

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

CPV19 - Revised Seating Capacity for Toyota Commuter Vehicles when used as a Taxi

Exemption

The approved seating capacity for Toyota Commuter vehicles when used as a Taxi has been increased from 11 passengers up to 13 passengers where the vehicle is suitably equipped or constructed to carry 13 passengers.

Background

The *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act* stipulates that a taxi is not permitted to carry more than 11 passengers. If a vehicle type is used in more than one category eg, Taxi and Minibus, there is the potential for a discrepancy as the seating capacity for a Minibus is higher than that of a Taxi.

To remove this discrepancy, legislation was amended to grant the Director the power to exempt a vehicle operating as a Taxi, from the maximum seating capacity of 11 passengers to be the same as the Minibus category.

The Director exercised this power on 29 August 2003 with regard to the Toyota Commuter to allow it to carry the same number of passengers irrespective of whether it is operating as a Taxi or Minibus.

IMPORTANT

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