

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

CPV 07 – Commercial Passenger Vehicle Identity (CPVID) Card Exemption Provisions

Requirements

A driver of a Taxi, Minibus, Private Hire Car or Limousine must hold an 'h' endorsement on his/her driver licence in addition to holding a current Northern Territory (NT) Commercial Passenger Vehicle Identity (CPV ID) card, endorsed for the respective category, prior to driving any vehicle for hire or reward.

A new driver of a Taxi, Minibus, Private Hire Car or Limousine must be able to demonstrate that he/she has held an open (not including any Provisional period) class 'C' (or higher) driver licence for a minimum of two (2) years and be a minimum of 21 years of age, to be eligible to undertake training to obtain a CPV ID card.

Exemption Provisions

A new driver who holds a current NT driver licence (not Provisional) and has attained 21 years of age but has not held an open driver licence for the two (2) year prerequisite, may lodge an application for an exemption to this prerequisite. Each case will be considered on its own merits but the following minimum requirements will apply.

The applicant;

1. must complete an "Application for Exemption to the 2 Year Driving Prerequisite for obtaining a Commercial Passenger Vehicle Identity Card" (see form [CPVF28](#));
2. must provide written support from an NT accredited operator, for whom he/she will be working as a commercial passenger vehicle driver, for the period of non-eligibility;
3. in Darwin and Alice Springs, will need to provide written confirmation of having had his/her driving skills assessed by an approved independent qualified driving assessor;
 - (a) the assessment will be conducted on-road for a minimum of 45 minutes;
 - (b) the vehicle used must be typical of the vehicles currently used in the taxi, minibus, private hire car or limousine industry;
 - (c) the route (in Darwin and Alice Springs) will include the central business districts and all major places of passenger transit, i.e. airports, train stations and bus terminals;
4. in Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy (Gove), will need to provide written confirmation of having had his/her driving skills checked by a Licence Testing Officer (LTO).

Note: A fee may be charged by the independent driving assessor for their service. Where the driving skills are checked by a Licence Testing Officer, MVR test fees will apply.

Once the assessment has been conducted and the driver deemed competent, he/she will be eligible to commence CPV driver training. Upon successfully completing the training requirements and gaining the required driving hours, the driver will be eligible for his/her conditional CPV ID card.

Note: Once the application has been assessed by CPV Branch, the driver will be notified in writing

IMPORTANT

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

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