



Application for Private Taxi (PT) Country Taxi-Car Licence

Please complete this application form (please print) and sign the operating conditions, over. Also:

- Provide an National Police Certificate if you are not the holder of a current valid ' T ' or ' F ' extension on your drivers licence (applications available from any Australia Post Office, at a cost of \$51.00);
- Return this form to Passenger Services, 3rd Floor, Public Transport Centre, East Perth or by post to GPO Box C102 Perth, Western Australia 6839 (open 8.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday except public holidays);
- Forward fees totaling \$309.25. (\$174.95 Application Fee, \$99.30 Taxi-Car Licence fee and \$35.00 Plate Fee);
- Issue of this License will be conditional upon approval by the General Manager, Passenger Services.
- **Please note:** a ' T ' extension on your drivers licence is required to operate a private taxi. You may apply at any Licensing Centre. For further inquiries please contact Passenger Services on 1300 660 147

This application is for a licence to operate a private taxi-car in :

The State of Western Australia excluding the Taxi Control area as prescribed by Reg. 4(1) Taxi Regulations 1995

The Applicant Applicant's Name/s

Company Name (T/A)

Residential Address Postcode

Telephone (Home).....(Work).....(Mob).....

Fax No. Postal Address.....
(If same as 'Residential Address,' write "as above")

Date of birth.....Place of birth.....Motor Drivers Licence No.....

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Have you lived outside Western Australia in the last 10 years? Yes/No (If yes, please give details).

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Have you previously been involved in the taxi industry? Yes/No (If yes, please give details).

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Have you been convicted of any criminal or other offences? Yes/No (If yes, please give details).

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Proposed Service and Vehicle Details

Type of service proposed

Address where taxi will be based

Type of vehicle you intend to use Make Model

Vin/Chassis No. Year: Colour

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Type (ie. sedan, stretch, limo) Current Plate No. (if known, or unregistered/new vehicle)

Which Licensing Center will you be attending?

Please indicate where taxi plates are to be forwarded (eg. Bunbury, Geraldton etc. or Metro)

And approximately when the vehicle will be ready for inspection for licensing as a private taxi

Declaration I declare that the above information is correct and that I am aware of the provisions of the Transport Act and Regulations.

Applicant: Signed.....Date.....

Signed.....Date.....

Witness: Signed.....Date.....

Name.....

Address..... Occupation



Private Taxi Licence Conditions

This licence is for operations within the State of Western Australia excluding the Taxi Control Area as prescribed by Reg. 4(1) Taxi Regulations 1995.

- 1. This licence is issued in accordance with the Transport Co-ordination Act and Transport (Country Taxi-Car) Regulations 1982 (as amended).
- 2. The validity of this taxi-car licence is subject to the currency of the motor vehicle registration issued for the above vehicle under the Road Traffic Act.

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- 5. The vehicle operating under this licence is required to be inspected by an approved Inspection Centre or one of the Department of Transport and Infrastructure's Examination Centres when and where required.
- 7. This licence is not transferable except in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Transport (Country Taxi Car) Regulations 1982 (as amended).
- 97. Private taxi trips shall be charged according to the time occupied and the distance travelled during the trip, and at a minimum rate of 30% above the maximum taxi fare detention rate approved by the Department for Planning and Infrastructure as provided under the Transport Co-Ordination Act 1966. A minimum of one hour must be charged per hiring.
- 104. A private taxi hiring is one, which has not been publicly advertised notified or otherwise made known with a view to securing the patronage of the general public. This condition shall not prohibit the licensee advertising that the vehicle is available for hire generally.
- 106. The licensee or driver shall not:
 - (i) Operate from taxi ranks, ply for hire, street market, tout or cruise on roads or other public places for the purpose of hiring: or
 - (ii) Operate in the style of regular passenger transport services (which is defined as operating to prescribed routes, timetables, set fares and stopping places along routes for picking up and setting down passengers).
- 107. No passenger shall be carried in the vehicle unless suitable seating is provided at all times during the journey.
- 108. No luggage or other goods shall be carried in the vehicle to the exclusion, danger, discomfort or inconvenience of any passenger.
- 110. The licensee shall maintain detailed records of all licensed Private Taxi operations and supply details of such records to the Department of Transport as may be required.
- 117. No taxi meter shall be fitted to the vehicle. No signs shall be exhibited on the vehicle. The vehicle must operate from an approved base.
- 152. The vehicle attached to this licence must comply with 'Vehicle Type Categories for Private Taxis (with qualifying conditions).'

I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and understood the above conditions and agree to abide by them.

Surname: Other Names:.....

Signature: Date /..... /.....

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Signature: Date /..... /.....



(Please read the following and retain for your information)

Vehicle Types

Applicants must contact a Client Service Officer from Passenger Services located at 20 Brown Street, East Perth to initiate the licensing process.

Vehicles are licensed to operate within the state of Western Australia, to destinations without and inside the Perth metropolitan area. For the purpose of the license, the “defined Perth metropolitan area” shall mean the area as prescribed by Reg.4(1) Taxi Regulations 1995.

Vehicles will be issued with Private Taxi (PT) plates with Red characters on a White background.

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- operate in the style of regular passenger transport services (which is defined as operating to prescribed routes, timetables, set fares and stopping places along routes for picking up and setting down passengers).

In order to drive a vehicle with fare paying passengers the driver is required to hold a T extension on their W.A driver’s licence.

The type of vehicle proposed will need to be in accordance with the attached ‘Vehicle Type Categories for Private Taxis (with qualifying conditions).

Vehicles must pass a visual and mechanical inspection at an authorised Inspection Centre except for stretch limousines, which when being licensed as a PT for the first time, or have been modified in any way since the first inspection, must be taken to the Technical Branch at Welshpool.

IMPORTANT: Operators and new applicants for licences should check with Passenger Services prior to purchasing a vehicle or making any modification to a vehicle eg: stretching a vehicle, to ensure that it is eligible to be licensed for the purpose sought. In the case of vehicle modification, once Passenger Services has indicated the vehicle is eligible it is necessary to ascertain from the Technical Branch whether the proposed modification will be approved. Any modification to vehicles that are already licensed and operating, such as to seating capacity or configuration, requires approval from Technical Section and must pass an examination at an Authorised Inspection Centre or Vehicle Examination Centre. A vehicle that is not approved for use on the road will not be licensed to carry fare-paying passengers.

Vehicles shall not display identification that in any way that would present it in a manner resembling a taxi.

Licensees shall maintain records of all licensed operations and supply details of such records to the Department of Transport as may be required from time to time. The specific details required to be kept include times and dates journeys are commenced and completed, the make and licence plate numbers of the vehicles used, the driver of a vehicle for each journey and proof of payment.

Licensees should read and adhere to all conditions that are attached to their licence.



Cost of Service – Minimum Fare

Private taxi trips shall be charged according to the time occupied and the distance travelled during the trip, and at a minimum rate of 30% above the maximum taxi fare detention rate by DPI as provided under the Transport Co-ordination Act 1966. *A minimum of one hour must be charged per hiring.*

Vehicle Type

There are four broad vehicle categories:

1. Luxury vehicles/ Luxury people movers
2. Modified luxury vehicles,
3. Classic/invitation class vehicles, and
4. "Green" Vehicles

Vehicle Type Categories for Private Taxis (with qualifying conditions)

Schedule 1: PT vehicle categories and maximum ages

Group	Vehicle Category (description)	Maximum Age
Group A	<p>Luxury vehicles Vehicles that cost at least the amount of the LCT threshold when new. Note: the following vehicle(s) will always be included, irrespective of the LCT threshold figure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ford Fairlane / LTD • Holden Statesman/Caprice • Toyota Tarago 	Unlimited
Group B	Modified / stretched vehicles	Unlimited
Group C	Classic / vintage vehicles	Unlimited
Group D	"Green" vehicles	Unlimited

Guidelines for determining eligibility of vehicles for inclusion in the Vehicle Type Categories for PT's under the "Other vehicles as approved by the Director General" in the above approved schedule.

The current threshold figure at which Luxury car tax applies is \$57,180 and is subject to possible movement by the Australian Taxation Office as at 1 July each year.

The above guidelines relating to luxury tax and vehicle type are to be applied in addition to the qualifying conditions immediately below.



Qualifying conditions

- Existing licensed stretch/modified limousines will be permitted to continue operating. However, all future modified vehicles shall be based on a vehicle that is acceptable for licensing in its original configuration, unless it satisfies Group C, and the modification must lengthen the vehicle's wheelbase by at least 500mm.
- Vehicle that is a four or more wheel drive, station wagon, utility or where the "vehicle type" is not "passenger", in accordance with the vehicle specifications, is not eligible to be licensed as a PT.
- Left-hand drive vehicles will not be licensed to carry fare-paying passengers.
- Classic/Invitation class vehicles are more than 25 years old and may be licensed provided the "vehicle type" is "passenger", in accordance with the vehicle specifications.
- Green vehicles are petrol-electric hybrids or alternative fuel passenger vehicles licensed for operation within the Perth metropolitan area. To ensure only those vehicles that represent a significant environmental benefit are licensed, the vehicle must have an overall rating of 5 stars with respect to greenhouse gas emissions, fuel consumption and air pollution, as determined by the Federal Government's *Green Vehicle Guide* www.GreenVehicleGuide.gov.au

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelley Smith".

Shelley Smith
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Passenger Services Business Unit