
TECHNICAL NOTE 2

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Small passenger service changes

Changes to small passenger services vehicles coming into effect on 1 October 2017.

While there is no change in process required for inspectors, there will be some updates to the VIRM that you should be aware of. **There are no changes to the PSV Rule.**

- Taximeters are no longer mandatory. If fitted, the onus is on the operator to ensure that it is accurate.
- Taximeter certification by persons authorised by the Transport Agency is no longer a requirement. From 1 October 2017, [Technical Bulletin 4: Taximeter compliance](#) and the *Transport Agency Taximeter Test Certificate* form will be withdrawn.
- Passenger Service Licence (PSL) numbers and labels are being replaced by a Small and a Large Passenger Service Licence (SPSL and LPSL). Rules for display remain the same.



- The old PSL numbers won't be able to be used for a CoF. If it is keyed, LANDATA will provide the message: **PSL transitioned, use LPSL 0809197 or SPSL 0809196.**
- Some taxi signage is no longer mandatory and it may not be as obvious that the vehicle requires a CoF. **There is no change to signage required by the PSV Rule.**
- Small passenger service vehicles can be identified by displaying a SPS licence label on their windscreen and the driver may also have an ID card displayed inside the vehicle. If you notice either of these identifiers you are encouraged to ask the driver whether they are aware that their vehicle should be registered as a commercial vehicle and requires a CoF rather than a WoF.
- Changes to definitions of different passenger service vehicles – taxis, shuttles, private hire, app-based hire now come under one definition 'small passenger service vehicles'. Dial a driver and third part facilitated car-pooling have slightly different requirements.

If you have any questions, please email us at sps@nzta.govt.nz.

The changes are summarized on our website at www.nzta.govt.nz/passenger-services-news.

These changes will be added to the **VIRM: In-service certification** in the 1 November 2017 amendment.