

# CPV15 Special Function Vehicle Licence

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## Introduction

- A Special Function Vehicle is a vehicle approved by the Director of Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport (“the Director”).
- A Special Function Vehicle is of a distinctive or unusual make or model or has a distinctive or unusual external appearance.
- A Special Function Vehicle is used to carry passengers for the purpose of hire or reward with the services of a driver.

## Requirements

### To Own/Operate a Special Function Vehicle

- To own/operate or register a Special Function Vehicle, you must be an Accredited Operator under the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act*. Once accredited, you are then required to apply for a Special Function Vehicle licence.
- To apply for Operator Accreditation to operate a Special Function Vehicle, complete the application form CPVF01, and all other requirements as laid out in the application, then submit at your local MVR Office with the prescribed fee.
- Before a Special Function Vehicle licence can be issued you must have your vehicle checked and approved by an MVR Transport Inspector and pay the prescribed fee (see page 2 of this bulletin).
- You must keep records relating to the operation of the Special Function Vehicle as set out in the current *Special Function Vehicle Regulations*.

### To Drive a Special Function Vehicle

- To drive a Special Function Vehicle for the purpose of hire or reward, you must:
  - (a) be the holder of a current drivers licence, and
  - (b) be the holder of a licence to drive Commercial Passenger Vehicles (“h” endorsement).
- Any person who drives a vehicle that is registered as a Commercial Passenger Vehicle must have zero blood alcohol level.

## Operating Conditions

- A Special Function Vehicle is only permitted to accept a hiring if the hiring is pre-booked and is for an approved function or event (see below).

The Director has approved the following functions and events for Special Function Vehicle operations:

- (a) Weddings
- (b) Funerals
- (c) Formals and Graduation Ceremonies conducted with the support of the Educational Institution



- (d) National Significant Events – including
- \* Anzac Day Celebrations, and
  - \* Naturalization Ceremonies.

NB: This schedule is not exhaustive and the Director may amend this schedule from time to time. The Director will assess all applications for “one-off” special functions or events on a case by case basis.

- Upon completion of each job the Special Function Vehicle is to return to base of operation unless it is not reasonably practicable for the driver to do so before the next pre-booked journey.
- The Annual Application fee for a Special Function Vehicle licence is \$500 regardless of the region.
- Special Function Vehicle fares are not regulated by Government. The fare is to be negotiated between the hirer and the Operator prior to the journey taking place.
- Communication devices, company logos and advertisements must be fitted as described in the “Special Function Vehicle Requirements and In-Service Maintenance Standards”.

### General information

- Any person who operates or drives a Special Function Vehicle must comply with all relevant Acts, Regulations and any Code of Conduct pertaining to Special Function Vehicles.
- For information on how to obtain a licence to drive commercial passenger vehicles see information bulletin CPV05.

### 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.

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