

# Information Bulletin CPV14

## Substitute Taxi Licence

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### Introduction

#### Substitute Taxi Licence

- A Substitute Taxi licence is available to Operators who require a vehicle to be on stand-by to substitute for an existing Standard or a Multipurpose Taxi (MPT) at times when that vehicle ("the primary Taxi") is being serviced, maintained, repaired, or is unavailable for use as a taxi.
- An Operator must be accredited and must hold a current Standard Taxi licence or a current MPT licence.
- Only one Substitute Taxi licence is available per Taxi or MPT licence (1:1 ratio).

#### Substitute Taxi Vehicle Requirements

- The Commercial Vehicle Licence (CVL) of the primary Taxi must be current.
- The primary Taxi is not required to be registered during the period of substitution.
- A Substitute Taxi must meet the "Taxi Requirements and In-Service Maintenance Standards" before it can be registered and licensed as a Substitute Taxi.
- During substitution, the primary Taxi licence conditions apply to the Substitute Taxi.

#### Multiple Purpose Substitute Taxi - (MPS)

- An MPS is a wheelchair accessible Substitute Taxi that meets the identical requirements of the primary MPT.

#### Substitution Process

- A Standard Substitute Taxi can only be used to substitute a licensed Standard Taxi and cannot be used to substitute an MPT.
- An MPS taxi can substitute for any licensed Taxi.

## Substitution Number Plates – (Half Plates)

- When substituting for a licensed Standard Taxi or MPT, the substitution number plates must be displayed in accordance with the “Taxi Requirements and In-service Maintenance Standards”.

## Annual Licence Fee

- A Substitute Taxi licence fee is \$450 and is not transferable or refundable.
- A person cannot operate a Taxi within an area that is not specified in the Taxi licence.

## Private Usage

- The Substitute Taxi is permitted to be used as a private vehicle (ie. personal use) when it is not being used as a Substitute Taxi provided the roof sign and network decals are covered or removed.

## Record Book for Substitute Taxis

- Once a Substitute Taxi licence is approved and the vehicle is registered, a record book is given to the Operator.
- The record book must be kept in the Substitute Taxi at all times.
- The record book is to be made available to an Inspector on request.
- In the record book a record must be made each time a Substitute Taxi is being used in place of a Standard Taxi or an MPT as follows:
  1. Date and time the substitution commenced
  2. Date and time the substitution finished
  3. Registration number of the primary Taxi
  4. Name and signature of the Accredited Operator of the primary Taxi and the Accredited Operator of the Substitute Taxi, authorising the substitution
  5. Reason for substitution.
- Substitution Records must be kept for no less than 3 years.

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### IMPORTANT

This Information Bulletin is a guide only and contains general information and requirements for/in relation to Commercial Passenger Vehicle. This document should not be regarded as a strict interpretation of Northern Territory law.

## SUBSTITUTE TAXI NUMBER PLATES

All substitute taxis will be issued with numberplates starting with the prefix SUB and three numerical characters.



Normal taxis with a full licence are each issued with one taxi identifier plate that will be displayed on the substitute taxi when being used as a substitute.

NORMAL TAXI IDENTIFIER PLATE



MULTI PURPOSE TAXI IDENTIFIER PLATE



The taxi identifier plate shall be fitted to the **REAR** numberplate of the vehicle and located over the word "SUB" on the substitute numberplate. The identifier plate shall be securely attached in position.

