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Fact Sheet

Requirement for licence conditions to be carried in taxis and limousines

The *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994* requires operators of taxi and limousine services to keep a written notice about licence conditions in their vehicles for the ready information of drivers.

The written notice must include:

- a map outlining the boundaries of the service area, or
- a copy of the declared text description of the service area, and
- any other restrictions to which the licence is subject.

Note: maps outlining the boundaries of service areas and declared text descriptions are included in some taxi booking company handbooks.

Note: electronic display of the written notice information via the vehicle dispatch system is acceptable providing the driver is capable of producing it.

What's important to know

- Failure by an operator to ensure that this information is either kept inside a vehicle or able to be displayed electronically is an offence with a maximum penalty of 40 penalty units.
- Operators under leased licences may need to obtain appropriate information that meets this requirement from the licence owner to ensure that their obligations are met.
- It is not necessary for a copy of the actual service licence to be kept inside the vehicle. However, a copy of the conditions contained in Annexure C of the service licence documentation for the relevant service licence is acceptable to meet the requirement for any other restrictions to which the licence is subject.
- Stating the service area for which the licence applies as shown in Annexure C, is not sufficient to meet the requirement for the area in which the taxi may be operated. The information kept in the vehicle must also include a description of the service area or map.

This information has been produced as a guide to assist in the understanding of the legislation. It is an interpretation of the relevant Acts and Regulations and should not be used as a reference to a point of law.