Commercial Passenger Vehicles Branch Information Bulletin

CPV23 – Card for NT Taxi Subsidy Scheme

Effective Date: 27 May 2008

The Northern Territory Government has approved the introduction of an electronic card system to replace the vouchers that members of the Northern Territory Taxi Subsidy Scheme (NTTSS) currently receive.

Why Have a Card?

The card will help protect subsidy amounts for members, by ensuring that only the correct subsidy amount, for a taxi trip made by the member, is deducted from the card.

To ensure card and subsidy are as secure as possible, the new card will display the member's photo, similar to a photo on a driver licence.

When Does the Card System Start?

The card system is expected to start late in 2008. When it starts, subsidy vouchers will no longer be valid, and members may be temporarily unable to pay a subsidy amount in a taxi if they do not have a new card. The card will not affect subsidy entitlements.

How is a Card Obtained?

So that all members have a card when the new system starts, NTTSS applicants should provide: photo, completed Consent Form (attached) and evidence of identity if applicable (details attached). Cards will be issued prior to system start. Before then, members should use the vouchers issued to them.

To Provide a Photo – Choice of Two Options

OPTION 1. If MVR already has your photo, complete and mail in your Consent Form (attached).

If you have been issued with an NT driver licence or an Evidence of Age Card from the Motor Vehicle Registry, simply complete and mail your Consent Form **to the address on your Form**. No new photo or evidence of identity documents are required. To check the date of your licence, call the MVR on 1300 654 628. **– Or**

OPTION 2. MAIL IN two recent clear and identical passport-style head and top-of-shoulders close-up photos of yourself, face square on, **to the address on your Consent Form** (attached), in this manner:

Checklist. All items must be mailed in:

(a) two photos sized 4.5cm high by 3.5cm wide – one must be endorsed on the back, see *"Endorsed"* on page 2;
(b) completed Consent Form – the original; keep a copy for yourself; and
(c) Evidence of identity documents (details attached) – copies; each page must be endorsed on the back, see *"Endorsed"* on page 2.

So long as the photo you mail in is passport-style as above, some examples of how your photo may be taken are with a digital camera, a mobile phone camera (eg, at a nursing home) or at a camera shop. Any photo and printing costs are paid by you.

To Provide Evidence of Identity

Evidence of identity is required by photo Option 2 (page 1). Evidence of identity helps to prevent the unlawful use of a member's identity.

Evidence of identity means three documents of yours from Table 1 (attached).

Your residential address must appear on at least one document.

Endorsement of Photos and Evidence of Identity

Endorsed means **–**

- On the back of one photo, the words "*This is a true photo of (your full name)*"
- On the back of each copied page of evidence of identity documents, the words "*This is a true record of (your full name)*"

– **Signed** by a person (other than you) from the list below, followed by the person's:
  – printed full name; and
  – organisation (which must appear in a current Territory phone directory); and
  – work phone number.

List of Approved Signatories		
• Aboriginal organisation committee member or chair • Accountant • Bank, credit union or building society officer • Disability support organisation officer • Government disability support officer	• Lawyer • Manager or Supervisor of a supported or aged care accommodation, or nursing home • Manager or Supervisor of a community, cultural or remote resource centre • Motor Vehicle Registry officer	• Person qualified in a health-related field, eg, dentist, doctor, optometrist, pharmacist, physiotherapist, psychologist, registered nurse, etc • Police officer or police aide • Real estate agent • Veterinary surgeon

To protect your privacy, photos, consent forms, and evidence of identity that accompany an unsuccessful application will be destroyed.

Contact Details	
Commercial Passenger Vehicles Branch	
Telephone	(08) 8924 7580
Facsimile	(08) 8924 7585
Email	rtcpv@nt.gov.au
Web	www.cpv.nt.gov.au
Postal Address	GPO Box 2520 Darwin NT 0801

TABLE 1. Choose 3 options from here –

Document Your residential address must appear on at least one document	Status
Australian Birth Certificate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons born after 1969 may get their birth certificate from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages	**As Issued**
Population Record Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons born in the NT prior to 1969 who may not have a birth certificate may be recorded in the Aboriginal Population Records, from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages	**As issued**
Australian Citizenship Certificate or Naturalisation Certificate	**As Issued**
Australian Passport	**Current or expired up to 2 years**
Australian Photographic Driver Licence	**Current or expired up to 2 years**
Evidence of Age Card issued by the Motor Vehicle Registry	**Current or expired up to 2 years**
Medicare Card, Centrelink Concession Card, Veterans' Affairs Entitlement Card, Seniors Card	**Current**
Debit Card or Credit Card with signature and embossed name	**Current**
Student Identity Card with photo and/or signature	**Current**
Government issued identity card (federal, territory, local, community) with photo	**Current**
Contract of purchase, current lease or rental document, receipt from an accommodation house or caravan park etc	**Current**
Government correspondence (federal, territory, local, community) other than this letter	**Dated on or after 1 June 2007**
Council Rate Notice	**Current**
Bank statement (or Credit Union or Building Society)	**Current**
Utility or Services Bill (Gas, Electricity, Water, Landline Telephone (not mobile), Austar, Broadband, Internet etc)	**Current**
Australian Taxation Office Assessment	**Last or current financial year**
Educational Institution document	**Current**

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Consent to Share Photo With NT Taxi Subsidy Scheme (NTTSS) Card Provider

Mail this completed form to:

Commercial Passenger Vehicles Branch
GPO Box 2520
Darwin NT 0801

Surname(s)

Given Name(s)

Address

Postcode:

Telephone:

I, the undersigned, understand that:

- The Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) will store my photo digitally in a non-public register of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles;
- DPI and Cabcharge Australia Ltd, provider of the card for the Northern Territory Taxi Subsidy Scheme (NTTSS), adhere to DPI's Privacy Statement and the *Information Act*;
- Cabcharge will return my photo to DPI once the photo has been included in my NTTSS Card;

and give my consent for my photo to be shared with Cabcharge for the purpose of including it in my NTTSS card.

Date

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Members Signature: .....

(If unable to sign, signature of agent/carer): .....

(agent/carer printed name)

(agent/carer telephone)

Privacy Statement

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure has a legal obligation under the *Information Act* not to disclose personal information other than for the primary purpose for which it was collected. In certain situations disclosure of your information other than for the primary purpose may be necessary or justified in the maintenance of social interests (public and private). This will only be done if it meets the requirements under the *Information Act*. Further information on privacy can be found at www.dpi.nt.gov.au