

South Australia
DRIVER ACCREDITATION
 Small Passenger Vehicles
 Taxi - country

Training course

The next step is to undertake a training course. This course is conducted as a program by the training providers listed in this brochure. Contact one of the training providers to register your interest and you will be sent an information package that will guide you through the registration and completion of the course. A fee will apply upon registration for the course.

When booking, it will be necessary for you to provide three recent passport-size colour photographs of yourself. These will be attached to documentation relating to your training and accreditation as a driver.

The course covers the following topics:

- the role of the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI)
- Passenger Transport Regulations 2009.

Applicants who fail the half day course can re-test (fees apply).

When you pass the course, you will receive a course certificate.

English assessment

The training provider will assess your literacy and numeracy skills during the training course to ensure you meet the basic requirements of the legislation.

Full Driver Accreditation

The next step is to apply for Small Passenger Vehicle Driver Accreditation. Please note Small Passenger driver allows you to drive a Country taxi.

Take your completed Driver Accreditation Application Form, Medical and Eyesight Certificate, National Police Certificate and Course Certificate to Services SA Centre in the country regions or the Accreditation and Licensing Centre at Netley for assessment and processing. You will also be required to produce your unrestricted SA driver's licence and pay a fee.

The application and Medical and Eyesight Certificate must be fully completed and your signature to the declaration on the application form witnessed by a Justice of the Peace. If your application is incomplete or the information is incorrect, it will be referred back to you and cause delays in processing your application.

Please note that Medical and Eyesight Certificates and National Police Certificates older than three months from the date of issue will not be accepted.

Any offences recorded on your National Police Certificate or any medical conditions indicated on your Medical and Eyesight Certificate will be considered in the assessment of your application.

These items will not necessarily preclude you from obtaining accreditation, but it may be necessary for you to appear before the Passenger Transport Standards Committee (PTSC) to answer questions regarding your offence(s) or medical history.

If you are required to appear before the PTSC, you will receive a letter with a date and time for your appearance. You will have the opportunity to present your case and any information, references or character witnesses to support your application.

If you are not required to appear before the PTSC, your application will be returned together with an approval letter from the Accreditation and Licensing Centre requesting that you attend the Accreditation and Licensing Centre to pay for your small passenger vehicle driver accreditation.

Small Passenger Vehicle Driver Training is a joint venture between the following:

Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure Accreditation and Licensing Centre Building 17A, 71 Transport Avenue NETLEY SA 5037 Ph: 8226 8026 Fax: 8226 8024

Approved Training Providers: Transport Training Centre 17 Wirriga Street, REGENCY PARK SA 5010 Ph: 8243 4419 Fax: 8347 2388

Service SA Centres (country) (business hours Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm)

BERRI, 29 Vaughan Terrace
GAWLER, Corner Cowan & Murray Streets
KADINA, 10 Digby Street
MOUNT GAMBIER, 11 Helen Street
MURRAY BRIDGE, 19 Seventh Street
NARACOORTE, 14 Butler Terrace
PORT AUGUSTA, 9 Mackay Street
PORT LINCOLN, 73-75 Tasman Terrace
PORT PIRIE, Flinders Arcade 72-80 Ellen Street
WHYALLA, 171 Nicolson Avenue

Taxi Cab Training Centre 7 Lasalle Street, DUDLEY PARK SA 5008 Ph: (08) 8169 9839 Fax: (08) 8269 4611

Associations: Chauffeured Vehicle Association of SA Inc Ph: 0438 327 051

Limousine and Small Passenger Vehicle Association Ph: 8363 0232 or 0412 840 300

For further information or questions contact any of the above organisations or telephone the call centre on 13 10 84.



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The course may be conducted as a distance learning program

Introduction

All drivers of small passenger vehicles in South Australia must hold accreditation under the *Passenger Transport Act 1994*. The purpose of Accreditation is to ensure that certain safety, efficiency and competency standards are met.

To become an accredited small passenger vehicle driver you must successfully complete:

- an introductory session
- an English language assessment
- a practical skills driving assessment
- a half day training course.

Various fees will apply for some components. These are outlined on a separate sheet that will be provided to you by a training provider listed in this brochure.

If you are living in an area outside metropolitan Adelaide and wish to become an accredited small passenger vehicle driver (including country taxi driver), you are able to attend a training course conducted in Adelaide. Details of how to undertake the Adelaide course can be found in the brochure entitled, *South Australia DRIVER ACCREDITATION Small passenger vehicles – metropolitan*, available from the offices listed in this brochure.

Alternatively, you may complete the training course by distance learning and this brochure will guide you through that process.

The introductory session

Contact a training provider listed in this brochure they will explain:

- the industry's code of practice
- how the industry works
- how you can become a part of it.

The training provider will advise you of the responsibilities of a public passenger vehicle driver and give you a general idea of what to expect, job opportunities and hours of work.



Complete your application forms

Obtain the following forms from the Accreditation and Licensing Centre, or any Registration and Licensing Centre or Service SA Centre:

Application for Driver Accreditation – MR24

This form must be fully completed and your signature to the declaration witnessed by a Justice of the Peace.

Medical and Eyesight Certificate – MR212

You will need to complete Section 1 of this form and arrange for a medical examination with your doctor who must complete Section 2 of the form. Doctor and other associated fees may apply.

Application for a National Police Certificate

The ALC will now be managing the process to obtain the required information from the SA Police. You will be required to complete an informed consent form for a National Police Certificate on line at www.sa.gov.au.

Then print and present the form to the Accreditation and Licensing Centre at Netley or Service SA in the Country regions, note you will also be required to provide a 100 point identification check (refer to general information guidelines) on lodgement of your application and pay the prescribed fee.

The information will be sent directly to the Accreditation and Licensing centre at Netley. The certificate will take some time to be processed and delays may occur at times of increased demand. Additional processing time is also required for applicants residing outside the metropolitan area. It is therefore recommended that you lodge your application and

informed consent form as soon as possible to avoid inconvenience. Any offences listed will be referred to and considered by the Accreditation and Licensing Centre, Building 17a 71 Transport Avenue, Netley 5037.

(Please note that certificates older than three months from the date issue will not be accepted.)

Driving assessment

You must undertake a driving assessment with an accredited driving school in your area.

The assessment involves driving a late model family-sized vehicle for around 30 minutes. You will be assessed on your driving skills and your ability to provide a safe and comfortable journey for your passenger. Any dangerous or reckless driving or breach of the Road Traffic Code will mean you must repeat the test.

Applicants who fail their driving assessment can be re-assessed, but must wait a minimum of two full working days before repeating the assessment.

You will be issued with a certificate at the satisfactory completion of the assessment and a copy of that certificate must accompany your application for the training course.