

User Guide

Notifiable Occurrences and Alleged Driver Conduct reports

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Introduction

Background

The *Transport (Road Passenger Services) Act 2018* (the Act) and subsidiary legislation regulates the road passenger transport service industry, including on-demand transport, tourism passenger transport and regular passenger transport services.

Certain incidents and alleged driver conduct are required to be reported to the Department of Transport (DoT) to facilitate the monitoring of safety and causes of incidents in the passenger transport industry.

Notifiable occurrences are incidents of a serious nature that involve, or have the potential to result in injury, violence or abuse of a person.

What is a notifiable occurrence report?

A notifiable occurrence report is a report submitted online by an authorised on-demand booking service (ODBS) and/or passenger transport driver that is required to be made in order to notify the DoT and/or the Western Australian Police of certain incidents. The report must be made online via the ODBS's DoTDirect account as soon as practicable after the ODBS or driver becomes aware of the notifiable occurrence.

Notifiable occurrences include:

- an incident involving the vehicle being used to provide a passenger transport service that must be reported to the police under the *Road Traffic Act 1974* section 56 this means any traffic crash where there was injury to a person, or more than \$3,000 property damage
- an accident or incident involving a vehicle being used to provide a passenger transport service that results in -
 - an injury that is treated by an ambulance officer; or
 - o an injured person being treated at a hospital;
- a collision involving a vehicle being used to provide a passenger transport service that
 results in damage to the vehicle that is sufficient to prevent the completion of the journey in
 that vehicle;
- a mechanical or other fault in a vehicle being used to provide a passenger transport service
 that renders the vehicle unsuitable to be used to provide a passenger transport service
 without substantial or significant mechanical repairs or services;
- an incident involving a driver or a passenger of a vehicle being used to provide a passenger transport service that results in a complaint to the police involving allegations of -
 - sexual assault; or
 - o indecent exposure; or
 - o assault; or
 - physical threats or other intimidation;
- an incident involving the conduct of a driver while driving a vehicle being used to provide a
 passenger transport service that results in the driver being charged with a <u>serious offence</u>;

- an incident involving -
 - the misplacement of a visual, audiovisual or audio recording from a camera surveillance unit installed in a passenger transport vehicle; or
 - the use in contravention of regulation 111 of a visual, audiovisual or audio recording from a camera surveillance unit fitted in a passenger transport vehicle; or
 - the viewing, downloading, copying, playing, editing or erasing of a visual, audiovisual or audio recording in contravention of regulation 113.

What is an alleged driver conduct report?

An alleged driver conduct report is a report made by an authorised ODBS to notify DoT of allegations that a driver of an on-demand passenger transport vehicle was engaged in conduct that would affect the driver's suitability to drive in the on-demand transport industry. Alleged driver conduct reports must be made within 48 hours of the ODBS becoming aware of the alleged conduct.

The report is made online via the ODBS's DoTDirect account. It must contain the details of any driver that has (or is alleged to have) engaged in any conduct or omission which a reasonable person would consider affecting their suitability to be an authorised driver. This includes information pertaining to either their character or adherence to road safety principles.

Who can make a report?

Notifiable occurrence reports

Authorised ODBSs and authorised passenger transport drivers have a responsibility to submit notifiable occurrence reports – this must be completed through their DoTDirect account. All authorised ODBSs are required to also keep a register of all notifiable occurrences they become aware of.

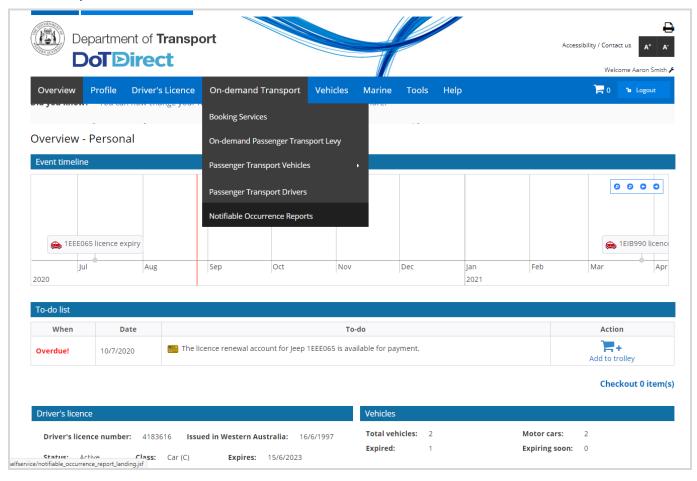
Alleged driver conduct reports

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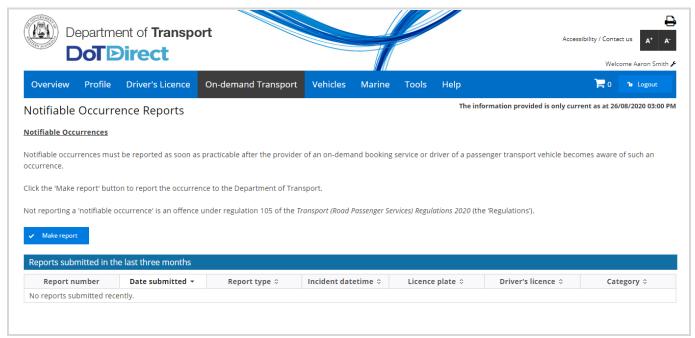
Passenger transport drivers

How to report a notifiable occurrence

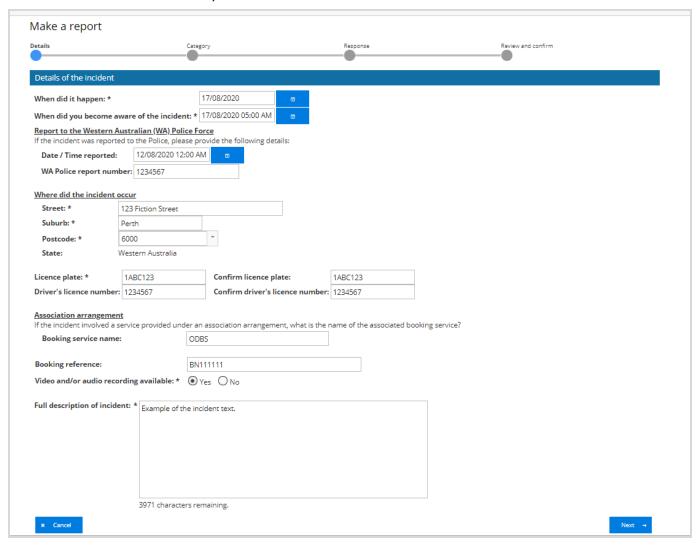
- 1. Log in to your DoTDirect account
- 2. Click on 'On-demand Transport' in the header and then click 'Notifiable Occurrence Reports' in the drop-down menu.



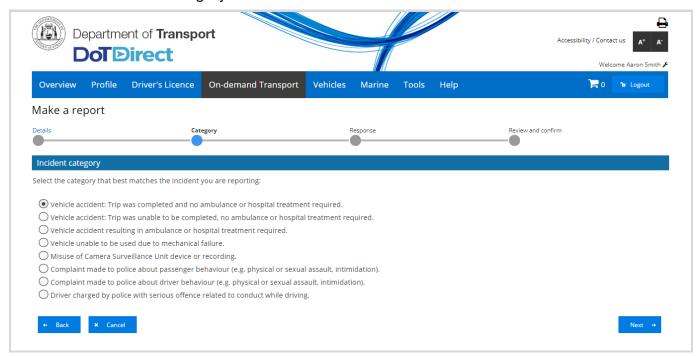
3. Select the 'Make report' button.



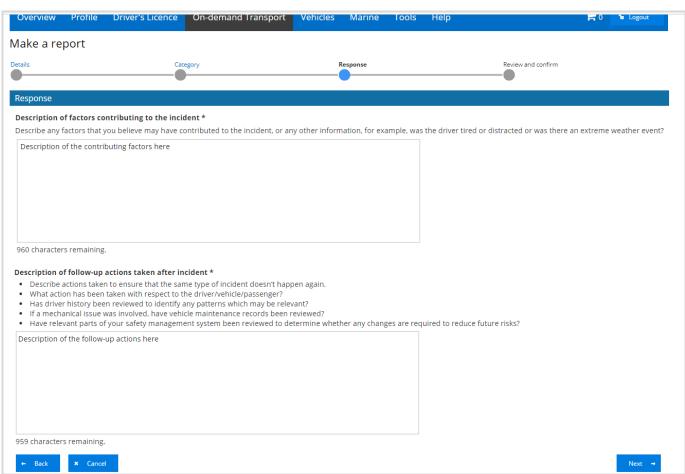
- 4. Complete the details of the incident.
 - Fields marked with an asterix (*) must be completed.
 - Be as accurate with the location as you can.
 - 'Full description of incident' field provide a clear and complete description of the
 circumstances and outcomes of the occurrence based on the information available at the
 time of completing this report. Include a description of the chain of events and specific
 information appropriate to the occurrence such as details of the driver, the vehicle, and
 other relevant information.
 - Select 'Next' once complete.



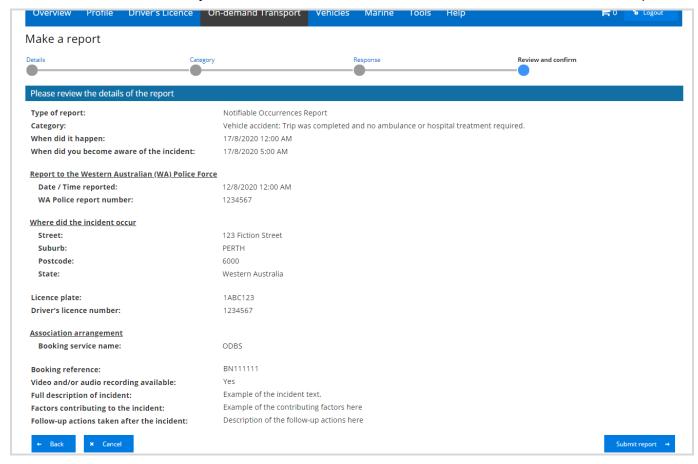
5. Select the incident category that best matches the incident and select 'Next'.



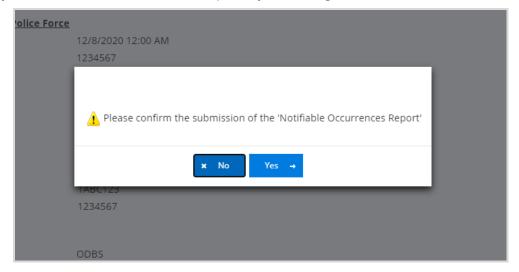
Describe any factors contributing to the incident and follow-up actions taken after the incident. Click 'Next'.



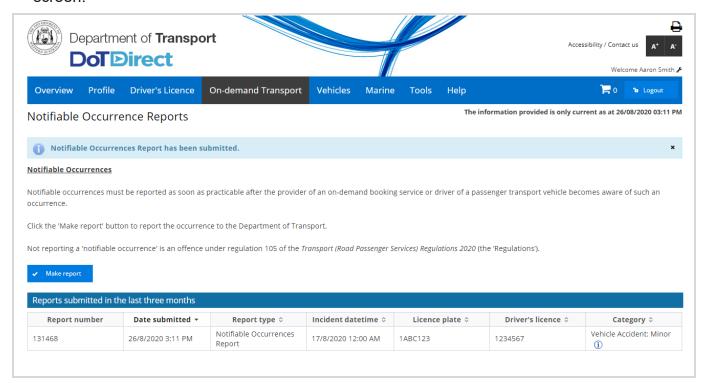
7. Review the information you have entered to ensure it is accurate and select 'Submit report'



8. Confirm you would like to submit the report by selecting 'Yes' or 'No'.



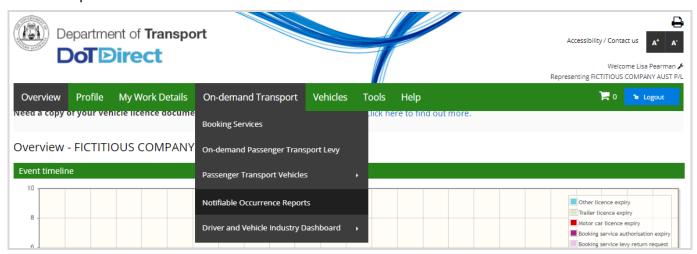
The final screen will confirm that the report has been submitted. The details of any reports submitted by the driver within the last three months will be displayed at the bottom of the screen.



On-demand booking services

How to make a notifiable occurrence or alleged driver conduct report

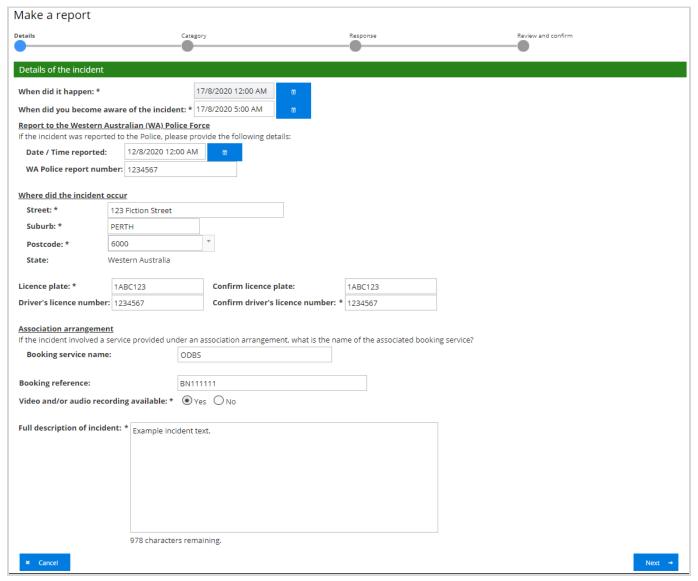
- 1. Log in to DoTDirect using the login details of the On-demand Booking Service. Alleged driver conduct reports can only be made from a ODBS DoTDirect account.
- 2. Click on 'On-demand Transport' in the header and then click 'Notifiable Occurrence Reports' in the drop-down menu.



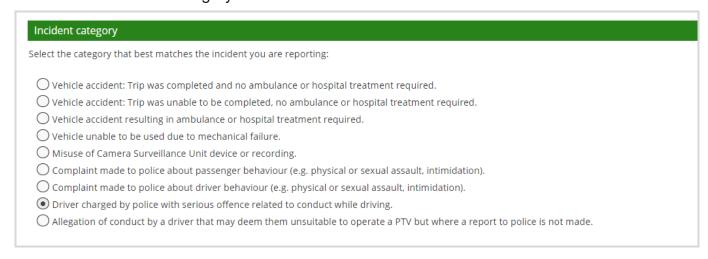
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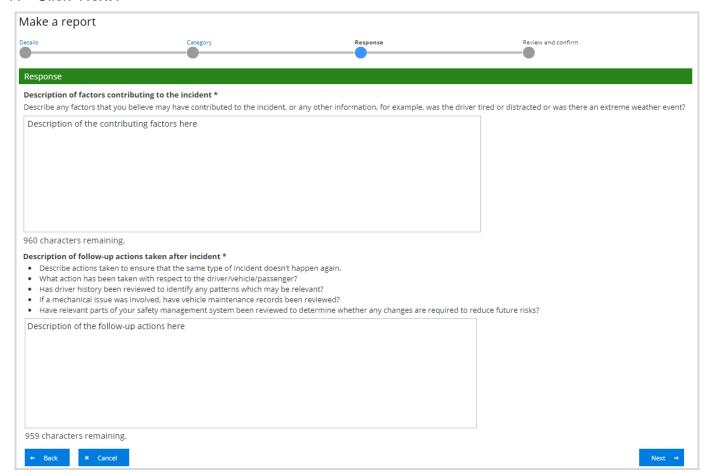
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 - Select 'Next' once complete.



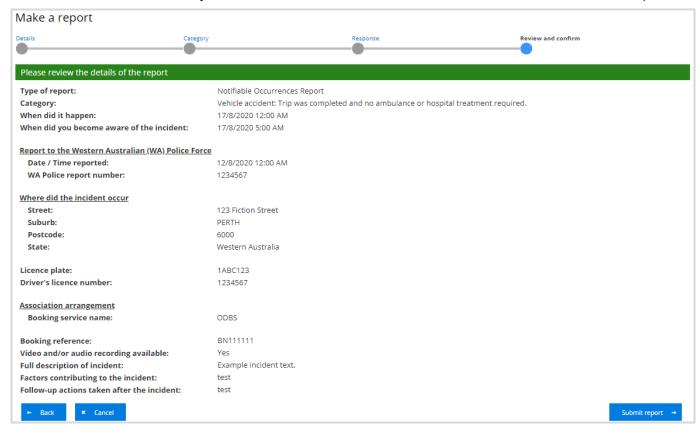
5. Select the incident category that best matches the incident.



- 6. Describe any factors contributing to the incident and follow-up actions taken after the incident.
 Note: If selecting the incident category "Allegation of conduct by a driver that may deem them unsuitable to operate a PTV but where a report to police is not made", you are required to only describe the follow-up actions.
- 7. Click 'Next'.



8. Review the information you have entered to ensure it is accurate and select 'Submit report'



9. The final screen confirms that the report has been submitted. The details of any reports submitted by the ODBS within the last three months will be displayed at the bottom of the screen.

