

# Rideshare Driver in Non-Metropolitan areas

## YOU MUST BE ACCREDITED



### Fact Sheet #2

#### Ridesharing

Ridesharing is a popular term that refers to passenger transport services using a private vehicle.

To drive for rideshare you must:

- ✓ Hold current Small Passenger Driver Accreditation;
- ✓ Hold current Operator Accreditation in the Small Passenger Vehicle (Non-Metropolitan) Accreditation class; and
- ✓ Have a vehicle that has been inspected and is compliant.

Accreditations are issued under the *Passenger Transport Act 1994* (the Act) by the Accreditation and Licensing Centre (ALC).

#### Driver Accreditation

To apply for Driver Accreditation you must have:

- Held a current full Australian drivers licence not subject to any conditions, such as provisional, probationary or suspended, for at least 6 months;
- Obtain a valid Working with Children Check from the Department of Human Services (DHS);
- Obtain a National Criminal History Check issued for the purpose of "Driver Accreditation / Licensing" not older than 3 months from date of issue; and
- A completed Certificate of Fitness from your medical practitioner (some medical conditions may require a specialists report).

As an accreditation holder it is important that you understand your **legal obligations** under the Act, Regulations, and the Australian Road Rules.

As an accredited rideshare driver you:

- Cannot refuse a passenger with a working animal, or discriminate against a person because of the person's sex, race, disability, age, marital status, sexuality or pregnancy;
- Must observe the laws that relate to safe driving and must not have any concentration of alcohol in your blood, or any presence of illicit drugs, while driving a public passenger vehicle;
- Cannot drive a public passenger vehicle if your driver's licence is expired, or has been suspended, cancelled or disqualified;
- Must advise the Accreditation and Licensing Centre (ALC) within two (2) business days of the laying of a charge for an offence;
- Must advise the ALC within two (2) business days of a finding by a court of law that you are found guilty or convicted of an offence;
- Must advise the ALC within seven (7) business days of a change to your medical condition and/or medication; and
- Must display your Driver Accreditation card (below) either clearly in the vehicle or sent electronically to the passenger.



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Refer Fact Sheet #1 for Rideshare drivers in metropolitan Adelaide.

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### Operator Accreditation

While driver accreditation permits you to drive a public passenger vehicle for hire, fare or reward, **ALL** rideshare vehicles used for rideshare in the non-metropolitan area need to be accredited under a current Operator Accreditation in the Small Passenger Vehicle (Non-Metropolitan) class.

To apply for Operator Accreditation you must have:

- An eligible vehicle (see vehicle requirements);
- Confirmation from the Centralised Booking Service/s (CBS) you will be taking bookings from;
- Public Liability Insurance Cover (This can be held by you or the CBS that you receive bookings from); and
- Third party property insurance (for damage to another vehicle); **OR**  
Comprehensive property insurance (for damage to another vehicle or the vehicle you are driving);

**Note:** All Insurance policies must be issued by an Australian insurance company.

As an accredited operator, it is important that you understand your **legal obligations** under the Act and Regulations. This include that you:

- Can only accept bookings from an accredited CBS (unless you display blue and white chauffeur plates);
- Cannot wholly conduct point to point bookings in the metropolitan Adelaide area;
- Must ensure the vehicle is inspected every twelve months and ensure a valid inspection label is displayed correctly on the vehicle;
- Notify the ALC if you are changing vehicles; and
- Must have current Public Liability Insurance to cover you if someone is injured or their property is damaged while you are providing a service. This can be held by you or the CBS that you receive bookings from.

### Vehicle Requirements

Rideshare vehicles must display removable identification signage issued by their booking service. This must be displayed in the back window while in service.



A blue PV sign issued by the Department for Planning, Infrastructure and Transport must also be displayed on the bottom right hand side of the back window while in service.



Vehicles used for rideshare must be inspected annually by an authorised inspection station or a DPTI Inspector. Inspections can be arranged at the RAA or Rightway Automotive Services. Or regional inspections can be booked with DPTI Inspection

Team 13 10 84. The label must be affixed to the left side of the windscreen of the vehicle when in service.

Vehicles are also required to be registered with the Rideshare CTP Insurance premium class allocated.

A non-metropolitan rideshare vehicle cannot be more than 15 years old and must have four doors, minimum three cylinders and seating for four adult passengers.

### How to apply for accreditation?

Any person wanting to provide ridesharing services must apply at the Accreditation and Licensing Centre, located at 71 Richmond Rd, Mile End or submit application via email. Applications can be found online at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au).

If you do not comply with these accreditations, conditions, and insurance requirements you cannot provide ridesharing services and **FINES WILL APPLY**.

### For more information

If you have any other questions regarding Driver or Operator Accreditation please contact the ALC.

**Enquiries** Telephone: (08) 7109 8117

**E-mail:** [DIT.ALCEnquiries@sa.gov.au](mailto:DIT.ALCEnquiries@sa.gov.au)

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