

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

TAXIS REGULATIONS

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Regulations under the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act*

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Taxis Regulations*.

2 Commencement

These regulations shall come into operation on the commencement of the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act*.

3 Interpretation

(1) In these regulations:

approved taxi security camera system, for Part 4A, see regulation 27A.

authorised person, for Part 4A, see regulation 27A.

authorised purpose, for Part 4A, see regulation 27A.

determination means a determination made under section 26 of the Act.

fee includes a charge and levy.

functioning, for Part 4A, see regulation 27A.

multiple hiring means the separate hiring of the same taxi by more than one hirer with each hirer paying a separate fare.

multiple purpose taxi means a standard taxi fitted to carry a passenger seated in a wheelchair and in respect of which the licence contains a condition that priority is to be given to carrying passengers in wheelchairs.

Northern Territory Taxi Subsidy Scheme means the Northern Territory Government scheme that provides for financial assistance (using an electronic smartcard) to be given to residents who have been assessed as having a disability or significant mobility restriction that prevents them from being able to travel on public transport.

officer, for Part 4A, see regulation 27A.

onboard system, for Part 4A, see regulation 27A.

operator does not include a person who is only a driver of a taxi.

Part 4A taxi, for Part 4A, see regulation 27A.

peak period taxi means a taxi (including a multiple purpose taxi) in respect of which the licence contains a condition limiting either or both the hours or days of operation.

taxi area means an area declared as a taxi area under section 16 of the Act.

taxi fare pre-payment scheme means the scheme set out in regulation 11A.

taxi rank means:

- (a) a space or area in a road or place designated as a taxi rank under the *Traffic Act*, or
- (b) a bus stop whenever a taxi is parked or standing in the bus stop in accordance with section 26A(1) of the Act.

taxi security camera system, for Part 4A, see regulation 27A.

testing officer means a person authorised to test taximeters under the *Motor Vehicles Act*.

- (2) For these Regulations (but subject to regulation 3A), the time a taxi is kept waiting by the hirer may be included in the time of the hiring.

3A Lift incentive

- (1) An eligible person who requires the wheelchair capability of a multiple purpose taxi may offer a lift incentive to the driver of the taxi.
- (2) The lift incentive may be provided in the form of:
 - (a) a redeemable voucher approved by the Minister; or

- (ab) payment by a smartcard issued under the Northern Territory Taxi Subsidy Scheme or other means of electronic payment; or
 - (b) another means of payment approved by the Minister.
- (3) If the taxi driver accepts the offer of the lift incentive:
- (a) the hiring is taken to commence only after the wheelchair, and any person in the wheelchair, have been loaded into the vehicle and made secure; and
 - (b) the driver must not charge for any time spent waiting:
 - (i) for the hirer before loading the wheelchair; or
 - (ii) in loading and unloading the wheelchair.
- (4) A taxi driver is not obliged to accept a lift incentive and may instead charge for time spent waiting for the hirer and in loading and unloading the wheelchair.
- (5) The Minister may, by *Gazette* notice:
- (a) determine the class or classes of persons who are eligible to participate in the lift incentive scheme; and
 - (b) determine the amount payable for a lift incentive from time to time.

Part 2 Duties of operator

4 Operator to maintain records

- (1) The operator of a taxi must make and maintain a record of:
- (a) the dates and times during which the taxi is operated for the carriage of passengers; and
 - (b) the full name and residential address of the driver of the taxi during those periods and the number of the driver's licence issued to him or her under the *Motor Vehicles Act*; and
 - (c) every journey made by the taxi that is registered on the taximeter fitted to the taxi; and
 - (d) any other matter that the Director requires as a condition of the operator's licence.

- (1A) The operator of a multiple purpose taxi must maintain a record of each journey made by the taxi entailing the carriage of a wheelchair passenger.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

- (2) The record referred to in subregulation (1) or (1A) and any record returned to the operator under regulation 11(5):
- (a) must be kept in a safe place at the principal place of business of the operator; and
 - (b) must be produced whenever required by an inspector.

4A Maintenance

- (1) The operator of a taxi must ensure that the taxi is properly and regularly maintained.
- (2) If the Registrar of Motor Vehicles specifies minimum maintenance that is to be carried out on a taxi, the operator of a taxi must ensure that maintenance carried out on the taxi is in accordance with that specified.

5 Identity card

- (1) For section 74 of the Act, a taxi is a prescribed class of commercial passenger vehicle.
- (2) An identity card issued under section 74 of the Act to a taxi driver is to:
- (a) display the name of the driver; and
 - (b) display a recent photograph of the driver; and
 - (c) specify the expiry date of the card; and
 - (d) indicate that the holder of the card is authorised to drive a taxi.
- (3) A taxi driver must display the driver's identity in a conspicuous place in a taxi while driving the taxi.

Part 3 Conduct of drivers and passengers

6 Police officer may require to be carried as passenger

- (1) A police officer acting in the course of duty may require a taxi driver to carry the police officer as a passenger.

- (2) A taxi driver must not refuse a request made under subregulation (1) and the police officer:
- (a) is not required to pay the fare on demand by the taxi driver; and
 - (b) is not liable to pay any amount for any loss or damage occasioned by the request that exceeds reasonable compensation.

7 Touting prohibited

- (1) A person must not tout or solicit for passengers for a taxi.
- (2) A person does not commit an offence against subregulation (1) if the person marshals passengers for taxis at an event or place, and in accordance with conditions, approved by the Director.

7A Preventing other drivers from obtaining hirings

A taxi driver must not prevent, or attempt to prevent, by force or otherwise another taxi driver from obtaining a hiring.

8 Multiple hiring

- (1) A taxi driver must not use the taxi for the purpose of multiple hiring unless the passengers for each hiring consent to the taxi being used for the purpose of multiple hiring.
- (2) Where a taxi is used on a multiple hiring basis the driver must convey the passengers to the places specified under each hiring so that the distance travelled under each hiring is the shortest practicable having regard to the circumstances of the hiring.

9 Separate hiring

Except in the case of a multiple hiring referred in regulation 8, a taxi driver must not demand or collect separate fares from passengers who travel on the taxi together on the same hiring.

10 Animals

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2) a taxi driver must not refuse a hiring by reason only that a prospective hirer is accompanied by a:
 - (a) guide dog; or
 - (b) a hearing or companion dog.

- (2) A taxi driver may refuse a hiring if an animal referred to in paragraph (b) is likely to be a nuisance or is likely to interfere with the operation of the taxi.

10A Hiring by passenger with wheelchair

- (1) The driver of a multiple purpose taxi must not refuse a request for a hiring, allocated by a communications network or dispatch network, entailing the carriage of a wheelchair passenger.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

- (2) However, a driver does not commit an offence against subregulation (1) in circumstances permitted by any of the following:

- (a) these Regulations;
- (b) a code of conduct applicable under the Act to taxis;
- (c) the multiple purpose taxi licence applicable to the taxi;
- (d) the approval under the Act to operate the communications network or dispatch network.

- (3) The driver of a multiple purpose taxi must:

- (a) record all journeys entailing the carriage of a wheelchair passenger while he or she was the driver; and
- (b) provide the records to the operator of the taxi as soon as practicable.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

- (4) Subregulation (3) does not apply if the hiring was booked through a communications or dispatch network which itemises wheelchair journeys in reports by the network.

11 Hiring

- (1) Subject to these Regulations, a taxi driver must not refuse a hiring if a prospective hirer demonstrates to the taxi driver his or her capacity to pay the fare applicable in relation to the proposed hiring.
- (2) Subject to these Regulations, a taxi driver must not demand a fare in relation to a hiring that is in excess of the maximum fare payable under a determination then in force.

- (3) A taxi driver may refuse to accept a hiring for a journey that extends beyond a taxi area unless the prospective hirer agrees to pay:
 - (a) in relation to any distance to be travelled inside a taxi area, the amount payable under a determination then in force; and
 - (b) in relation to any distance to be travelled outside a taxi area, a negotiated fare.
- (4) A hirer must on completion of a hiring pay to the taxi driver on demand by the taxi driver the fare applicable in relation to the hiring.
- (5) If a taxi is equipped with a mobile telephone and the taxi driver undertakes a hiring by that means and without the knowledge of the operator the taxi driver must make a record of each such hiring and return the record to the operator as soon as is practicable.

11A Taxi fare pre-payment scheme

- (1) Despite regulation 11, this regulation applies to the hiring of a taxi, other than the hiring of a taxi from an airport, that starts:
 - (a) between 10 pm on Friday and 5 am on Saturday; or
 - (b) between 10 pm on Saturday and 5 am on Sunday.
- (2) The taxi driver may, before the journey starts, require the hirer to pay a deposit of not more than an amount equal to the estimate of the fare for the proposed hiring determined using a pre-payment scheme fare schedule approved by the Director.
- (3) If a deposit is paid, the taxi driver must, on the request of the hirer, give the hirer a receipt for the deposit.

Maximum penalty: 25 penalty units.
- (4) Subregulations (5) and (6) apply at the end of, or on termination of, the hiring if a deposit has been paid.
- (5) If the total of the fare and any charges payable for the hiring is less than the deposit paid, the taxi driver must refund the excess paid for the hiring to the hirer.

Maximum penalty: 25 penalty units.

- (6) If the total of the fare and any charges payable for the hiring is more than the deposit paid, the hirer must pay the balance outstanding for the hiring to the taxi driver on demand by the driver.

Maximum penalty: 25 penalty units.

- (7) A taxi driver must not require payment of a deposit from a hirer if payment of the fare for the hiring is to be made using a smartcard issued under the Northern Territory Taxi Subsidy Scheme.

Maximum penalty: 25 penalty units.

- (8) A taxi driver may refuse a hiring if a person refuses to pay a deposit in accordance with this regulation.

12 Passengers with infectious diseases etc.

A taxi driver may refuse to accept a hiring from a person:

- (a) who is apparently:
- (i) suffering from an infectious disease; or
 - (ii) under the influence of drugs or alcohol; or
- (b) who is likely to:
- (i) soil or damage the taxi; or
 - (ii) cause a nuisance.

13 Hirer and passengers

When accepting a hiring a taxi driver must allow all the passengers requested by the hirer to accompany the hirer so long as the permitted seating capacity of the taxi is not exceeded.

14 Re-hiring

If a hiring is terminated and the taxi driver is requested to return to the place at which the hiring is terminated then unless the person requesting the hiring otherwise agrees:

- (a) a new hiring commences from the time the taxi driver returns to that place; and
- (b) the taxi driver must not charge for the interval between the hirings;

but the taxi driver is not obliged to return for a new hiring unless the driver has already accepted the new hiring.

15 Notification of arrival

On arrival at a place to accept a hiring a taxi driver:

- (a) must immediately notify the hirer of his or her arrival; and
- (b) must not set the taximeter to start before giving notification of his or her arrival unless a time was specified for the commencement of the hiring and then only at the time so specified.

16 Fair dealing

- (1) A taxi driver must when conveying a passenger take the shortest practicable route to the destination requested unless the passenger specifies another route.
- (2) A taxi driver must give a prospective hirer full and correct information concerning the fare payable in relation to a proposed hiring.
- (3) The operator of a taxi must ensure that the maximum fares then payable are displayed on a legible notice in a conspicuous position inside the taxi.
- (4) Before demanding the payment of the fare payable, or balance of the fare payable, at the end of a hiring a taxi driver must allow the passenger to see the amount payable as displayed on the taximeter and must ensure that the taximeter is sufficiently illuminated, if necessary, for this purpose.

17 Intoxicating liquor prohibited

If a passenger consumes intoxicating liquor or a prohibited substance in a taxi the taxi driver must terminate the hiring and request the passenger to alight from the taxi.

18 Luggage

A person must not, without the consent of the driver bring into or carry on the taxi any article or thing that in the opinion of the driver would be likely to:

- (a) cause inconvenience to or injure any person travelling in the taxi; or
- (b) damage the taxi.

19 Termination by taxi driver

A taxi driver may terminate a hiring, and require a person in the taxi to alight from it, if the person while travelling in the taxi does any of the following:

- (a) uses profane, obscene, insulting or offensive language;
- (b) interferes with the comfort or safety of the persons travelling in the taxi;
- (c) commits a nuisance.

20 Taxi ranks

The following provisions apply to and in relation to the use of taxi ranks:

- (a) a taxi driver must not park or leave a taxi in a taxi rank unless the taxi is available for hire;
- (b) a taxi driver must remain in the vicinity of a taxi that is parked in a taxi rank;
- (c) except where otherwise directed by an inspector, a taxi driver must park his or her taxi in a queue in the first position then available in the taxi rank and must move the taxi up the queue as space becomes available;
- (d) where more than one taxi is parked in a taxi rank the taxi that is in the first position in the taxi rank is entitled to accept any hiring then offered unless the hirer selects another taxi in the taxi rank;
- (e) subject to these Regulations and any code of conduct applicable to taxis under the Act, a taxi driver parked in a taxi rank must not refuse a hiring.

21 Taxi not to be parked in a road

A taxi driver must not park or stand a taxi that is available for hire in a road or public place except in a taxi rank unless the parking or standing is for the purposes of:

- (a) picking up or setting down passengers; or
- (b) waiting under the instructions of a passenger; or
- (c) by direction or with the consent of an inspector;

but only if the parking or standing of the taxi is otherwise lawful.

22 Taxi drivers to search taxi

- (1) A taxi driver must immediately after the completion of a hiring or any termination of a hiring, immediately search the taxi to ascertain whether a passenger has left any property in the taxi.
- (2) If as a result of the search carried out under subregulation (1) a taxi driver discovers an article that appears to have been left by a passenger the taxi driver must:
 - (a) immediately call the hirer and return the article to the hirer; and
 - (b) if the return of the article under paragraph (a) has not been successful, deliver the article to the nearest police station as soon as is practicable.

Part 4 Taximeters**23 Taximeters to be fitted**

- (1) A taxi driver must not drive a taxi on a road in a taxi area unless the taxi is fitted with a taximeter:
 - (a) that conforms to the specification set out in Schedule 2; and
 - (b) that is in good working order both generally and in relation to every component; and
 - (c) that has been tested in accordance with these Regulations; and
 - (d) that is so adjusted as to be capable of indicating the fare payable in relation to a hiring in accordance with a determination then in force.
- (2) A taxi driver does not commit an offence against subregulation (1) if:
 - (a) the taxi is driven during a period approved by the Director for the purpose of enabling the taximeter to be repaired; and
 - (b) in accordance with such directions given by the Director for the purposes of this subregulation.

- (3) A taxi driver does not commit an offence against subregulation (1) if:
- (a) the taximeter fitted to the taxi does not indicate the fare payable under a determination then in force but the fare demanded by the taxi driver in relation to a hiring does not exceed the maximum amount specified under a determination then in force; and
 - (b) the taxi is operated only during the period approved by the Director for the purposes of this subregulation.

24 Operation of taximeter

The driver of a taxi which is fitted with a taximeter must:

- (a) as soon as a hiring commences – set the taximeter to operate; and
- (b) immediately on the completion or termination of the hiring – stop the taximeter.

25 Maintenance of taximeter

The operator of a taxi to which a taximeter is fitted must:

- (a) keep the taximeter in good order and condition and, for that purpose, have the taximeter tested by a testing officer as often as is necessary to ensure its accuracy but not less than once in each 12 monthly period; and
- (b) where, owing to an alteration in the taxi, including its equipment, or for another reason, the taximeter is not registering correctly or is otherwise malfunctioning:
 - (i) immediately notify the Director; and
 - (ii) until that taximeter is properly adjusted and the taxi is produced to the Director for a test of that taximeter, take adequate precautions to prevent the taxi from standing or being driven on a road in a taxi area for the purpose of conveying passengers or luggage or other goods; and
- (c) where the taximeter so fitted is not the taximeter originally tested by a testing officer or where, for any reason, the seal affixed as required by Schedule 2 is broken:
 - (i) immediately notify the Director; and

- (ii) until the taxi is produced to the Director for a test of the taximeter and a testing officer seals the taximeter, take adequate precautions to prevent the taxi from standing or being driven on a road in a taxi area for the purpose of conveying passengers or luggage or other goods.

26 Inspection of taximeter

- (1) The operator of a taxi must upon request made by the Director, specifying the taxi in relation to which the request is made, submit the taxi for the purpose of the inspection and testing of the taximeter fitted to the taxi by a testing officer.
- (2) If, after an inspection and test of a taximeter fitted to a taxi, a testing officer is of the opinion that the taximeter is not operating so as to give an accurate reading of the charge payable in relation to a hiring the testing officer:
 - (a) must report that fact to the Director; and
 - (b) must not affix a seal to the taximeter.
- (3) The operator of a taxi must not operate a taxi the taximeter of which is not affixed with the seal of a testing officer.

27 Interference with taximeter prohibited

A person, other than a testing officer or a person who is an approved taximeter repairer, must not interfere with a taximeter.

Part 4A Security camera systems in certain taxis

27A Definitions

In this Part:

approved taxi security camera system means a taxi security camera system approved under regulation 27Q(2).

authorised person means a person authorised as mentioned in regulation 27J.

authorised purpose means a purpose as mentioned in regulation 27K.

functioning, in relation to a taxi security camera system, means one or more visual indicators on the camera (or equipment associated with the camera) indicate the system is working correctly and is capable of recording images.

officer means an inspector, police officer or member of the Australian Federal Police.

onboard system means an approved taxi security camera system fitted to a taxi.

Part 4A taxi means a taxi that is licensed to stand and ply for hire within a taxi area to which this Part applies.

Note

See regulation 27B for declarations about taxi areas to which this Part applies.

taxi security camera system means a system designed to be fitted to a taxi to record images of persons in or near the taxi.

27B Declaration for application of Part

The Minister may, by *Gazette* notice, declare this Part applies in relation to a taxi area.

27C Onboard system to be fitted and functioning

- (1) The operator of a Part 4A taxi must not cause or permit the taxi to operate unless it has an onboard system.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

- (2) The operator must ensure the onboard system is functioning when the taxi is:
- (a) carrying passengers for hire or reward; or
 - (b) available to carry passengers for hire or reward.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

Note for regulation 27C

There may be an exemption under section 20 of the Act or regulation 27R that applies to the operator.

27D Operator to ensure signage fitted

The operator of a Part 4A taxi that has an onboard system must ensure signs are conspicuously placed inside and outside the taxi, that advise persons they may be under surveillance when in or near the taxi.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

27E Operator to ensure driver is competent to operate onboard system

The operator of a Part 4A taxi that has an onboard system must not permit a driver to operate the taxi unless satisfied the driver is competent to operate the system.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

27F Driver to ensure onboard system is functioning

- (1) A driver of a Part 4A taxi that has an onboard system must ensure the system is functioning when the driver is operating the taxi.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

- (2) If the onboard system is not functioning, the driver must not accept a hiring.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

Note for regulation 27F

There may be an exemption under section 20 of the Act or regulation 27R that applies to a driver.

27G Interference with onboard system

- (1) A person must not interfere with, or cause or permit another person to interfere with, an onboard system.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

- (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply to an authorised person or officer:

- (a) inspecting, maintaining, repairing or testing the onboard system; or
- (b) examining or copying a recording made by the system for an authorised purpose.

27H Only approved taxi security camera system to be fitted

A person must not fit a taxi security camera system in a Part 4A taxi unless the system is an approved taxi security camera system.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

27J Authorised persons

- (1) The Director may, in writing, authorise a person to do either or both of the following:
 - (a) inspect, maintain, repair and test onboard systems;
 - (b) examine and copy recordings from onboard systems.
- (2) However, the Director may only authorise a person if satisfied the person has the necessary technical knowledge and equipment for performing the functions the person is authorised to do.
- (3) Without limiting the conditions the Director may impose on an authority under subregulation (1), it is a condition of each authority that the authorised person must maintain all the person's equipment for performing the functions the person is authorised to do.

27K Authorised purposes

The following are authorised purposes for which an authorised person or officer may examine or copy a recording from an onboard system:

- (a) ensuring compliance by any of the following persons with requirements that apply to the person under a law in force in the Territory;
 - (i) the operator of a Part 4A taxi;
 - (ii) a driver of a Part 4A taxi;
 - (iii) a passenger of a Part 4A taxi with an obligation to pay the fare for a hiring of the taxi;
- (b) investigating an offence committed in the Territory or elsewhere (including locating a person in connection with such an offence) or otherwise enforcing a law in force in the Territory;
- (c) locating a missing person or furthering an investigation into the safety or welfare of any person;
- (d) inspecting, maintaining, repairing or testing an onboard system.

27L Examining or copying recording

- (1) A person must not examine a recording taken by an onboard system, or copy a recording from the system, unless the person is an authorised person or officer or is under the direct supervision of an authorised person or officer.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

- (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply in relation to a copy of a recording taken by an onboard system that:
- (a) forms, or is to form, part of evidence in court proceedings; and
 - (b) is examined by persons involved with or as part of the proceedings.
- (3) An authorised person or officer must not examine or copy a recording from an onboard system, or supervise another person who examines or copies a recording, unless the examination or copying is for an authorised purpose.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

27M Register of examination and copies of recordings

- (1) An authorised person must maintain a register containing the following details in relation to each examination or copying of a recording from an onboard system:
- (a) the registration number of the taxi in which the system was fitted when the recording was taken;
 - (b) the date and time of the examination or copying;
 - (c) the purpose of the examination or copying;
 - (d) the location of any copy made;
 - (e) the name of the person who carried out the examination or copying.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

- (2) The authorised person must make the register available for inspection at any reasonable time on demand by an officer or the Director.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

27N Authorised person to make copy when required

If an officer asks an authorised person to do either or both of the following, the authorised person must comply with the request:

- (a) make a copy of a recording from an onboard system and give the copy to the officer by a specified date;
- (b) take other action in relation to the copy as specified by the officer.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

Example for paragraph (b)

If the copy does not reveal evidence of any offence, the officer may direct the authorised person to erase or destroy the copy.

27P Disposal of copy of recording

If a copy was made of a recording taken by an onboard system and it is not required for use in court proceedings, the person in control of the copy must ensure it is disposed of, within 30 days after the copy was made, by:

- (a) deleting, or recording over, an electronic record; or
- (b) physical destruction of media containing an electronic record; or
- (c) physical destruction of a printed copy of a record; or
- (d) any other approved way of deleting or destroying the copy.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

27Q Powers of Director

- (1) The Director may publish, in a way the Director considers appropriate, specifications about taxi security camera systems.
- (2) The Director may, by *Gazette* notice, approve a make and model of a taxi security camera system as a system that is an approved taxi security camera system.
- (3) The Director may issue operational requirements in relation to onboard systems, including, for example, requirements about any of the following:
 - (a) management of complaints related to onboard systems;
 - (b) record keeping related to onboard systems;

- (c) responsibilities of authorised persons.

27R Exemptions because of certain circumstances

- (1) On application by the operator of a Part 4A taxi, the Director may, if satisfied it is appropriate, exempt the operator and drivers of the taxi from specified provisions of this Part if:
 - (a) the taxi is a Part 4A taxi that has an onboard system; but
 - (b) the system is not functioning and the operator cannot have it repaired so it is functioning, or replaced, within a reasonable period.
- (2) An exemption under subregulation (1) must be in writing and must specify each of the following:
 - (a) the taxi to which the exemption relates and the name of the operator;
 - (b) the provisions of this Part from which the operator and any driver or the taxi is exempted;
 - (c) the period for which the exemption applies;
 - (d) any conditions the Director considers appropriate.

Part 5 Miscellaneous

28 Smoking, eating or drinking in taxi

- (1) A person must not, in a taxi:
 - (a) smoke; or
 - (b) consume or use any intoxicating liquor or a prohibited substance.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

- (2) A person, while travelling in a taxi as either a passenger or the driver, must not consume food.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

- (3) A person must not carry any intoxicating liquor in a taxi unless:
 - (a) it is the property of a passenger; and

(b) it is in an unopened container.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

29 Driver not to purchase intoxicating liquor

A driver must not:

(a) accept a hiring under which the driver is required to purchase intoxicating liquor for or on behalf of another person whether or not that other person is a passenger; or

(b) in the course of a hiring purchase intoxicating liquor for or on behalf of a passenger.

30 Fees

(1) The fees specified in Schedule 1 are payable in relation to the matters specified in that Schedule.

(2) If a fee specified in Schedule 1 relates to a period of 12 months, the fee to be paid for a period of less than 12 months is to be charged on a pro rata basis.

31 Plate to be displayed in taxi

A taxi driver must not operate a taxi unless there is affixed in a conspicuous position inside the taxi an approved plate indicating the number of the taxi.

32 Roof signs

(1) A taxi must not be operated unless:

(a) the taxi is fitted with a roof sign that conforms to this regulation; and

(b) the roof sign referred to in paragraph (a) is capable of being illuminated in accordance with this regulation.

(2) The roof sign referred to in subregulation (1) must be:

(a) so constructed as to display to the front of the taxi the word "TAXI" which is capable of being illuminated by the driver from inside the taxi;

(b) fitted with 2 tariff indicator lights that are capable of being operated by the driver from inside the taxi that indicate the tariff being charged through the operation of the taximeter in relation to the hiring then being undertaken;

- (c) fitted with a device that indicates to the driver when seated in the normal driving position whether or not the relevant lights referred to in this regulation are operating in accordance with the requirements of this regulation; and
 - (d) in colours approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
- (3) A taxi driver must not operate a taxi unless:
- (a) the word "TAXI" in the roof sign:
 - (i) is illuminated while the taxi is not engaged on a hiring; and
 - (ii) is not illuminated while the taxi is engaged on a hiring;
 - (b) the tariff indicator lights in the roof sign are illuminated to indicate the tariff being charged through the taximeter in relation to the hiring then being undertaken.

33 Advertisements

- (1) The operator of a taxi must not operate a taxi that bears or is marked with an advertisement unless the advertisement is approved by the Director.
- (2) In this regulation:

advertisement includes a statement or representation of any kind whether made by means of any or all of the following:

- (a) letters, maps, plans or drawings;
- (b) pictorial representations or designs.

34 Operator to supply information

The operator of a taxi must whenever requested by the Director to do so furnish to the Director within the time specified by the Director full and correct information of any details specified in the request relating to journeys undertaken by the taxi.

35 Offences

- (1) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these regulations commits an offence.

Maximum penalty: 25 penalty units.

- (2) The penalty in subsection (1) does not apply if a provision indicates a penalty applicable for a contravention of that provision.

Schedule 1 Fees

regulation 30

- 1 The annual fee for a taxi licence to operate a taxi (other than a multiple purpose taxi or a peak period taxi) in a taxi area specified in column 1 is the amount specified opposite in column 2.

Column 1 – taxi area	Column 2 – fee
Darwin	\$20 240
Alice Springs	\$16 445
Katherine	\$11 385
Tennant Creek	\$5 693
Gove	\$6 325

- 2 The annual fee for a taxi licence to operate a multiple purpose taxi in a taxi area specified in column 1 is the amount specified opposite in column 2.

Column 1 – taxi area	Column 2 – fee
Darwin	\$10 120
Alice Springs	\$8 223
Katherine	\$5 693
Tennant Creek	\$2 846
Gove	\$3 163

- 3 The annual fee for a taxi licence to operate a peak period taxi in a taxi area is \$4 048.

- 4 The fee for an application for a substitute taxi licence is \$495.

- 5 The fee for an application for a refund on the surrender of a taxi licence is \$20.

- 6 The fee for an inspection of a taximeter under regulation 26 by a testing officer who is a public sector employee is \$31.50.

Schedule 2 Requirements for taximeters

regulation 23

1. A taximeter must be of an approved type and:
 - (a) have a tariff indicator; and
 - (b) be capable of displaying the following in easily discernible letters and figures:
 - (i) the tariff prescribed by these Regulations for the journey being undertaken;
 - (ii) the hire charge;
 - (iii) the distance rate; and
 - (c) be capable of being effectively sealed against unauthorised alteration; and
 - (d) be capable of being installed in a position and manner approved.
2. A taximeter must be designed so as to be capable of accurately computing and displaying the proportion of the fare for the journey of each hirer if the taxi is used for multiple hiring.
3. After being fitted to a taxi, a taximeter must be tested by actual use of the taximeter.
4. Where a taximeter is, after testing, found to be satisfactory, it must bear the seal of a testing officer so affixed that the internal part of the taximeter cannot be reached without the seal being broken.

ENDNOTES
1 KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended	od = order
app = appendix	om = omitted
bl = by-law	pt = Part
ch = Chapter	r = regulation/rule
cl = clause	rem = remainder
div = Division	renum = renumbered
exp = expires/expired	rep = repealed
f = forms	s = section
Gaz = <i>Gazette</i>	sch = Schedule
hdg = heading	sdiv = Subdivision
ins = inserted	SL = Subordinate Legislation
lt = long title	sub = substituted
nc = not commenced	

2 LIST OF LEGISLATION***Taxis Regulations (SL No. 58, 1992)***

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Amendments of Taxis Regulations (SL No. 59, 1998)

Notified	23 December 1998
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Amendments of Taxis Regulations (SL No. 10, 2003)

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Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport (Consequential Amendments) Act 2003 (Act No. 41, 2003)

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Taxis Amendment Regulations 2010 (SL No. 14, 2010)

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r 7A	ins No. 42, 2003, r 4
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