

## Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

# CPV17 – Special Passenger Vehicle Licence

### Introduction

- A Special Passenger Vehicle (SPV) is a vehicle so declared by the Director of Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport (“the Director”), used to carry passengers for hire or reward, and operated for a purpose that does not fall into any other category of Commercial Passenger Vehicle.
- Individual assessment of the proposed service and vehicle suitability will apply (eg. for a modified vehicle, limited operating areas and times).

### To Own/Operate an SPV

- To operate or register an SPV, you must be an Accredited Operator under the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act*. Once accredited, you are then required to apply for an SPV licence.
- To apply for Operator Accreditation to operate an SPV, 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.
- For an SPV licence, you must provide the following information in your application:
  - a) Make and model of the vehicle.
  - b) The intended operation of the SPV.
  - c) Record keeping system.
  - d) Intended advertisements to be displayed on the vehicle.
- Before an SPV 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).

### To Drive an SPV

- To drive an SPV for the purpose of hire or reward, you must:
  - a) be the holder of a current Northern Territory driver licence appropriate the class of vehicle, and
  - b) be the holder of a licence to drive Commercial Passenger Vehicles (“h” endorsement).
- Any person who drives a vehicle that is registered as a Commercial Passenger Vehicle must have zero blood alcohol level.

## Operating Conditions

- An SPV is not permitted to tout or solicit for passengers.
- An SPV is not permitted to stand or ply for hire.

## General Information

- The annual application fee for an SPV licence is \$150 with each second or subsequent licence fee of \$25 per annum.
- Any person who operates or drives an SPV must comply with all relevant Acts, Regulations, conditions of licence and any Code of Conduct pertaining to Special Passenger Vehicles.

## Important

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

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