

# Commercial Passenger Vehicles Information Bulletin – CPV07

## Tourist vehicle licence

### Introduction

A tourist vehicle is a vehicle approved by the Director of Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport (the Director) that is used to carry tourists for hire or reward in the following situations only:

- outside a council area for pre-arranged bookings; or
- within a council area as part of a tour package; or
- within a council area for a type of tour pre-approved by the Director.

A tourist vehicle is assessed on a case by case basis but is typically an all wheel drive, four wheel drive or a forward control (van type) passenger vehicle. There are three tourist vehicle classifications:

- TV1 – carries up to 9 passengers.
- TV2 – carries 10 or more passengers.
- TV3 – a motor cycle, including trike configuration.

### Requirements

#### To operate a tourist vehicle

- To operate or register a tourist vehicle, you must be an accredited operator under the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act 1991*. Once accredited, you are then required to apply for a tourist vehicle licence.
- To apply for operator accreditation to operate a tourist vehicle, complete the application form [CPVF01 – Commercial Passenger Vehicle Operator Accreditation Application](#), and all other requirements as laid out in the application, then submit the application at your local Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR) office with the prescribed fee.
- You must also complete the form, [CPV02 – Application for a Commercial Vehicle Licence](#) in addition to completing the application form CPVF01.
- Before a tourist vehicle licence can be issued you must have your vehicle checked and approved by an MVR Transport Inspector and pay the prescribed fee.
- The prescribed fee for a tourist vehicle licence is \$550.00 for a three year period with a \$50.00 per annum endorsement fee for each vehicle endorsed against the licence (non refundable).
- You must keep records relating to the operation of the tourist vehicle as set out in the current Tourist Vehicle Regulations 1992 and Commercial Passenger (Miscellaneous) Regulations 1992.

#### To drive a tourist vehicle

To drive a tourist vehicle for the purpose of hire or reward, you must:

- be the holder of a current Northern Territory driver licence, appropriate to the class of vehicle being driven, and
- be the holder of a licence to drive Commercial Passenger Vehicles (CPVs) ('h' endorsement).

Any person who drives or rides a vehicle that is registered as a CPV must have zero blood drug and alcohol levels.

## Operating Conditions

- In the event of a breakdown of a tourist vehicle whilst on tour, a privately registered vehicle of the similar type to the primary vehicle may be used for up to four days only.
- More than one vehicle can be endorsed against a tourist vehicle licence.
- An operator or driver of a tourist vehicle is not permitted to carry out airport transfers unless that carriage is part of an overall tour package.
- An operator or driver of a tourist vehicle is not permitted to conduct or advertise tours or journeys for a fare calculated by reference to the distance travelled.
- 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 tourist vehicle must comply with all relevant Acts, Regulations, Key Performance Indicator standards and any Code of Conduct pertaining to tourist vehicles.

For information on how to obtain a licence to drive CPVs ('h' endorsement) see information bulletin [CPV05 - How to obtain an "h" \(Hire or Reward\) endorsement](#).

For further information on Commercial Passenger Vehicles, visit [www.nt.gov.au/driving/industry](http://www.nt.gov.au/driving/industry).

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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