



## **METROPOLITAN TAXI VEHICLE STANDARDS (except MPTs) for:**

### **SEDANS / STATION SEDANS**

- A vehicle with a minimum passenger seating capacity of four (4).

### **PEOPLE MOVERS**

- A vehicle with a minimum passenger seating capacity of six (6) and a maximum of eight (8).

### **MINIBUS (MD1, MD2 or MD3 category)**

- A vehicle with a minimum passenger seating capacity of nine (9) and maximum of fourteen (14).

*Note:* Personnel (Troop) Carriers, MC, NA and NB category vehicles will not be licensed as taxis.

**Sections 1 & 3-6 apply to ALL vehicles being licensed as taxis.**

**Section 2 only applies to vehicles being licensed for the first time as taxis on or after 1 January 2011**

**Vehicles must also comply with relevant national standards and continue to comply with in-service vehicle standards.**

## **1. TAXI AGE LIMITS**

Vehicles must be clean, undamaged, roadworthy and fit & serviceable, inside and out.

**1.2 Vehicle age limit (applies from the compliance plate date):**

- The vehicle must be less than five (5) years for entry into the metropolitan fleet.
- The maximum age limit for vehicles licensed as Conventional taxis is eight (8) years.
- The maximum age limit for vehicles licensed to operate as Peak Period taxis and Area Restricted taxis is ten (10) years.

## **2. ACCESS REQUIREMENTS**

*Note: This section applies only to vehicles presented to be first licensed as taxis on or after 1 January 2011.*

### **2.1 Sedans/station sedans**

- Must have two side doors on each side of the vehicle.
- Must have a minimum Wheelbase of **2700mm**.

### **2.2 People movers and minibuses**

- Must have a minimum of three side doors.
- Must have a minimum Wheelbase of **2890mm**.



### **3. LUGGAGE SPACE**

A luggage space volume of 0.25m<sup>3</sup> (250 litres) is the general minimum for sedan/station sedans and minibuses. People movers used exclusively as Peak Period taxis are exempted from this rule.

Adequate luggage space must be provided:

- External to the passenger compartment for sedans.
- Excluding space taken up by gas tank and/or spare tyre kept in boot.
- To the rear of the rearmost seat in station sedans and people movers.
- Station sedans must be fitted with a cargo barrier (complying with AS/NZS 4034.1.2001) behind the rearmost seat.
- Roof racks may be installed provided they comply with AS/NZ 1235:2000.

### **4. MODIFIED VEHICLES AND/OR VEHICLES WITH MODIFIED EQUIPMENT**

- Modified vehicles and/or vehicles fitted with non-standard equipment may need to comply with other applicable standards (such as Australian Design Rules) and must obtain the Department's written approval. For example, vehicles modified to operate on LPG must be constructed and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 1425.
- Roof racks and sunroofs must not interfere with the normal placement of the illuminated roof sign.
- Where advertising signs are mounted on a taxi vehicle it must not interfere with the normal operation of the vehicle or the ability to load luggage into the boot. It must not interfere with any of the lighting systems of the rear of the vehicle or obstruct view of the number plate. The advertising sign must comply with all relevant Australian Design Rules.
- Screens installed inside taxi vehicles for the purposes of advertising or entertainment are not permitted.
- Cameras or other recording equipment that have not been approved by the Director General as a Taxi Camera Surveillance Unit are not permitted to be installed or in use in taxi vehicles.



## **5. TAXI EQUIPMENT - MANDATORY**

All vehicles presented for licensing as a taxi must be equipped with:

### **5.1 TAXI METER**

- A sealed taxi meter with a current Registered Meter Mechanics Inspection advice card.  
*Note: if the lead seal or the copper wire loop is broken or not visible, the taxi will be rejected.*

### **5.2 TAXI CAMERA**

- A camera surveillance unit of a type approved by the Director General (DOT).

### **5.3 EXTERIOR SIGNAGE**

#### **All vehicles:**

- Must display an illuminated roof sign bearing the word "Taxi" in lettering of at least 100mm high; and
- A roof lamp to indicate that the taxi meter has been engaged; and
- Signs on the exterior of the passenger and offside of the taxi which clearly identify in lettering at least 150mm high the taxi dispatch service through which the taxi is operating; and
- Exterior signs approved by the Department which are legible and clearly visible to prospective hirers and which display at a minimum:
  - (i) any minimum fare or flagfall applicable; and
  - (ii) any distance and/or time rate applicable,  
and;
- Any additional signage as specified in the Taxi Plate Ownership Conditions; and
- Raised taxi registration numbers must be placed on the exterior of passenger doors forward of the handle. The signage is to include Braille and raised characters.

#### **Peak Period taxis:**

- Must display signs on both the exterior passenger side of the vehicle, and on the rear exterior of the vehicle, in lettering of at least 50mm high, and which state "Peak Period Taxi".

#### **Area Restricted taxis:**

- Must display signs on the exterior of the passenger doors and rear of the taxi identifying the Restricted Area in which the taxi may operate and any message required by the Department identifying hiring restrictions when operating outside of the Restricted Area.

### **5.4 INTERIOR SIGNAGE**

#### **All vehicles**

- Must display interior signs approved by the Department which are legible and clearly visible to all hirers, and which display at a minimum the fare schedule showing all fare components and any available discounts; and
- Shall display in the passenger compartment of the taxi, and in the manner directed by the Department, any sign or message required by the Department.



## **6. TAXI EQUIPMENT – OPTIONAL**

### **TAXI DRIVER PROTECTION SCREENS**

- A Department of Transport approved taxi driver protection screen. When correctly fitted the protection screen must comply with relevant Australian Design Rules (ADRs). The list of DOT approved taxi driver protection screens and the cars which they can be installed in can be found at [http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/taxis\\_approved\\_screen.pdf](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/taxis_approved_screen.pdf)(.) Please note that you are **required** to contact the Department **prior** to the installation of the protection screens.

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