Point to Point Transport: Taxi Driver factsheet

Are you interested in becoming a taxi driver?

The NSW government has introduced changes to the regulation of taxi, hire car and ridesharing services to provide more opportunities for all drivers and stronger safety mechanisms, better competition and choice for customers.

These changes apply to all individuals who are interested in becoming a taxi driver.

If you are interested in becoming a taxi driver:

- The application requirements for a driver authority have been simplified
- The application fee has been reduced from $100 to $45.

To apply for a new taxi driver authority

- You must hold an unrestricted NSW driver licence and have held an Australian driver licence for at least 12 months in the two years preceding the application date.

Before lodging your application

- Arrange for a medical practitioner to complete a Medical Assessment Public Passenger Vehicle Driver Form. The form is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au
- If you will be driving in the Sydney metropolitan area, attend and successfully complete an assessment of English language applicable to taxi drivers through the Adult Migrant English Service (AMES) at www.ames.edu.au
- Arrange a National Criminal History Record Check (NCHRC) to submit with your application. The NCHRC can be applied for online through an accredited CrimTrac agent. Application costs are listed on the relevant agents' website.

Applying to be a wheelchair accessible taxi (WAT) driver

- You will be required to complete a training course. Information and application forms are available on the NSW Taxi Council website at www.nswtaxi.org.au.

When you are ready to apply

- Complete and sign an Application for an Authority to Drive Taxi-Cab or Private Hire Vehicle Form. The form is available on the Roads and Maritime website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au
- Attach two recent, identical, clear colour photos sized 65mm x 65mm, of your head and neck on a pale background without hat or sunglasses
- Attach your National Criminal History Record Check (NCHRC)
- Attach all documentation to the completed and signed form.

Where to send your application

- Post the completed application form, including all relevant documentation, with your credit card details or a cheque or money order for $45, payable to Roads and Maritime Services, to:

  Enrolment Processing
  Roads and Maritime Services
  Locked Bag 5085
  Parramatta NSW 2124

- You can also deliver the form and documentation to:

  Roads and Maritime Services
  Level 4, 16-18 Wentworth Street
  Parramatta NSW 2150

Frequently asked questions

Questions you may have about applying for a taxi driver authority:

Do all taxi drivers need a driver authority?

Yes. The requirement to hold a current driver authority and display the authority when driving a taxi-cab has not changed.

A current taxi driver authority must be held by a taxi driver and displayed inside the taxi-cab so the face of the authority card can be easily seen by any passenger.

What is an unrestricted NSW driver licence?

A NSW issued driver licence that is not a learner licence, probationary licence, provisional licence, restricted licence, driver licence receipt or conditional licence (other than a conditional licence with the sole condition of wearing contact lenses while driving).

Do I need to provide details on my driving history?

No. We will complete a driving history check on your behalf. If you held an interstate licence in the past five years you will be required to provide a driving history from that state and/or territory. NB You are required to declare traffic infringements on your application.

For more information

visit the Transport for NSW website

www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pointtopoint