

## Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

# CPV04 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:
  - a) outside a council area for pre-arranged bookings; or
  - b) within a council area as part of a tour package; or
  - c) 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.

### 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*. 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, and all other requirements as laid out in the application, then submit at your local MVR Office with the prescribed fee.
- 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 (see page 2).
- You must keep records relating to the operation of the Tourist Vehicle as set out in the current *Tourist Vehicle Regulations*.

### To Drive a Tourist Vehicle

- To drive a Tourist Vehicle for the purpose of hire or reward, you must:
  - a) be the holder of a current Northern Territory driver licence, appropriate to the class of vehicle being driven, and
  - b) be the holder of a licence to drive Commercial Passenger Vehicles (“h” endorsement).
- Any person who drives or rides a vehicle that is registered as a Commercial Passenger Vehicle must have zero blood alcohol level.

## 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 4 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.

## General information

- Any person who operates or drives a Tourist Vehicle must comply with all relevant Acts, Regulations and any Code of Conduct pertaining to Tourist Vehicles.
- The application fee for a Tourist Vehicle Licence is \$500 for a 3 year period with a \$45 per annum endorsement fee for each vehicle endorsed against the licence (non refundable).

## Important

This Information Bulletin is a guide only and contains general information and requirements for/in relation to Commercial Passenger Vehicles. This document should not be regarded as a strict interpretation of Northern Territory law.

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