

## Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

# CPV12 Private Hire Car (PHC) Licence

### Introduction

- A Private Hire Car (PHC) is a vehicle approved by the Director of Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport (“the Director”) that is fitted, equipped or constructed to carry up to 8 passengers.
- A PHC is used to carry passengers for the purpose of hire or reward with the services of a driver.

### Requirements

#### To Own/Operate a PHC

- To own/operate or register a PHC, you must be an Accredited Operator under the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act* (refer Information Bulletin [CPV01](#)).
- If you are applying for accreditation for the first time you must make your intention clear at time of application by completing the approved form [CPV02](#) in addition to completing the application form [CPVF01](#).
- If you intend to operate a PHC licence in addition to your current CPV operations you must apply to the Director on the approved form [CPV02](#) for consideration (fee may apply).
- Please note: Any new additional application may take up to 10 days to process.

#### To Drive a PHC

- To drive a PHC for the purpose of hire or reward, you must:
  - (a) be the holder of a current drivers licence;
  - (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 Private Hire Car 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 PHC licence the person applying for that licence must be the same as the person who owns the vehicle.
- You must operate the PHC as set out in the current Private Hire Car Regulations/Motor Vehicle (Hire Car) Regulations and as set out in the PHC Licence issued by the Director.
- If a PHC licence is expired for a period of more than 3 months it will be considered cancelled.
- There is provision to place a PHC licence on hold for an approved period (conditions apply).
- A PHC is only permitted to accept a hiring if it has been pre-booked unless the hiring commences from a rank established by the relevant competent authority or event organiser at a special function or event approved by the Director (see below for a list of approved functions and events).

- The annual fee for a PHC licence is \$6000 regardless of the region. A full payment of 12 months will apply for any new PHC licence that is issued. After that 12 month period the option of 3, 6, 9 and 12 monthly payments are available.
- PHC fares are not regulated by Government. The fare is to be negotiated between the hirer and the driver or Network Operator prior to the journey taking place.
- Upon completion of each job the PHC is to return to an approved base of operation unless it is not reasonably practicable for the driver to do so before the next pre-booked journey.
- The intended PHC must comply with all requirements as described in the "Private Hire Car & Limousines Requirements and In-Service Maintenance Standards".

### Approved Functions and Events

- (a) The arrival at any airport in the Northern Territory of passenger aircraft on international interstate or intra-Territory flights
- (b) The arrival at any railway station or passenger terminal in the Northern Territory of the Ghan passenger train
- (c) The event known as the "V8 Super Cars", held at the Hidden Valley motor sports complex
- (d) The Alice Springs, Darwin, Katherine and Tennant Creek Shows at the show grounds
- (e) Any international cricket match (one-day or test) sanctioned by the Australian Cricket Board held at the Marrara Sporting Complex
- (f) Any horse race meeting which is part of or known as the "Darwin Cup Carnival", sanctioned by the Northern Territory Racing Commission, held at the Fannie Bay race track
- (g) Any horse race meeting which is part of or known as the "Alice Springs Racing Carnival" sanctioned by the Northern Territory Racing Commission, held at Pioneer Park race track
- (h) The event known as "Bass in the Grass" located at the Darwin Amphitheatre
- (i) Any sporting event at the Marrara Sporting Complex where at least one team is an International representative team or an Australian National premier team
- (j) Lasseters Hotel Casino Alice Springs and Skycity Darwin
- (k) The event known as 'Bass in the Dust' held at the Anzac Oval or Blatherskite Park
- (l) Any sporting event at the Anzac Oval or Trager Park where at least one team is an international representative team or an Australian National premier team
- (m) Master's Games opening and closing ceremonies
- (n) The event known as 'Carols by Candlelight' held at the Anzac Oval
- (o) The event known as 'Govey's Muster' held at the RSL Club grounds
- (p) The event known as 'Old Timer's Fete' held at Old Timer's village; and
- (q) Any major event held at Anzac Oval or Blatherskite Park.
- (r) The events listed on the Darwin Convention Centre website from time to time.

### Communications Device for a PHC

- 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 so that the same minimum standard across the entire industry is maintained.
- When you apply for a PHC licence you will be asked to nominate your intended communications device/s.

## General Information

- Upon approval by the Director, the application form [CPV02](#) that you completed at time of your initial application will be returned to you accompanied by a covering letter. You will be then required to present the form and the covering letter along with the prescribed fee to your nearest MVR for processing.
- 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](#).
- No person is permitted to smoke or consume alcohol in the Private Hire Car.

## 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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