



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

Safari Tour & Charter Licence Policy

1. Definition for Safari Tour & Charter

A passenger tour and/or charter where some of the route is over unmade or poorly made roads and to locations that may be remote. The vehicle must be 4-wheel drive and install Royal Flying Doctor Service compatible, 2-way radio or satellite phone.

Tour and charters on rough terrain were identified as a commercial market niche and therefore a licence for this sector was developed to ensure that the service offered was in a safe vehicle and that operators were prevented from competing directly with the Taxi industry.

A charter is where a vehicle and driver are hired or leased for the exclusive use of a single person or group of travellers.

A tour is a pre-planned or packaged trip to various places of interest for business, pleasure or instruction, for a predetermined individual fare.

2. Requirements for this Category of Omnibus Licence

- Vehicles are road worthy and also capable of transporting passengers on tours and charters across rough terrain and unsealed roads.
- There is no minimum seating requirement.
- Individual fares should not be charged for charter arrangements
- Vehicles shall not operate from taxi ranks or be used to ply for hire or tout on roads or other public places for the purposes of attracting customers or passengers
- Vehicles licensed to operate off road must be equipped with additional equipment to ensure safer delivery including:
 - four or more wheel drive;
 - operable depot communication compatible with the Royal Flying Doctor Service system, or capable of contacting that service at all times;
 - spare tyres;
 - puncture kits;
 - spare fan belt;
 - jack and block or equivalent, eg. hi-lift jack or air jack;
 - snatch strap;
 - 'D' shackles; and
 - a shovel.

3. Information you will need to provide on your application

- Year, make, model and registration of the vehicle to be licensed
- Number of passenger seats
- A brief outline of the services you intend to provide
- A Vehicle Maintenance Programme and Fatigue Management Programme for drivers should be attached www.transport.wa.gov.au/taxis.
- Operators agree to adhere to all of the conditions attached to the licence.
- On application the vehicle is taken to an Authorised Inspection Station for inspection including the additional safety equipment and two-way communications system.



4. Driver Licensing

Drivers of Shuttle 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 website at www.transport.wa.gov.au