

Technical note: small passenger service changes from 1 October 2017

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

On 3 August 2017, Parliament passed the [Land Transport Amendment Act 2017](#) that included changes for the small passenger service sector. These changes come into force on 1 October 2017. In addition, three related Land Transport Rules (Operator Licensing 2017, Work Time and Logbooks 2007 and Driver Licensing 1999) have been updated and will come into force at the same time as the Act.

With new technologies now available, the changes are designed to enable the sector to be responsive to customer needs, encourage competition, allow for new technology and maintain safety for participants. This creates a level playing field for all, with similar rules applying across a range of small passenger services.

You can find out full details about the current legislative changes on the [Ministry of Transport's website](#) .

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

Please read [Technical note 2](#) for a summary of the relevant changes, where to go to for further information and how to contact us if you have any questions.

Please also be aware that when you enter a PSL number you can expect to see the following message.

No further action is required and you can continue as usual – this message relates to the new Small and Large Passenger Service Licence (SPSL and LPSL) numbers going live on 1 October.

The message reads:

From 1st Oct 2017, this PSL will transition