

Fact sheet

Public transport requirements for hiring vehicles for school formals

Under the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994*, the operator of a public passenger service is required to hold Operator Accreditation (OA) and drivers are required to hold Driver Authorisation (DA).

The Act defines a public passenger service as “a service for the carriage of passengers if –

- (a) the service is provided for fare or other consideration; or
- (b) the service is provided in the course of a trade or business (but not if it is provided by an employer solely for employees); or
- (c) the service is a courtesy or community transport service”.

Based on this definition, operators providing passenger transport for a fare or consideration (which may include a contribution for fuel) are required to hold OA. The category of OA will depend on the type of transport being provided. Certain exemptions apply for community and courtesy transport services.

The limousine industry in Queensland provides transport services for special events using vehicles licensed as a limousine or special purpose limousine.

OA and DA provide certain protection for passengers, including suitability checks on operators and drivers, and regular safety inspections on vehicles. Using non-accredited operators may increase risks to passengers from a customer service, insurance and safety perspective.

OA and DA is not required for a private arrangement – where a vehicle is hired and paid for by an individual (or group of people) supplying their own driver.

To find out more about accredited vehicles, contact your nearest TransLink passenger transport office, visit the TMR website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au, or call 13 QGov (13 74 68).

TransLink Passenger Transport offices

Cairns	4040 6398	Mooloolaba	5452 1800
Carseldine	3863 9848	Rockhampton	4931 1537
Ipswich	3813 8686	Southport	5585 1856
Mackay	4951 8677	Toowoomba	4639 0804
Maryborough	4121 8315	Townsville	4758 7564