

ON-DEMAND TRANSPORT REFORM

TAXI AND CHARTER VEHICLE OWNERS AND FLEET MANAGERS INFORMATION

The Government is proposing new legislation that will support the delivery of innovative, safe and fair on-demand transport services for your customers and drivers.



WHAT ARE THE NEW CHANGES?

New legislation will bring all taxi and charter vehicles under a single on-demand transport Act.

- New rules will authorise vehicles used for hire and reward and will replace the current complex taxi and charter vehicle licensing regulations.
- Any Western Australian registered, roadworthy vehicle will be able to be authorised for use as a taxi or charter vehicle.
- Vehicle owners and managers will have a legislated duty of care for the ongoing safety of their vehicles.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR ME AND MY BUSINESS?

The legislation will make it simpler and fairer to operate by:

- removing the Perth Taxi Control Area and allowing all taxi and charter vehicles to operate freely statewide;
- removing the limit on the numbers of taxi and charter vehicles that can be authorised;
- allowing taxis and charter vehicles to operate during hours that suit them; and
- simplifying the insurance requirements.



WHAT BENEFITS ARE THERE FOR MY DRIVERS AND CUSTOMERS?

Delivering a safer service for your drivers and passengers will be assisted by:

- passenger safeguards, including security cameras and meters for all taxis statewide;
- taxis will still have exclusive access to rank and hail jobs;
- roadworthy inspections waived for vehicles less than three years old;
- taxi and charter vehicles will be easily identified through signage; and
- customers with special needs will continue to be catered for.



WHAT ARE THE COSTS FOR AUTHORISING AN ODT VEHICLE?

New fees will be introduced once the changes are finalised. A simple annual authorisation fee for each vehicle will be payable, together with the cost of inspection for vehicles over three years old and Motor Injury Insurance on the registration.

For more information about the reform of the on-demand transport industry, please visit: www.transport.wa.gov.au or call 1300 660 147.