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Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983

DRIVER ACCREDITATION APPLICATION, TEST, COURSE AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

1. I, Aaron de Rozario, 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 264 on 23 August 2016.
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 9 October 2017, and will remain in force until it is revoked.

Dated 6 October 2017

AARON DE ROZARIO
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. The applicant's written consent to enable the TSC to request a National Police History Certificate on behalf of the applicant.
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.

SCHEDULE 2

TESTS, COURSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 167 OF THE ACT

1. 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):

- (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 Training Theoretical module.

2. 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 TLIC2040A' unit of the Certificate II in Driving Operations (Taxi).

3. 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.

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 (WAT Endorsement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evidence that the applicant has successfully completed the WAT Training Theoretical module with a minimum score of 85 per cent prior to the date of expiry of accreditation; and 2. Evidence that the applicant completed the WAT Practical Assessment to the satisfaction of the TSC prior to the date of expiry of accreditation.

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

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:

‘WAT’ means wheelchair accessible taxi-cab.

‘WAT Training Theoretical module’ means the test provided under a contract between the TSC and Genix Ventures Pty Ltd.

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

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