

Information Bulletin

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Long Distance Scheduled Passenger Services

What is a long distance scheduled passenger service?

A Long Distance Scheduled Passenger Service is a road based general route passenger service in which passengers are carried on an established route -

1. for an average distance of at least 40 km; or
2. between non-adjointing service contract areas or routes.

Who needs to hold operator accreditation for these services?

Individuals, partnerships and corporations/organisations who operate a long distance scheduled passenger service are required to hold operator accreditation. Refer to the Information Bulletin titled 'Operator Accreditation for Scheduled Services' for more information relating to the operator accreditation requirements for operators.

Who needs to hold driver authorisation for these services?

Any driver of a long distance scheduled passenger service is required to hold driver authorisation for scheduled services. Refer to the Information Bulletin titled 'Driver Authorisation for Scheduled Services' for more information relating to the driver authorisation requirements for drivers.

Operational requirements

Operator accreditation and driver authorisation requires operators and drivers to comply with specific legislative provisions. These provisions relate to:

- Vehicles;
- Driver Management;
- Incident management plans;
- Records to be Kept;
- Driver Obligations.

Please refer to the relevant operator accreditation or driver authorisation information bulletin for more information on these requirements.

Vehicles used to provide long distance scheduled passenger services

Long Distance Scheduled Passenger Services can be provided in a vehicle with 10 or more seats, a forward-control passenger vehicle, people mover or an off-road passenger vehicle.

"Forward control passenger vehicle" means a passenger vehicle, other than an off-road vehicle, having up to, and including, nine seating positions (including the driver's position), and in which the centre of the steering wheel is in the forward quarter of the vehicle's total length, and includes Chrysler Voyager, Honda Odyssey, Mazda MPV, Mitsubishi Nimbus, Mitsubishi Starwagon and Toyota Tarago.

"Off-road passenger vehicle" means a passenger vehicle that has up to, and including, nine seating positions (including the driver's position), designed with special features for off-road operation as defined by the Australian Design Rules.

"People mover" means a passenger car having at least 6 seating positions, including the driver's position, that are not limited for use by reference to a person's age or weight.

Additional information

The information contained in this bulletin has been produced as a guide to assist in the understanding of the legislation and policy. Clarification of any information in this bulletin may be obtained from the Department of Transport and Main Roads by contacting your local Passenger Transport office of the Department.

This bulletin is an interpretation of the relevant Acts, Regulations and Standard should not be used as a reference to a point of law.

Copies of the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994*, *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Regulation 2005* and *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Standard 2010* can be purchased from LitSupport Pty Ltd on 07 3223 9202 or email legislation@litsupport.com.au.

The legislation may be viewed on the internet at www.legislation.qld.gov.au. Additional information about public passenger services is available on the Department of Transport and Main Roads internet site at www.tmr.qld.gov.au.