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Applications for financial assistance for eligible taxi licence owners will open Wednesday 1 February 2023

A financial assistance scheme with a value of \$760 million will be made available to owners of eligible taxi licences. This will assist taxi licence owners adjust to the removal of any limits on taxi licence supply.

You are receiving this letter as you have been identified as an owner of a taxi licence that may be eligible to apply for financial assistance.

Applications for financial assistance will open on 1 February 2023 and close on 31 May 2023. Applications can be made online at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/programs/point-to-point-transport-reforms.

Eligibility to apply for financial assistance

Financial assistance will be available in relation to the following eligible taxi licences: TX01, TX01A, TX05, TX06, TX06A, TX08, TX13, TXHAP, TX01New, TX01Wol, TX50, TX50A, TXC1, TX04Wol, TX51, TXHAPTR.

To be eligible, an individual owner must own an eligible licence on 21 September 2022 and continue to own that licence on 1 February 2023.

To be eligible, a joint owner must jointly own an eligible licence on 21 September 2022 and continue to own that licence with the same joint owners on 1 February 2023.

To be eligible, a person who became the owner of an eligible licence under a property settlement or as a beneficiary of a will or probate after 21 September 2022 can apply for financial assistance, provided all other eligibility criteria are met.

What you need to do

From 1 February 2023 go to www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/programs/point-to-point-transport-reforms where you will be able to access an online application process. Detailed information on how to apply for financial assistance will be available on Transport for NSW's website.

What you will need to make your application

An individual owner of an eligible taxi licence

If you are an individual that owns an eligible taxi licence, you will need to provide:

1. documents to prove your identity; and
2. details of eligible taxi licences.

Joint owners of an eligible taxi licence

If you own an eligible taxi licence with one or more other people under a partnership or other arrangement, the person making the application will need to provide:

1. documents to prove the identity of each joint owner;
2. evidence that you are authorised to make the application on behalf of all taxi licence owners; and
3. details of eligible taxi licences.

Body corporate owners of an eligible taxi licence

If you are making the application on behalf of a corporation that owns an eligible taxi licence, the person making the application will need to provide:

1. documents to prove the identity of the applicant;
2. evidence that the corporation is a legal entity;
3. documents to prove the person making an application is a director or other person authorised by the corporation; and
4. details of taxi eligible licences.

Proof of identity documents

Proof of identity documents submitted as part of an application for financial assistance will need to be certified (for example, by a Justice of the Peace or a solicitor). Further information about proof of identity document requirements will be provided on Transport for NSW's website.

Details of eligible taxi licences

Eligible taxi licence owners will not need to provide taxi licence certificates as part of an application for financial assistance. You will need to provide your taxi licence number, last known registration plate number (T or TC plate number) and the date you acquired the licence, to the best of your knowledge. This information will assist to locate the records relating to your taxi licence(s) to assess your application.

Taxation and social security impact of financial assistance payments

Transport for NSW is seeking advice from the Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Department of Social Services on the treatment of financial assistance payments. Further information and guidance material will be available on Transport for NSW's website.

If you are considering applying for financial assistance, you are encouraged to seek financial, tax and legal advice based on your individual circumstances.

How to get help with the application process

Detailed guidance and information on how to complete your application, will be available at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/programs/point-to-point-transport-reforms.

Written information on how to apply will be available in Simplified Chinese, Arabic, Greek and Vietnamese.

A dedicated contact centre has been established to provide support with your online application and can be reached on **131 727**.

Taxi licence transition process

Current taxi licence holders who wish to continue providing a taxi service will also need to transition to the new regulatory framework for taxi licences. A taxi licence transition period begins on 1 February 2023 to enable eligible taxi licence holders to apply for a new taxi licence.

If you are eligible to transition, the Point to Point Transport Commissioner will contact you to explain the steps you need to take.

Sincerely,

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