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## YOUR GUIDE TO DRIVER ACCREDITATION

### Drivers must be formally accredited

Anyone intending to become a driver of a taxi, Large Passenger Vehicle or Small Passenger Vehicle must be formally accredited by the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI).

Documents of particular interest include:

- Passenger Transport Act 1994;
- Passenger Transport (General) Regulations 1994; and
- Information Kit for Driver Accreditation.

There is a distinct difference between a public passenger transport “operator” and a public passenger transport “driver”. The information contained in this fact sheet is intended specifically for the “driver” of a public passenger vehicle.

Section 28 of the Act makes it an offence for a person to drive a public passenger vehicle without having an appropriate and current accreditation.

### Drivers must meet requirements

Section 28 states that an accredited person must be considered to be of good repute and in all other respects a fit and proper person to be the driver of a public passenger vehicle to which the accreditation relates. The accredited person must also be considered to have sufficient responsibility, skills and aptitude to drive a vehicle to which the accreditation relates.

A person is not eligible to be granted driver accreditation unless the Minister is satisfied that the person —

- has sufficient responsibility, skills and aptitude to drive a vehicle under the accreditation;
- is the holder of an appropriate driver's licence;
- does not suffer a physical or mental incapacity that would impair his or her

ability to work effectively as the driver of a public passenger vehicle under the accreditation;

- is sufficiently competent in speaking, reading and writing English and in arithmetic;
- has sufficient knowledge of the requirements of the Act, and of these and other regulations under the Act;
- has sufficient knowledge of streets and places in Metropolitan Adelaide in the case of a person who wants to drive a taxi in Metropolitan Adelaide; and
- has completed an appropriate course through the training provider.

### Conditions under the act for accredited drivers

Pursuant to legislation, the following conditions are prescribed in relation to a driver accreditation:

- (a) that the accredited person must, within seven days, inform the Minister of a change in the person's name or residential address;
- (b) that the accredited person must, within seven days, inform the Minister of a change—
  - (i) affecting the accuracy of information furnished to the Minister for the purposes of gaining accreditation; or
  - (ii) affecting the accuracy of particulars specified in the accreditation;
- (c) that the accredited person must, within two business days, inform the Minister—
  - (i) of the laying of a charge for an offence against the person; or
  - (ii) of a finding by a court that the person has been guilty of an offence;

- (d) that the accredited person must, within two business days, inform the Minister of the expiry, suspension or cancellation of the person's driver's licence;
  - (e) that the person will, while driving a public passenger vehicle for the purposes of a passenger transport service, display or carry (or both) a form (or forms) of identification determined by the Minister;
  - (f) that the accredited person will, in a manner and form determined by the Minister, fill in a work sheet for each day that the person drives a public passenger vehicle;
  - (g) except where the accredited person is driving a vehicle for a taxi service (including a taxi service operated outside Metropolitan Adelaide) or a regular passenger service, or as specifically authorised under these regulations (see especially regulation 26(1)) or by the Minister—
    - (i) that the accredited person will not drive a vehicle for the purposes of a passenger transport service if the vehicle does not comply with the requirements of regulation 7(1)(l)(ii) and (iii);
    - (ii) that the accredited person will not ply for hire with a vehicle
- (iii) in a public street, road or place, and will not stand a vehicle being driven by the person at a designated taxi-stand;
- (iii) except for a motor cycle or a vehicle drawn by an animal, that the accredited person will not park or stand a vehicle on a public street, road or place within Metropolitan Adelaide unless a sign approved by the Minister that clearly indicates that the vehicle is not for hire is displayed on or near the vehicle in a manner determined by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation;
- (iv) that the accredited person will not accept a request for the carriage for hire of a person except under a pre-arranged hiring resulting from a request by the hirer directed to a booking office approved by the Minister under these regulations and the issuing of the booking to that driver following that request.

A person who is required to provide information to the Minister under this legislation must provide the information in a manner and form determined by the Minister.

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