

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

CPV16 – Courtesy Vehicle Licence

Introduction

- A Courtesy Vehicle is a vehicle approved by the Director of Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport (“the Director”), where the carriage:
 - a) is offered as an inducement in respect of an agreement for the provision of accommodation or activities for recreation or pleasure, and
 - b) is provided to passengers without payment of a fare.

Requirements

To Own/Operate a Courtesy Vehicle

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

To Drive a Courtesy Vehicle

- To drive a Courtesy Vehicle 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), and
 - c) be the holder of a current CPV ID card with Courtesy Vehicle 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

- Payment must not be asked for or accepted by the driver for any trip in a Courtesy Vehicle.
- On completion of each job, the Courtesy Vehicle is required to return to base of operation.
- A Courtesy Vehicle is not permitted to tout or solicit for passengers.
- A Courtesy Vehicle is not permitted to stand or ply for hire.
- The Annual Application fee for a Commercial Vehicle Licence (CVL) for a Courtesy Vehicle is \$200.
- Communication devices, company logos and advertisements must be fitted as described in the “Courtesy Vehicle Requirements and In-Service Maintenance Standards”.

General information

- Any person who operates or drives a Courtesy Vehicle must comply with all relevant Acts, Regulations and any Code of Conduct pertaining to Courtesy Vehicles.
- 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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