

R24 – Self Drive Hire Car Insurance Class on Registration Windscreen Labels

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When a vehicle is first registered or its registration is renewed, the owner of the vehicle must identify the intended use of that vehicle so that the appropriate compulsory compensation contribution class - known generally as Compulsory Third Party Insurance (CTPI) – is paid to the Territory Insurance Office, and the CTPI can be issued to the vehicle. The CTPI class issued to the vehicle is printed on all windscreen registration labels.

This is designed to help with public awareness and identify which CTPI is attached to the vehicle - as well as assist Police and Transport Inspectors to effectively audit and enforce the requirement for vehicles to be registered with the correct insurance class.

It is an offence under the Traffic Act s34(2) to drive a vehicle or to permit a person to drive a vehicle with the incorrect insurance class and members of the public and management of self drive hire car operators should be aware of their responsibility in this area.

Self Drive Hire Vehicles

Drivers should pay particular attention when selecting a vehicle as a self drive hire car, as these vehicles must be registered with a particular class of insurance. Depending on the type of vehicle, the CTPI for self drive hire cars are marked with Insurance Class E1 up to E5. This CTPI class must appear on the registration label for the vehicle to be operated legally as a self drive hire car.

The management of a self drive hire car operation must ensure that prior to offering a vehicle for a fee, that the vehicle is correctly insured for that purpose.

Offence and Penalty

It is commonly understood that a person must not drive a motor vehicle on the road related area unless it has been issued CTPI. What is not so well known is that a person must not drive or permit to be driven on the road related area, a motor vehicle which has not been issued the correct class of CTPI.

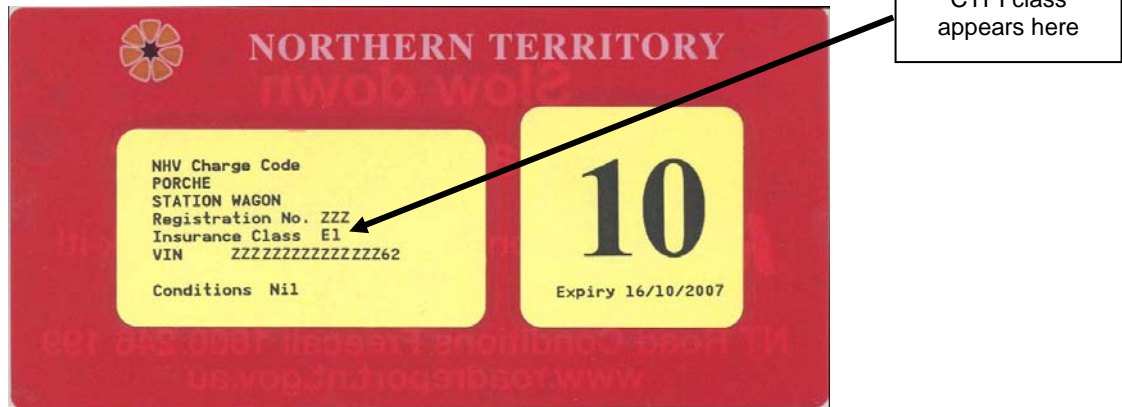
If the driver is a natural person the maximum penalty is 100 penalty units. If the offender is a body corporate the maximum penalty is 500 penalty units. It should be noted that the minimum penalty is 5 penalty units for a first offence and 10 penalty units for a second or subsequent offence.

A self drive hire car operator (and subsequently the owner of a motor vehicle) shall not hire or permit it to be hired unless the correct class of CTPI has been paid. The maximum penalty, if the offender is a natural person, is 100 penalty units. If the offender is a body corporate, the penalty is 500 penalty units.

The dollar value of a single penalty unit is \$110.00 (as of the effective date of this bulletin). Penalty unit values are prescribed in the Penalty Units Act.

The Registration Label

The appropriate CTPI class for the specific type of vehicle will be printed on the left-hand side of the label (identified as "Insurance Class").



Note: Registration labels issued to motorcycles, trailers and plant type vehicles etc. are issued with pre-printed registration labels and do not display this insurance class as noted on windscreen registration label.

Compulsory Third Party Insurance (CTPI) Classes

The following information will assist the driver to identify if the correct insurance class has been paid.

A	Private Motor Vehicle or Derivative	C6B	SPV Less Than or Equal To 9 Persons
B	Good Carrying Vehicles	E1	Drive Yourself Motor Vehicle
C1	Supplementary Taxi	E2	Drive Yourself Goods Carrying Vehicle > 4.5 T
C2	Taxi or Substitute Taxi	E3	Drive Yourself Goods Carrying Vehicle <= 4.5 T
C3	Private Hire Car	E4	Drive Yourself Passenger Vehicle > 9 Persons
C4A	Omnibus Greater Than 30 Persons	E5	Drive Yourself Passenger Vehicle <= 9 Persons
C4B	Omnibus Less Than or Equal To 30 Persons	G1	Tow Truck
C5A	TV Greater Than 30 Persons	G2	Hearse, Fire, Ambulance
C5B	TV Less Than or Equal to 30 Persons	G3	Miscellaneous
C6A	SPV Greater Than 9 Persons	G4	Veteran, Vintage, Classic

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