

## Limousine Licence

### Introduction

- A limousine is a vehicle approved by the Director of Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport (the Director) that is fitted, equipped or constructed to carry up to eight passengers.
- A limousine is used to carry passengers for the purpose of hire or reward with the services of a driver.

### Requirements

#### To Own/Operate a Limousine

- To own/operate or register a limousine, you must be an accredited operator under the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act*. Once accredited, you are then required to apply for a limousine licence.
- To apply for operator accreditation to operate a limousine, complete the application form CPVF01, and all other requirements as laid out in the application, then submit at your local MVR office with the prescribed fee.
- Before a limousine licence can be issued you must have your vehicle checked and approved by an MVR Transport Inspector and pay the prescribed fee (see the Operating Conditions section below).
- You must keep records relating to the operation of the limousine as set out in the current Limousine Regulations.

#### To Drive a Limousine

- To drive a limousine for the purpose of hire or reward, you must:
  - a) be the holder of a current driver's licence
  - b) be the holder of a licence to drive commercial passenger vehicles (CPVs) ('h' endorsement)
  - c) have successfully completed formal driver training (where available), and
  - d) be the holder of a current CPV ID Card with limousine endorsed against the ID Card.
- Any person who drives a vehicle that is registered as a CPV must have a zero blood drug and alcohol levels.

### Operating Conditions

- When applying for a limousine licence the person applying for that licence must be the same as the person who owns the vehicle.
- If a limousine licence is expired for a period of more than three months it will be considered cancelled.
- There is provision to place a limousine licence on hold for an approved period (conditions apply).
- A limousine is only permitted to accept a hiring if it has been pre-booked.
- The annual fee for a limousine licence is \$300.00 regardless of the region. A full payment of 12 months will apply to any limousine licence that is issued or renewed.

- Limousine fares are not regulated by Government. The fare is to be negotiated between the hirer and the driver or network operator prior to the journey taking place.
- Upon completion of each job the limousine is to return to the base of operation unless it is not reasonably practicable for the driver to do so before the next pre-booked journey.
- The operator of a commercial passenger vehicle must not allow the vehicle to be made available for hire or reward if the vehicle is unsafe. A vehicle is considered unsafe if it is likely to endanger the safety of any person, public safety or any property. Some examples of where a vehicle may be considered unsafe include; frayed seatbelts, dislodged or damaged panels, faulty airbags, bald or damaged tyres and misaligned or damaged door seals. Operators should have appropriate systems in place to ensure their vehicles are maintained in a safe condition.

Drivers also play an important part with monitoring vehicle condition and must check the vehicle prior to commencing each shift. Where the vehicle is found to be unsafe, the driver must immediately report the issue to the operator for rectification and cease operating. Substantial fines apply to both operator and driver found operating an unsafe vehicle for hire or reward. The vehicle may also be defected, necessitating a full roadworthy inspection.

## General Information

- Any person who operates or drives a limousine must comply with all relevant Acts, Regulations and any Code of Conduct pertaining to limousines.
- For information on CPV ID Cards see Information Bulletin CPV18.
- For information on how to obtain a licence to drive CPVs see Information Bulletin CPV05.

## Resources

Listed below are resources that may provide assistance to you.

### Commercial Passenger Vehicle Information

Information Bulletins and Forms: [nt.gov.au/driving/industry/cpv-information-bulletins-and-forms](http://nt.gov.au/driving/industry/cpv-information-bulletins-and-forms)

Legislation: [www.legislation.nt.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nt.gov.au)

Motor Vehicle Registry Information [www.nt.gov.au/driving](http://www.nt.gov.au/driving)

### General Information

Criminal History Checks: <https://forms.pfes.nt.gov.au/safent/>

## 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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