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DRIVER ACCREDITATION APPLICATION, TEST, COURSE AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

1. I, James Holyman, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Taxi Services Commission (TSC), acting under delegation from the TSC and in accordance with my powers under sections 166, 167 and 168 of the **Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983** (the Act), hereby:
 - (a) require, in accordance with section 166(3) of the Act, an application for the issue of a driver accreditation to be accompanied by the information or things specified in Schedule 1 to this Instrument applicable to the category for which driver accreditation is sought;
 - (b) require, in accordance with section 167 of the Act, applicants for driver accreditation to undertake the courses of training or pass the tests specified in Schedule 2 to this Instrument;
 - (c) require, in accordance with section 168(3)(c), an application for the renewal of driver accreditation to be accompanied by the information or things specified in Schedule 3 to this Instrument; and
 - (d) revoke the Driver Accreditation Application, Test, Course and Renewal Requirements instrument published in the Government Gazette as Special Edition No. S 212 on 27 June 2014, as amended by Special Gazette No. S 419 on 8 December 2014.
2. Unless otherwise indicated, all terms have the same meaning as in the Act.
3. Nothing in this instrument limits the discretion of the TSC under sections 166, 167 or 168 of the Act.
4. This instrument will come into effect on and from the date it is published in the Government Gazette, and will remain in force until it is revoked.

Dated 23 June 2015

JAMES HOLYMAN
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Taxi Services Commission

SPECIAL

SCHEDULE 1**APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUE OF DRIVER ACCREDITATION: INFORMATION AND THINGS REQUIRED BY THE TSC IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 166(3) OF THE ACT**

All applications for driver accreditation made under section 166(2) of the Act must be accompanied by each of the following things:

1. Either:
 - (a) a current National Police Certificate issued:
 - (i) by Australian State, Territory or Federal police agencies only; and
 - (ii) no more than six months prior to it being supplied to the TSC; or
 - (b) a fully completed and signed TSC Police Check Consent Form, to enable the TSC to request a National Police History Certificate on behalf of the applicant.

Note: applicants for driver accreditation must pay the appropriate application fee, depending on whether they provide a National Police Certificate or elect for the TSC to request a National Police History Certificate on their behalf.

2. Proof that the applicant holds a current full Victorian driver licence (in accordance with the **Road Safety Act 1986**), and has held either:
 - (a) a current full Victorian driver licence for at least six (6) months; or
 - (b) a current equivalent interstate or New Zealand driver licence for at least six (6) months.

Note: In this clause the word 'current' is taken to mean a driver licence that is not suspended.

3. Original or certified copies of proof of identity in any of the following accepted formats:
 - (a) Current Australian Passport or International Passport;
 - (b) A current document of identity issued by the Australian Passport office; or
 - (c) A current Australian Police Force Officer or Defence Force photo-identification.
4. Original or certified copies of documents displaying evidence of right to work in Australia in one of the following formats (if a document that displays this evidence has not been provided in relation to Item 3 of this Schedule 1):
 - (a) Australian Citizenship Certificate;
 - (b) Full Australian Birth Extract;
 - (c) A current permanent residence visa evidenced by a label or wet stamp in passport; or
 - (d) A valid visa which permits holder to work.

Restricted Hire Motorcycle driver accreditation only

5. In addition to complying with the requirements listed in Items 1–3 of this Schedule 1, applicants applying for driver accreditation to drive a commercial passenger vehicle classified as a Restricted Hire Motorcycle must provide proof that they hold a full Victorian driver licence endorsed to drive a motorcycle and proof that they have held a motorcycle licence or endorsement in an Australian State or Territory for a minimum period of five (5) years.

SCHEDULE 2**TESTS, COURSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 167 OF THE ACT****1. The Knowledge Test – Theoretical tests – applicants for taxi-cab or hire car driver accreditation**

Subject to Item 3 of this Schedule 2, if a person is applying for a category of driver accreditation specified in Column 1 of the following table, they must complete the components of the Knowledge Test specified in Column 2 of the table, with a minimum score of 85 per cent in each module.

Table 1: Required Knowledge Test Components

| Driver Accreditation Zone Column 1 | Required Knowledge Test Components Column 2 |
|--|--|
| Taxi-cab driver accreditation: Melbourne Metropolitan Zone | (a) General Assessment; (b) Geographical Assessment; and (c) Driver Behaviour. |
| Taxi-cab driver accreditation: Urban and Large Regional Zone | (a) General Assessment; and (b) Driver Behaviour |
| Hire Car driver accreditation: Metropolitan Hire Car Zone | (a) Metropolitan Hire Car Module |

2. The Knowledge – Wheelchair Accessible Taxi-Cab endorsement – Melbourne Metropolitan Zone and Urban and Large Regional Zone

An applicant for endorsement to drive a wheelchair accessible taxi-cab in the Melbourne Metropolitan Zone or Urban and Large Regional Zone must, in addition to complying with Schedule 1 (as applicable) and Item 1 of this Schedule 2:

- (a) Complete the WAT Training theoretical module with a minimum score of 85 per cent; and
- (b) Complete the WAT Practical Assessment to the satisfaction of the TSC, following completion of the WAT Theoretical module.

3. Wheelchair Accessible Taxi-Cab endorsement – Regional Zone and Country Zone only

An applicant for endorsement to drive a wheelchair accessible taxi-cab in the Regional Zone or the Country Zone must (in addition to complying with Schedule 1, as applicable) provide proof of competency against the capabilities outlined in the 'Provide wheelchair accessible taxi services to passengers with disabilities TLIC4009A' unit of the Certificate IV in Driving Operations (Taxi).

4. Other requirements

The TSC requires applicants for driver accreditation to comply with sections 167(2)(a), 167(2)(b), 167(2)(c) and 167(2)(e) of the Act.

5. Additional requirements

If requested to do so by the TSC, an applicant for driver accreditation must provide:

- (a) Proof of enrolment in the one day, Defensive Car Driving course conducted by DECA, and a written report from DECA confirming the level of competency attained. The level of competency attained must be to the satisfaction of the TSC; or
- (b) Proof of enrolment in and successful completion of, the Drink Drive course conducted by Murcotts Driving Excellence; or
- (c) Proof of the enrolment in and successful completion of the one day Assertiveness for Everyday Life course conducted by Centre for Adult Education; or
- (d) Proof of enrolment in and successful completion of the one day, Conflict Resolution Skills course conducted by Homesglen Institute of TAFE.

SCHEDULE 3**ACCREDITATION RENEWAL APPLICATION INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS
(PURSUANT TO SECTION 168(3)(C) OF THE ACT)****1. Renewal of driver accreditation – all applicants**

Subject to the remainder of this Schedule 3, if an application for renewal of driver accreditation is made before the date of expiry of accreditation, the applicant must provide the TSC with evidence that they have complied with sections 167(2)(a), 167(2)(b), 167(2)(c) and 167(2)(e) of the Act.

2. Renewal of commercial passenger vehicle driver accreditation - accreditation held for less than five continuous years immediately preceding date of expiry of driver accreditation

If an applicant:

- (a) applies for renewal of their taxi-cab driver accreditation;
- (b) intends to obtain accreditation in a category described in Column 1 of the following table; and
- (c) immediately preceding the date of expiry of their driver accreditation, has held driver accreditation for a continuous period of less than five years;

then that applicant must (in addition to complying with Item 1 of this Schedule 3) provide the TSC with the things described in Column 2 of the following table.

| Applicant Category Column 1 | Things required by the TSC Column 2 |
|---|--|
| Melbourne Metropolitan Zone (including WAT Endorsement) | 1. Evidence that the applicant has successfully completed the following modules of the Knowledge test, with a minimum score of 85 per cent prior to the date of expiry of accreditation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Geographical Assessment; and (b) Driver Behaviour. |
| Urban and Large Regional Zone | 1. Evidence that the applicant has successfully completed the following modules of the Knowledge test, with a minimum score of 85 per cent, prior to the date of expiry of accreditation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Driver Behaviour. |
| Metropolitan Hire Car Zone | 1. Evidence that the applicant has successfully completed the following modules of the Knowledge test, with a minimum score of 85 per cent, prior to the date of expiry of accreditation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Metropolitan Hire Car Module . |

3. Late applications – up to three months after expiry of accreditation

If an application for renewal of driver accreditation is made after the expiry of accreditation, but no later than three months after the expiration, the applicant must complying with Item 1 and Item 2 of this Schedule 3 (as applicable), either provide the TSC with:

- (a) a current National Police Certificate issued:
 - (i) by Australian State, Territory or Federal police agencies only; and
 - (ii) no more than six months prior to it being supplied to the TSC; or

- (b) a fully completed and signed TSC Police Check Consent Form, to enable the TSC to request a National Police History Certificate on behalf of the applicant.

Note: applicants for the renewal of driver accreditation who submit a late application must pay the appropriate application fee, depending on whether they provide a National Police Certificate or elect for the TSC to request a National Police History Certificate on their behalf.

4. Late applications – more than three months after expiry of accreditation

If an application for renewal is made more than three months after the expiry of accreditation, the applicant must:

- (a) provide all information and things specified in Schedule 1 of this Instrument; and
- (b) provide evidence that the applicant has complied with:
 - (i) Item 1 of Schedule 2, if the applicant is applying for accreditation in a category referred to in that Item 1; or
 - (ii) Item 2 of Schedule 2, if the applicant is applying for accreditation in a category referred to in that Item 2.

SCHEDULE 4
INTERPRETATION

In this Instrument:

‘Knowledge Test’ means the test or tests specified by the TSC from time to time, consisting of:

- (a) the following modules provided under a contract between TSC and Genix Ventures Pty Ltd:
 - (i) General Assessment;
 - (ii) Geographical Assessment;
 - (iii) Driver Behaviour;
 - (iv) WAT Training theoretical module;
 - (v) Metropolitan Hire Car module; and
- (b) the WAT Practical Assessment, provided under a contract between TSC and Wodonga TAFE.

‘WAT’ means wheelchair accessible taxi-cab.

All other terms have the same meaning as in the **Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983**, unless otherwise indicated.

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