

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

CPV11 - Minibus Licence

Introduction

- A Minibus is a vehicle approved by the Director of Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport that is fitted, equipped or constructed to carry 9 to 15 passengers.
- A Minibus is used to carry passengers for the purpose of hire or reward with the services of a driver.

Requirements

To Own/Operate a Minibus

- To own/operate or register a Minibus, you must be an Accredited Operator under the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act*. Once accredited, you are then required to apply for a Minibus licence.
- To apply for Operator Accreditation to operate a Minibus, 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 Minibus 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 of this bulletin).
- You must keep records relating to the operation of the Minibus as set out in the current *Minibus Regulations*.

To Drive a Minibus

- To drive a Minibus for the purpose of hire or reward, you must:
 - (a) be the holder of a current drivers licence (usually a 'LR' class)
 - (b) be the holder of a licence to drive Commercial Passenger Vehicles ("h" endorsement)
 - (c) have successfully completed formal driver training, and
 - (d) be the holder of a current CPV ID card with Minibus endorsed against the ID Card.
- Any person who drives a vehicle that is registered as a Commercial Passenger Vehicle must have zero blood alcohol level.

Operating Conditions

- When applying for a Minibus licence the person applying for that licence must be the same as the person who owns the vehicle.
- If a Minibus licence is expired for a period of more than 3 months it will be considered cancelled.
- There is provision to place a Minibus licence on hold for an approved period (conditions apply).
- A Minibus is permitted to stand for hire in designated Minibus ranks.
- A Minibus is permitted to respond to hails, eg. if a potential customer waves you down from the footpath you can pull over and pick that person up providing it is safe to do so.

- The annual fee for a Minibus licence varies from region to region.

Darwin	\$16,000	Katherine	\$9,000
Alice Springs	\$13,000	Gove	\$5,000
Tennant Creek	\$ 4,500		
- A full payment of 12 months will apply to any new Minibus licence that is issued. Following the initial 12 month period the option of 3, 6, 9 and 12 monthly payments are available.
- A person cannot operate a Minibus within an area that is not specified in the Minibus licence.
- Communication devices, company logos/advertisements and dome lights must be fitted as described in the "Minibus Requirements and In-Service Maintenance Standards".

Communications device for a Minibus

- Any communications device used by drivers to receive notification of jobs is subject to conditions these conditions are to enhance customer service, safety, and complaints handling to maintain the same minimum standard across the entire industry.
- When you apply for a Minibus licence you will be asked to nominate your intended communications device/s.

General information

- Any person who operates or drives a Minibus must comply with all relevant Acts, Regulations and any Code of Conduct pertaining to Minibuses.
- For information on CPV ID Cards see information bulletin CPV18.
- For information on how to obtain a licence to drive commercial passenger vehicles see information bulletin CPV05.

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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