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Training courses

- ❖ Driver Safety Services provides Taxi Driver training courses regularly in **Hobart, Launceston** and **Ulverstone**.
- ❖ Courses are scheduled every three weeks in Hobart, and every six weeks in Launceston and Ulverstone.
- ❖ Additional courses are scheduled where necessary to satisfy additional demand.

Please contact Driver Safety Services for more information

Eligibility

- ❖ Minimum age 20 years
- ❖ Applicants under 21 years of age must have held an Australian licence for at least 2 of the last 3 years
- ❖ Applicants 21 years of age or older must have held an Australian driver licence for at least 1 of the last 3 years
- ❖ Commencing 1st July 2010, applicants will be required to satisfactorily complete an English literature test as a prerequisite to applying for a Ancillary Certificate (Taxi)

Applying for a Ancillary Certificate

To obtain an ancillary certificate (Taxi), a person must meet eligibility requirements, and

1. Obtain a satisfactory National police check on traffic or criminal convictions (not more than **one** month old)
2. Satisfactorily Complete a commercial drivers health assessment
3. Submit a completed (ancillary certificate) application, commercial driver's health assessment, and national police check to Service Tasmania, and obtain a **letter of approval** from Department of Infrastructure Energy and Resources (DIER), Land Transport Safety division
4. Obtain a *Certificate of Competence* (to drive a taxi-cab), by completing an approved taxi driver training course provided by Driver Safety Services.
5. Present their *Certificate of Competence* to Service Tasmania for issue of an ancillary certificate (Taxi).

Note: Delays of up to six (6) weeks can occur in obtaining a National Police check.

Applicants are urged to book onto a training course before applying for a national police check, to avoid un-necessary delay in obtaining a Ancillary Certificate

It must be noted however that where an applicant completes a training course before obtaining a letter of approval from DIER, that:

- ❖ A *Certificate of Competence* will not be issued by Driver Safety Services, until a letter of approval from DIER has been sighted.
- ❖ Course fees will not refunded, should their application for an ancillary certificate be rejected.

A person with any form of criminal convictions, or who has traffic convictions should contact the 'Transport Enquiry Service' on 1300 851 225, to obtain advice as to whether their police check will be satisfactory.

Temporary Permits

Temporary permits will only be available in event of special circumstances, and on a 'case by case' basis.

National Training Course

Commencing 1st July 2010, a new National Taxi Driver training course is to be introduced in Tasmania, consisting of 8 mandatory units.

Along with the introduction of the new course, will be a requirement for applicants to complete an English literature test (conducted by Driver Safety Services), as a prerequisite to applying for a Ancillary Certificate (Taxi).

For further information, or clarification of the above, please contact:

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