

# Commercial Passenger Vehicles Information Bulletin – CPV48

## Multiple Purpose Taxi (MPT) Grant

### Introduction

On 15 March 2022, Minister for the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (the Department) released the completed [2021 Commercial Passenger Vehicle Review](#) (CPV Review) with a [Summary of the 2022 CPV Industry Reforms](#) identifying approved recommendations.

One of the approved recommendations from the CPV Review was the establishment of a grant (the Grant) aimed at improving wheelchair accessible taxi availability within the NT's CPV industry, and to provide significant financial relief to MPT operators to assist with the conversion of standard vehicles into MPTs.

Approved applicants will be awarded a one-off payment of up to \$15,000 to assist with fees associated with converting a standard vehicle into a MPT. The grant will only be provided to successful applicants once the relevant vehicle modifications have been carried out, and the vehicle is registered in the Northern Territory (NT) as a MPT. GST is not applicable to this grant.

The Grant monies must be contributed in whole towards the vehicle modification, including the installation of wheelchair accessible equipment to convert a standard vehicle into a MPT.

This grant came into effect as of 15 March 2022, applications for vehicles modified prior to this date are not eligible for the grant.

### Eligibility requirements

To be eligible to apply for the Grant, the applicant must:

- a) hold current Operator Accreditation issued under the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act 1991*;
- b) hold a current MPT commercial vehicle licence (CVL) issued under the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act 1991*, or have been allocated one through a taxi ballot;
- c) provide vehicle ownership documentation (i.e invoice with a zero balance outstanding in the name of the applicant); and
- d) provide a comprehensive quote from a qualified vehicle modifications provider.

### How to apply

1. Log in or register with GrantsNT [www.grantsnt.nt.gov.au/](http://www.grantsnt.nt.gov.au/)
2. Search *Multiple Purpose Taxi Grant*.
3. Follow the prompts to enter and upload all required information.
4. Once you've submitted all required information, click 'Save', then click 'Submit to Agency'. A pop-up box will appear to confirm the submission.

5. You will then receive an automated email confirming the submission to agency for assessment.
6. Applications for initial assessment can take up to 10 working days.
7. Once the application is approved, the status within GrantsNT will be updated to 'successful' and applicants will receive an email requesting final documents to be provided once vehicle modifications have been made. Documents (listed below) must be provided within one calendar month.

The applicant must upload the below documents to GrantsNT:

- a) an engineer report for the vehicle modifications;
- b) a comprehensive tax invoice for completed modifications and equipment;
- c) registration certificate to identify that the vehicle can be used as a MPT.

Once the documents have been submitted and assessed, the payment will then be processed via the GrantsNT acquittal system.

## What the grant does not cover

The grant does not cover the following:

- replacing existing parts of a current MPT;
- purchasing a current MPT that already has the MPT capabilities and equipment;
- ongoing maintenance, repair or replacement of the equipment;
- any applications for vehicle modifications prior to 15 March 2022; and
- any other fees, such as taxi meters, security cameras, EFTPOS systems, dispatch systems, etc.

## Revocation of grant

In the event the applicant has not contributed the whole amount of the grant towards its intended purpose, or is found to have breached any of the eligibility requirements, the Department legally reserves the right to rescind the Grant.<sup>1</sup>

## Privacy

The Department is bound by the NT *Information Act 2002* and will only ever use information in accordance with the NT Government's Information Privacy Principles. These principles are available at [www.infocomm.nt.gov.au/privacy/information-privacy-principles](http://www.infocomm.nt.gov.au/privacy/information-privacy-principles) or by contacting the Information Commissioner NT on 1800 005 610.

By submitting an application:

- the applicant declares and warrants that the applicant has read, understood and fully accepts that they meet requirements to be eligible for the Grant; and
- the applicant acknowledges that the Department may conduct such due diligence enquiries as it sees fit in order to maintain the integrity of the Scheme (but without any liability whatsoever to do so) and that the allocated funding is used strictly in accordance with the intent of the relevant government policy.

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<sup>1</sup> *Financial Management Regulations 1995* (NT), s 5(1), s 5(2)(b).

## Authorisation

[Commercial Passenger \(Road\) Transport Act 1991 \(NT\)](#)

[Commercial Passenger \(Miscellaneous\) Regulations 1992 \(NT\)](#)

[Financial Management Act 1995 \(NT\)](#)

[Financial Management Regulations 1995 \(NT\)](#)

[2021 Commercial Passenger Vehicle Review, approved Government decision no. 2d](#)

## Help

For help on the GrantsNT website, visit [grantsnt.nt.gov.au/help](https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/help) or for further information please use the contact details below.

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