

Before purchasing a vehicle to use as a Private Hire Vehicle, you **MUST** ensure that the vehicle meets every aspect of the specifications/criteria in **ONE** of the categories below (that is, either Category 1, Category 2 or Category 3). The vehicle **MUST** also meet **ALL** the criteria of the **COMMON CRITERIA** listed at the bottom of this Facts Sheet.

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| A. Specifications to be complied with and Criteria to be met by 'unrestricted' Private Hire Vehicles | | |
| Category | Specifications/Criteria | |
| Category 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The vehicle must comply with the Australian Design Rule definition of a Passenger Car (MA), having a maximum of 9 seats (including the driver's seat); and If the vehicle is required by the Roads and Traffic Authority to be affixed with a compliance plate, such plate must bear the vehicle category code of MA (passenger car); and The shape of the vehicle must be specified on its registration certificate as a convertible (CON), coupe (COU) or sedan (SED). A station wagon (WAG) is not acceptable unless the vehicle is at least 30 years old; and The vehicle must have a wheelbase of at least 2,800 mm (non - stretched version), unless it is at least 30 years old | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about Australian Design Rule definitions is available at the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport's website at www.infrastructure.gov.au under the Australian Design Rule heading. Compliance plate information is available at the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au. Information about the shape of the vehicle specified on the registration certificate can be found at the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au. Vehicle wheelbase information is available from the vehicle's manufacturer. |
| Category 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A petrol-electric hybrid powered car with a wheelbase of at least 2,700 mm and a 5 star overall rating according to the Australian Government's Green Vehicle Guide; and The vehicle must comply with the Australian Design Rule definition of a Passenger Car (MA), having 5-9 seats (including the driver's seat); and The shape of the vehicle must be specified on its registration certificate as a convertible (CON), coupe (COU) or sedan (SED). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A petrol-electric hybrid powered car is a vehicle which combines a conventional internal combustion engine with an electric propulsion system. Information about the Australian Government's Green Vehicle Guide can be found at www.greenvehicleguide.gov.au. Information about Australian Design Rule definitions is available at the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport's website at www.infrastructure.gov.au under Australian Design Rule heading. Information about the shape of the vehicle specified on the registration certificate can be found at the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au. |
| Category 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GST-inclusive value of the vehicle (in non - stretched form) exceeded the Federal Government's luxury car tax threshold applicable when the vehicle was imported into or first sold in Australia (not being before the 1st July, 2000) irrespective of whether such tax was due or payable; and The vehicle must have a wheelbase of at least 2,700 mm (in non - stretched form) and comply with the Australian Design Rule definition of a Passenger Car (MA), an Off-Road Passenger Vehicle (MC) having up to 9 seats (including the driver's seat), or Omnibus (MD) having up to 16 seats (including the driver's seat); and The shape of the vehicle must be specified on its registration certificate as a convertible (CON), coupe (COU), sedan (SED), station wagon (WAG), panel van with windows and seats (PVF), bus (BUS), or small bus (SBS). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A vehicle does not have to be brand new. HOWEVER, an operator MUST be able to provide evidence that when the vehicle was originally imported into or sold in Australia the price paid for it was more than the luxury car tax which applied at that time (before 1 July 2000). Information about the Federal Government's luxury car tax threshold can be found at the Australian Taxation Office's website at www.ato.gov.au under the luxury car tax threshold heading. Information about Australian Design Rule definitions is available at the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport's website at www.infrastructure.gov.au under the Australian Design Rule heading. Information about the shape of the vehicle specified on the registration certificate can be found at the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au. |
| <p>Common criteria relating to all Category 1, 2 and 3 Private Hire Vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The vehicle must be very well presented and in excellent condition, with no visible signs of damage to the paint-work, body, fittings or interior; The vehicle must not display any writing, markings, livery or décor that would represent the vehicle as a taxi-cab, bus or tourist vehicle or that the vehicle has authority to operate as a taxi-cab, bus or tourist vehicle; and The vehicle must comply with all applicable NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) registration requirements including Australian Design Rules (ADRs) and safety inspections, which may apply from time to time. | | <p>ALL vehicles must comply with the Common Criteria category.</p> <p>It should be noted that it is NOT a requirement in any of the categories that the vehicle is brand new.</p> |