director Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport (the Director) approves the vehicle types for use as a CPV in the Northern Territory.

A factory standard / unmodified production vehicle that is fitted with an Australian compliance plate may be approved for use as a CPV provided the vehicle:

- complies with the requirements and in-service vehicle maintenance standards for the vehicle category (as applicable); and
- passes the CPV standards inspection.

With the deregulation of the Courtesy Vehicle Category, businesses that provide a courtesy service will not be required to have their vehicles assessed as a CPV. All vehicles that are used to provide a courtesy service will be subject to normal inspection regimes. Please refer to the Motor Vehicle Registry website for further information.

Rideshare vehicles will only require a roadworthy vehicle inspection from an authorised vehicle inspector as well as meeting the conditions as set out in the Ridesharing In-service Vehicle Maintenance Standards.

Passenger seating capacity for vehicles will be determined by the number of seats as indicated on the vehicle's compliance plate (not including the driver).

A Single Uniform Type Inspection (SUTI) will be required for any:

- modified or imported vehicle; or
- vehicle without an Australian Compliance Plate.

In any of these cases, the passenger seating will be individually assessed.

Please refer to the below matrix to determine if a SUTI is required.

Matrix to determine if a SUTI is required

Criteria	Taxi	Minibus	Private Hire / Limo	Tourist Vehicle	Motor Omnibus	Special Purpose	Special Function	Rideshare
New model unassessed								
Previously assessed								
Compliance plate not fitted								
Compliance plate fitted								
Not modified / imported								
Modified / imported								

Legend: SUTI required No SUTI required Case-by-case assessment

In-Service Vehicle Maintenance Standards

The principal purpose of in-service vehicle maintenance standards is to provide the CPV industry with a set of guidelines for determining the minimum acceptable standards for vehicles.

These guidelines include, but are not limited to safety and vehicle technical standards. These guidelines are applicable to vehicles when being assessed for first registration and to vehicles that are already in-service.

Resources

Commercial Passenger Vehicle Information

In-Service Maintenance Standards: nt.gov.au/driving/industry/types-of-commercial-passenger-vehicles
 Legislation: www.legislation.nt.gov.au

Motor Vehicle Registry Information www.nt.gov.au/driving

Important

This Information Bulletin is a guide only and contains general information and requirements in relation to the CPV industry. This document should not be regarded as a strict interpretation of Northern Territory law and In-Service Vehicle Maintenance Standards.

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