

Factsheet

Point to Point Transport - Passenger transport licence code

From 1 November 2017, the new *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016* (the Act) and *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Regulation 2017* (the Regulation) will come into effect, along with the powers of a new industry regulator, the Point to Point Transport Commissioner. The Act and the Regulation create a regulatory framework that will allow for a more competitive and flexible point to point transport industry.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Passenger Transport (PT) licence code, a customer must:

- Meet the medical standards for commercial vehicle drivers set out in *Assessing Fitness to Drive*, published by Austroads.
Note: If they customer declares they have a medical condition they will be required to provide a medical report, or if the customer declares they have a vision and eye disorder they will be required to provide an eyesight report from an optometrist or ophthalmologist.
- Hold an unrestricted NSW driver licence of a term not greater than five years (a person who holds a driver licence of a term greater than five years must be re-issued with a licence of five years or less).
Note: If a customer has a 10 year licence, they must be issued with a replacement licence of five years or below. They will be eligible for a refund of the remaining licence fees.

Application

Applications for the PT licence code can be processed at a Service NSW centre.

The applicant will be required to:

- Complete the [Application for a Passenger Transport licence code](#) including signing the privacy statement and declaration
- Provide proof of identification – see [Acceptable Proof of Identity \(POI\) documents for individuals](#)
- Pass a commercial standard medical test (if the applicant has declared a medical condition)
- If the customer declares a vision and eye disorder, a completed eyesight report by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

Conditions

Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)

A driver licence holder with a PT licence code will be subject to 0.02 BAC when driving a point to point passenger service or a public passenger service.

The words 'Passenger Transport' will appear on the driver licence under "Conditions".

Renewal

A licence with a PT licence code may be renewed if the driver meets the above eligibility criteria.

On licence renewal, the driver will be required each time to complete the Application Form for a PT licence code and must pass a commercial eyesight test. This is to ensure that the medical standards and consents for DVD purposes remain current at all times.

Removal

To remove the PT licence code, a driver will be required to attend a Service NSW Centre and complete the [Change of Records – Roads & Maritime Products](#) (Form 1021) and complete question 3 “What driver licence details are to be changed”.

The driver should request “remove Passenger Transport licence code”.

If the PT licence code is displayed on the driver licence and, following removal, the driver wishes to have a driver licence without the code displayed (ie does not wish to wait for their licence renewal to remove the displayed code), the driver will be required to pay for issue of a replacement licence.

Professional Driver

Professional drivers have a 14 demerit point threshold before sanctions apply under the demerit points scheme. Drivers who incur 13 demerit points and receive a sanction (e.g. a notice of suspension or licence refusal) may apply for professional driver status (assuming the driver has incurred not more than 13 demerit points). If the driver satisfies the professional driver criteria, the sanction will be withdrawn and the extra demerit point buffer will be allocated. If the driver subsequently reaches or exceeds 14 demerit points, they will again be subject to the applicable demerit point sanctions.

A passenger service provider or public passenger driver holding a PT licence code may be considered a professional driver if they meet the professional driver and demerit points policy requirements.

Frequently asked questions

I am an interstate driver can I have the code?

The Passenger Transport licence code is for NSW drivers only. Interstate drivers requiring the PT licence code will have to transfer their interstate licence to NSW first.

Can I still drive a NSW point to point service without a PT licence code?

The [Point to Point Transport Commissioners website](#) outlines the eligibility requirements to be a point to point transport driver.

The website states that anyone wanting to become a taxi or hire car driver must be licensed and pass medical and criminal backgrounds checks to ensure they are providing the safest possible service to customers.

The website also indicates that it is the responsibility of the Authorised Taxi and Booking Service providers to ensure drivers:

- Have held an unrestricted Australian driver licence (not a probationary licence) for at least 12 months in the preceding two years
- Meet medical standards for commercial vehicle drivers.