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COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VEHICLE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2017

Subordinate Legislation No. 34 of 2017

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Commercial Passenger Vehicle Legislation Amendment Regulations 2017

I, Vicki Susan O'Halloran, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the following Acts:

Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act Motor Vehicles Act

Dated 23 November 2017

V. S. O'HALLORAN Administrator

By Her Honour's Command

N. S. MANISON Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

^{*} Notified in the Northern Territory Government Gazette on 29 November 2017.

Part 1 Preliminary matters

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Commercial Passenger Vehicle Legislation Amendment Regulations 2017.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on 1 December 2017.

Part 2 Amendment of Commercial Passenger (Miscellaneous) Regulations

3 Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Commercial Passenger (Miscellaneous)* Regulations.

4 Regulation 2 replaced

Regulation 2

repeal, insert

2 Infringement offences

For section 81 of the Act:

- (a) an offence against a provision specified in Schedule 1 is an infringement offence; and
- (b) the penalty for an infringement offence is the amount equal to the monetary value of the number of penalty units specified for the offence in Schedule 1.

5 Regulation 3 amended

(1) Regulation 3

omit

the alleged offender

insert

a person

(2) Regulation 3(a)

omit

alleged offender

insert

person

(3) Regulation 3(b) and (c)

omit

alleged offender at his or her

insert

person at the person's

6 Regulation 4 replaced

Regulation 4

repeal, insert

4 Electronic payment and payment by cheque

- If the person uses electronic means to pay the prescribed amount, payment is not effected until the amount is credited to the Agency's bank account.
- (2) If the person tenders a cheque in payment of the prescribed amount, payment is not effected unless the cheque is cleared on first presentation.

7 Regulation 5 amended

(1) Regulation 5(1) and (2)

omit (all references)

alleged offender

insert

person

(2) Regulation 5(2)(a)

omit

on him or her

(3) Regulation 5(2)(b) and (c)

omit

his or her

insert

the person's

8 Part 4 inserted

After regulation 8

insert

Part 4 Further provisions for commercial passenger vehicles

9 Safety of vehicle

(1) The operator of a commercial passenger vehicle must not allow the vehicle to be made available for hire or reward if the vehicle is unsafe.

Maximum penalty: 85 penalty units.

(2) If the Registrar of Motor Vehicles specifies minimum maintenance that is to be carried out on a commercial passenger vehicle, the operator of the vehicle must ensure that maintenance is carried out on the vehicle in accordance with that specified.

Maximum penalty: 85 penalty units.

(3) The driver of a commercial passenger vehicle must not drive the vehicle for hire or reward if the driver knows the vehicle is unsafe.

Maximum penalty: 85 penalty units.

- (4) In this regulation, a vehicle is *unsafe* if it is likely to endanger any of the following:
 - (a) the safety of any person;

- (b) public safety;
- (c) any property.

10 No smoking in vehicle

(1) A person must not smoke in a commercial passenger vehicle.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

(2) Subregulation (1) does not apply in relation to a courtesy vehicle.

11 Animals

(1) The driver of a commercial passenger vehicle must not refuse a hiring of the vehicle by a person, or during a hiring refuse to allow a person to board the vehicle, only because the person is accompanied by an assistance animal.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

(2) In this regulation:

assistance animal means an animal:

- (a) trained by an assistance animal training institution; and
- (b) used as an assistance animal by a person who:
 - (i) is wholly or partially blind or deaf; or
 - (ii) has another form of disability requiring the use of an assistance animal.

12 Lift incentive

- (1) An eligible person who requires the wheelchair capability of a relevant commercial passenger vehicle may offer a lift incentive to the driver of the vehicle.
- (2) The lift incentive may be provided in the form of:
 - (a) a redeemable voucher approved by the Minister; or
 - (b) payment by a smartcard issued under the Northern Territory Transport Subsidy Scheme or other means of electronic payment; or
 - (c) another means of payment approved by the Minister.

- (3) If the 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, is on board the vehicle and made secure; and
 - (b) the driver must not charge for any time spent:
 - (i) waiting for the hirer before the wheelchair is placed on board; or
 - (ii) placing the wheelchair on board and setting the wheelchair down again.
- (4) A driver is not obliged to accept a lift incentive and may instead charge for time spent waiting for the hirer and placing the wheelchair on board the vehicle and setting the wheelchair down again.
- (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.
- (6) A lift incentive is an incentive to the driver and, if received by an operator or a communications or dispatch network, must be passed on to the driver in full.
- (7) In this regulation:

relevant commercial passenger vehicle means:

- (a) a multiple purpose minibus, as defined in regulation 3 of the *Minibus Regulations*; or
- (b) a multiple purpose taxi, as defined in regulation 3(1) of the *Taxis Regulations*; or
- (c) a private hire car:
 - (i) 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.

9 Schedule 1 replaced

Schedule 1

repeal, insert

Schedule 1 Infringement offences and prescribed amounts

regulation 2

Provision	Prescribed amount in penalty units		
The Act			
section 72(2)	2		
sections 21(2), 26A(2), 37B(2), 38E(2), 38K(2), 47(3) and 71(8A) and (9)	4		
sections 26(2), 69(a) and (b) and 74(1)	5		
section 79A(1)	7		
sections 45(2) and 71(1)	10		
section 71(7A)	20		
Commercial Passenger (Miscellaneous) Regulations			
regulation 8(2), (3) and (4)	For an individual – 2 For a body corporate – 10		
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Part 3 Amendment of Courtesy Vehicle Regulations

10 Regulations amended

This Part amends the Courtesy Vehicle Regulations.

11 Regulations 6 to 9, 13 to 15, 17, 18 and 21 repealed

Regulations 6 to 9, 13 to 15, 17, 18 and 21 repeal

Part 4 Amendment of Limousine Regulations

12 Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Limousine Regulations*.

13 Regulation 4 amended

Regulation 4(1) and (2), penalty provision

omit

25

insert

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14 Regulation 5 amended

Regulation 5, penalty provision

omit

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insert

60

15 Regulations 6, 7, 11 and 13 repealed

Regulations 6, 7, 11 and 13

repeal

16 Regulation 15 amended

Regulation 15(3), penalty provision

omit

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insert

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17 Schedule amended

Schedule, item 1

omit

2 200

insert

300

Part 5 Amendment of Minibus Regulations

18 Regulations amended

This Part amends the Minibus Regulations.

19 Regulation 3 amended

Regulation 3

insert (in alphabetical order)

multiple purpose minibus means a minibus 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.

20 Regulation 4 amended

Regulation 4(3), at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

21 Regulation 5 amended

Regulation 5(1), (2) and (3), at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

22 Regulation 6 repealed

Regulation 6

repeal

23 Regulations 7A and 7B inserted

After regulation 7, in Part 3

insert

7A Driver not to charge more than operator indicates

(1) The driver of a minibus commits an offence if the driver charges for a hiring a fare that is greater than the amount indicated under regulation 7.

Maximum penalty: 25 penalty units.

(2) An offence against subregulation (1) is an offence of strict liability.

7B Hiring by passenger with wheelchair

(1) The driver of a multiple purpose minibus commits an offence if the driver refuses 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) An offence against subregulation (1) is an offence of strict liability.
- (3) 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 multiple purpose minibuses;
 - (c) the multiple purpose minibus licence applicable to the minibus;
 - (d) the approval under the Act to operate the communications network or dispatch network.
- (4) The driver of a multiple purpose minibus must:
 - (a) record all journeys, while he or she was the driver, entailing the carriage of a wheelchair passenger; and
 - (b) provide the records to the operator of the minibus as soon as practicable.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

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

24 Regulations 13 and 16 repealed

Regulations 13 and 16

25 Regulation 17 amended

Regulation 17(1)

omit

smoke or

26 Regulation 18G amended

Regulation 18G(1), penalty provision

omit

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insert

60

27 Regulation 20 repealed

Regulation 20

repeal

28 Regulation 22 amended

Regulation 22(1) and (2), at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

29 Regulation 23 repealed

Regulation 23

repeal

30 Schedule amended

(1) Schedule, item 1, after "operate minibus"

insert

, other than multiple purpose minibus,

(2) Schedule, after item 1

insert

1A Annual fee for minibus licence to operate multiple purpose minibus in minibus area

Minibus Area	
Darwin	\$8 800
Alice Springs	\$7 150
Katherine	\$4 950
Tennant Creek	\$2 475
Gove	\$2 750

Part 6 Repeal of Motor Omnibus Regulations

31 Regulations repealed

The Regulations specified in the Schedule are repealed.

Part 7 Amendment of Motor Vehicle (Hire Car) Regulations

32 Regulations amended

This Part amends the Motor Vehicle (Hire Car) Regulations.

33 Regulation 3 repealed

Regulation 3

repeal

34 Regulation 4 amended

(1) Regulation 4, heading

omit

Interpretation

insert

Definitions

(2) Regulation 4(1)

omit

(1)

Part 7

(3) Regulation 4(1), definitions Alice Springs area, child, conversion card, Darwin area, infant, Jabiru area, Katherine area, liquor, member, Nhulunbuy area, taxi fare pre-payment scheme, taxi rank, taxi rank sign, Tennant Creek area and young person

omit

(4) Regulation 4(2)

omit

35 Regulation 6 amended

Regulation 6, at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 15 penalty units.

36 Regulation 10 replaced

Regulation 10

repeal, insert

10 Driver conduct

The driver of a hire car must act in an orderly manner and with civility and propriety towards a passenger or intending passenger.

Maximum penalty: 15 penalty units.

37 Regulation 10A amended

Regulation 10A, at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 15 penalty units.

38 Regulations 11 to 31 repealed

Regulations 11 to 31

39 Regulation 32 amended

Regulation 32, at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 15 penalty units.

40 Regulation 33, Parts IV to VII and regulations 63 to 69 repealed

Regulation 33, Parts IV to VII and regulations 63 to 69

repeal

41 Regulation 70 amended

Regulation 70, at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 15 penalty units.

42 Regulations 72 to 74 repealed

Regulations 72 to 74

repeal

43 Regulation 75 amended

Regulations 75

omit

(other than regulation 25(1)(b))

44 Schedules 1 and 3 repealed

Schedules 1 and 3

repeal

Part 8 Amendment of Passenger Bus Regulations

45 Regulations amended

This Part amends the Passenger Bus Regulations.

46 Regulation 4 amended

(1) Regulation 4(1)

omit

shall

insert

must

(2) Regulation 4(1), at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

(3) Regulation 4(2)

omit, insert

- (2) The operator of a bus must ensure that the record mentioned in subregulation (1):
 - (a) is kept in a safe place at the principal place of business of the operator; and
 - (b) is produced whenever required by an inspector.

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

47 Regulation 5 repealed

Regulation 5

repeal

48 Regulation 6 amended

Regulation 6, at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

49 Regulations 9, 10, 17 and 19 repealed

Regulations 9, 10, 17 and 19

Part 9 Amendment of Private Hire Car Regulations

50 Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Private Hire Car Regulations*.

51 Regulation 4 amended

(1) Regulation 4(1)

omit

shall

insert

must

(2) Regulation 4(1), at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

(3) Regulation 4(2)

omit, insert

- (2) The operator of a private hire car must ensure that the record mentioned in subregulation (1):
 - (a) is kept in a safe place at the principal place of business of the operator; and
 - (b) is produced whenever required by an inspector.

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

52 Regulation 4A repealed

Regulation 4A

repeal

53 Regulation 5 amended

(1) Regulation 5

omit

all words from "A person" to "passenger)"

insert

A driver must not use a private hire car

(2) Regulation 5(b)

omit

over the driver's mobile telephone

54 Regulation 6A inserted

After regulation 6

insert

6A Agreement in relation to private hire car fares

Before a journey by a private hire car is commenced, the owner or driver of the private hire car must advise the hirer of the amount of the fare for the hiring, including any charge for the conveyance of luggage or goods, and the fare for that hiring is to be that amount or a lesser amount agreed between the hirer and the owner or driver.

55 Regulations 8 and 10 repealed

Regulations 8 and 10

repeal

56 Regulation 11A amended

Regulation 11A(3), at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

57 Regulation 12 amended

Regulation 12(2), at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

58 Regulation 13 repealed

Regulation 13

59 Schedule amended

Schedule, item 3

omit

Part 10 Amendment of Special Function Vehicle Regulations

60 Regulations amended

This Part amends the Special Function Vehicle Regulations.

61 Regulation 4 amended

Regulation 4(1) and (2), penalty provision

omit

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insert

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62 Regulation 5 amended

Regulation 5, penalty provision

omit

25

insert

60

Regulations 6 to 8 repealed

Regulations 6 to 8

repeal

64 Regulation 10 amended

Regulation 10(1)

omit

all words from "A person" to "passenger)"

insert

A driver must not use a special function vehicle

65 Regulation 12 repealed

Regulation 12

repeal

Part 11 Amendment of Taxis Regulations

66 Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Taxis Regulations*.

67 Regulation 3 amended

(1) Regulation 3(1), definition *peak period taxi*

omit

(2) Regulation 3(1), definition **Northern Territory Taxi Subsidy Scheme**

omit

Taxi

insert

Transport

(3) Regulation 3(2)

omit

(but subject to regulation 3A)

68 Regulation 3A repealed

Regulation 3A

69 Regulation 4 amended

(1) Regulation 4(1), at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

(2) Regulation 4(1A), penalty provision

omit

30

insert

60

(3) Regulation 4(2)

omit, insert

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

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

70 Regulation 4A repealed

Regulation 4A

repeal

71 Regulation 5 amended

Regulation 5(3), at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

72 Regulation 10 repealed

Regulation 10

73 Regulation 11A amended

Regulation 11A(7)

omit

Taxi

insert

Transport

74 Regulations 17 and 22 repealed

Regulations 17 and 22

repeal

75 Regulation 23 amended

(1) Regulation 23(1)(a)

omit, insert

- (a) that conforms to the specifications determined by the Director by *Gazette* notice; and
- (2) Regulation 23(1)(c)

omit

76 Regulation 25 amended

(1) Regulation 25(c)

omit

or where, for any reason, the seal affixed as required by Schedule 2 is broken

(2) Regulation 25(c)(ii)

omit

seals

insert

tests

77 Regulation 26 amended

Regulation 26(2) and (3)

omit, insert

(2) If, after inspecting and testing 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 must report that fact to the Director.

78 Regulation 27G amended

Regulation 27G(1), penalty provision

omit

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insert

60

79 Regulation 28 amended

(1) Regulation 28, heading

omit

Smoking, eating

insert

Eating

(2) Regulation 28(1)

omit, insert

(1) In a taxi, a person must not consume or use intoxicating liquor or a prohibited substance.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

80 Regulation 33 repealed

Regulation 33

81 Regulation 34 amended

Regulation 34, at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

82 Schedule 2 repealed

Schedule 2

repeal

Part 12 Amendment of Tourist Vehicles Regulations

83 Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Tourist Vehicles Regulations*.

84 Regulation 4 amended

(1) Regulation 4(1)

omit

An operator of a tourist vehicle shall

insert

The operator of a tourist vehicle must

(2) Regulation 4(1), at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

(3) Regulation 4(2)

omit, insert

- (2) The operator of a tourist vehicle must ensure that the record mentioned in subregulation (1):
 - (a) is kept in a safe place at the principal place of business of the operator; and

(b) is produced whenever required by an inspector.

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

85 Regulations 6, 9, 11 and 13 repealed

Regulations 6, 9, 11 and 13 repeal

Part 13 Repeal of Regulations

86 Repeal of Regulations

These Regulations are repealed on the day after they commence.

Schedule Repealed Regulations

regulation 31

Motor Omnibus Regulations	SL No. 5 of 1953
Amendments of the Motor Omnibus Regulations	SL No. 7, 1976
Amendments of the Motor Omnibus Regulations	SL No. 20, 1979
Amendments of the Motor Omnibus Regulations	SL No. 18, 1980
Amendments of the Motor Omnibus Regulations	SL No. 37, 1983