

## Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

# CPV14 – Substitute Taxi Licence

- A Substitute Taxi licence is available to Operators who require a vehicle to be on stand-by to substitute for an existing Standard, Multipurpose Taxi (MPT) or a Peak Period Taxi (PPT) at times when that vehicle (“the primary Taxi”) is being serviced, maintained, repaired, or is unavailable for use as a Taxi.
- An Operator must be accredited and must hold a current Standard Taxi, MPT or PPT licence.
- Only one Substitute Taxi licence is available per Taxi, MPT or PPT licence (1:1 ratio).

### Requirements

- The Taxi licence of the primary Taxi must be current.
- The primary Taxi is not required to be registered during the period of substitution.
- A Substitute Taxi must meet the “Taxi Requirements and In-Service Maintenance Standards” (standards) before it may be registered and licensed as a Substitute Taxi.
- During substitution, the primary Taxi licence conditions apply to the Substitute Taxi.

### Multiple Purpose Substitute Taxi - (MPS)

- An MPS is a wheelchair accessible Substitute Taxi that meets the identical requirements of the primary MPT.

### Substitution Process

- A Standard Substitute Taxi can only be used to substitute a licensed Standard Taxi or a PPT but cannot be used to substitute an MPT.
- An MPS Taxi can substitute for any licensed Taxi.
- When substituting for a PPT, the substitute Taxi must display the words PEAK TAXI per the standards.

### Substitution Number Plates – (Half Plates)

- When substituting the substitution number plates must be displayed in accordance with the standards.

### Annual Licence Fee

- A Substitute Taxi licence fee is \$450 and is not transferable or refundable.

### Private Usage

- The Substitute Taxi is permitted to be used as a private vehicle (i.e. personal use) when it is not being used as a Substitute Taxi provided the roof sign is covered.

## Record Book for Substitute Taxis

- Once a Substitute Taxicab licence is approved and the vehicle is registered, the operator must maintain a record of substitute.
- The record must be kept in the Substitute Taxicab at all times.
- The record is to be made available to an Inspector on request.
- A record must be made each time a Substitute Taxicab is being used in place of a Standard Taxicab, an MPT or PPT as follows:
  1. Date and time the substitution commenced
  2. Date and time the substitution finished
  3. Registration number of the primary Taxicab
  4. Name and signature of the Accredited Operator of the primary Taxicab and the Accredited Operator of the Substitute Taxicab, authorising the substitution
  5. Reason for substitution.
- Substitution records must be kept for no less than 3 years.

## SUBSTITUTE TAXI NUMBER PLATES

All substitute Taxicabs will be issued with numberplates starting with the prefix SUB and three numerical characters.



Taxicabs with a Standard, MPT or PPT licence are each issued with 1 Taxicab identifier plate that will be displayed on the substitute Taxicab when being used as a substitute.

STANDARD TAXI IDENTIFIER PLATE



MULTI PURPOSE TAXI IDENTIFIER PLATE



The Taxi identifier plate shall be fitted to the **REAR** numberplate of the vehicle and located over the word "SUB" on the substitute numberplate. The identifier plate shall be securely attached in position.



### IMPORTANT

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

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