

# TRANSPORT (COMPLIANCE AND MISCELLANEOUS) ACT 1983

## TAXI SERVICES COMMISSION

Licence Conditions applicable to Restricted Hire Vehicle [4WD] Licences.

### CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO RESTRICTED HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE 4WD

- (a) The licence is non-transferable.
- (b) The vehicle must be registered in the name of the licence holder.
- (c) The licensed vehicle is restricted to the carriage of passengers solely to activities where four wheel drive capability is an integral feature of the hiring.
- (d) The licensed vehicle must be:

A passenger vehicle being designated with special features for off-road operation. It is a vehicle that:

  - (i) Unless otherwise approved by the Taxi Services Commission, has 4 wheel drive; and
  - (ii) Has at least 4 of the following 5 characteristics calculated when the vehicle is at its 'Unladen Mass' on a level surface, with the front wheels parallel to the vehicle's longitudinal centreline, and the tyres inflated to the 'Manufacturer's' recommended pressure:
    - 'Approach Angle' of not less than 28 degrees;
    - 'Breakover Angle' of not less than 14 degrees;
    - 'Departure Angle' of not less than 20 degrees;
    - 'Running Clearance' of not less than 200 mm;
    - 'Front Axle Clearance', 'Rear Axle Clearance', or 'Suspension Clearance' of not less than 175 mm each.
- (e) Managed and operated from a premises approved by the Taxi Services Commission.
- (f) Hiring rates must be by agreement with the hirer made prior to the commencement of the hiring.
- (g) Accurate records must be maintained of the operation of the licensed vehicle, including details of hirings. These records shall be made available for inspection as required by the Taxi Services Commission.
- (h) If applicable, the conditions set out in the "Tour Operator Permit" issued by the Department of Sustainability and Environment for operation on public land.
- (i) A copy of the licence conditions must be carried in the licensed vehicle at all times and the licence conditions must be produced on demand to an Officer of the Taxi Services Commission.
- (j) If the licence is held by an incorporated body, the company must notify the Taxi Services Commission within seven (7) days of any changes to the persons who constitute the directors of that company.

A certificate of roadworthiness will be required annually.

Section 144 of the Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 requires that the licence be taken up within ninety days from the date of the approval letter otherwise the TSC may cancel the licence.

The vehicle must display an identification label, to be positioned on the bottom left hand side of the front windscreen, immediately above the registration label.

A licensed vehicle when operating as a commercial passenger vehicle must at all time be driven by a person who holds a current Drivers' Accreditation. To obtain a Drivers' Accreditation a driver must apply to the Taxi Services Commission or any VicRoads Registration and Licensing Office.

Special Identifying Numbers (Custom Plates), Black & White Reflective Identifying Numbers and Personalised Plates where an "Agreement" between VicRoads and the purchaser is signed, cannot be issued to any vehicle which is licensed or becomes licensed as a commercial passenger vehicle under the Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983. The only exemption from the above is where the "Agreement" was signed prior to 1 January 1994.

### **Taxi Services Commission**

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