



This policy is developed pursuant to the Transport Coordination Act 1966.

Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) Licence Policy

1. Definition of RPT:

A public passenger service conducted on established routes with established pick-up and drop-off points in accordance with a regular timetable and for which passengers pay an individual predetermined fare.

The granting of an Omnibus licence does not take into consideration the issue of Government subsidies. Where an operator chooses to operate an RPT service without a subsidy and considers that the service is commercially viable they may proceed on that basis. Where an operator wishes to seek government funding for an RPT service they should firstly contact the Public Transport Authority to discuss this.

2 Requirements for this category of Omnibus licence:

- The vehicle to be licensed should have 12 passenger seats or more.
- The issue of the licence should be in the public interest and the introduction of the additional service will result in service or price advantages to the public. In issuing a new RPT service licence, the department will take into account both existing services and benefits to consumers of new services.
- The issue of the licence will not create safety issues.
- The proposed route must be considered safe including the roads to be travelled and the stopping locations.
- The new service will not directly compete with established, government subsidised routes including those provided by Transperth, Transwa and other private operators who receive subsidy from local, state or federal government.
- Approvals from the relevant local government authorities and where appropriate private land owners for stopping places have been received

3 Information you will need to provide in your application

In testing the above policy the applicant would be requested to provide the following details along with their written application for the licence:

- the proposed bus route and schedule (the exact route travelled, point of departure and point of termination);
- location of stops along the proposed bus route;
- destination(s) at which passengers may commence their journey along the proposed bus route;
- fare schedule – the charge(s) to be levied on each passenger using the proposed service;
- size and make of vehicle employed for the bus service the operator intends to provide;
- back-up / contingency plan to ensure service can be provided in the event of vehicle or equipment failure; and
- A vehicle Maintenance Programme and Fatigue Management Programme for drivers should be attached

Note: In Perth and major regional towns, intra town route buses are administered by the Public Transport Authority (PTA). The buses are licensed by the department but the approved routes are determined by the PTA.



4 Driver Licensing

Drivers of these vehicles must have an F or T extension on their Motor Drivers Licence. This is additional to holding an appropriate category of MDL applicable to the type of vehicle being driven.

5 On-line information

Further information regarding Taxis, Omnibuses, Private Taxis and Small Charter Vehicles is available on the Transport website at www.transport.wa.gov.au