



Taxi and private hire vehicle driver authorities extended to 31 October 2017

Roads and Maritime Services has extended the validity of all current taxi and private hire vehicle (PHV) driver authorities (DAs) to 31 October 2017.

The extension has been granted in preparation for the transition to the *Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016*, which will begin later in 2017.

Changes are being made to the industry to improve safety and choice for customers, provide more opportunities for the industry as a whole and allow all modes of point to point transport to compete fairly.

The extension means that any current taxi and PHV DAs with an expiry date after 18 December 2015 and prior to 31 October 2017 remain valid to 31 October 2017.

If you hold a current taxi or PHV DA:

- Your DA has been automatically renewed until 31 October 2017
- There is no need to apply for the extension
- There is no renewal fee
- Your current DA with the original expiry date remains valid until 31 October 2017
- The new expiry date has been automatically recorded in the Roads and Maritime system
- Authorised officers, who may ask to inspect your DA, have been advised of the extended validity. Authorised officers include Roads and Maritime Compliance and Enforcement Officers and NSW Police.

A [Notice for passengers – Point to point driver authorities extended](#) with information for passengers about the extension is available on the Roads and Maritime website. You are encouraged to print it and carry it with you in your vehicle to show to passengers if requested.

Holding and displaying a DA

- The requirement to hold a current DA when driving a public passenger vehicle has not changed.
- Taxi drivers must display their DA card inside the taxi so that the face of the card can be easily seen by any passenger.
- PHV DAs are issued electronically, rather than as a laminated photo card, as occurs for taxi drivers. PHV drivers are not required to display their DA in their vehicle, but they are encouraged to make it available for inspection by passengers if requested.

Exemption from operator accreditation

If you hold a valid PHV DA and would like to operate a hire service (eg rideshare):

- You are exempt from requiring a Private Hire Vehicle Operator Accreditation if you comply with certain safety conditions. For details see the frequently asked questions on page two
- If you do not comply with the safety conditions, the exemption no longer applies and you will be in breach of the law and may be fined. Your DA may also be suspended or cancelled
- More information is available in the [Factsheet – Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle operators](#).

To learn more about point to point transport operators

- Visit www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pointtopoint
- Get in touch with the dedicated Transport for NSW point to point information contact centre on 1300 767 923 or email pointtopointinfo@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Frequently asked questions

Extended validity

Will a new DA be issued with the updated expiry date?

No. You will not be issued a new DA.

The new expiry date is automatically recorded in our systems and NSW Police has been advised of the extended expiry date.

Do I need to complete another criminal check or medical check?

No. You do not need to complete another criminal check or medical assessment for the extension. However, if Roads and Maritime requires you to complete periodic medical assessments, you will be contacted in a separate letter when that medical assessment is due. Failure to provide a medical assessment when requested may result in the suspension of your DA.

What happens to my extended DA if I lose my driver licence?

The rules on this have not changed. If you lose your driver licence your DA is automatically suspended.

Safety requirements

What safety requirements do I need to do to satisfy?

If you hold a current DA and you wish to carry on a hire car service (eg rideshare), you must meet safety conditions that apply to accredited hire car operators under the regulations. If you do not comply with the safety conditions, the exemption no longer applies and you will be in breach of the law and may be fined. Your DA may also be suspended or cancelled.

These requirements include:

- All vehicles must be appropriately registered and roadworthy.
- Implementation of a maintenance plan in accordance with the maintenance standards of the manufacturer
- Maintenance must be performed by a licenced mechanic
- Notifying us when the garaging address of the vehicle changes
- Keeping records such as journeys and servicing history for two years
- Not allowing the vehicle to be used to provide services by someone who doesn't hold a driver authority
- Not allowing a person other than an accredited operator to operate the service
- Not allowing a vehicle to be used to provide a service if it has been issued with a non-compliance notice.