

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Giles to Minister for Transport

**Registration of Taxi Drivers**

In relation to registration of drivers in the taxi industry:

1. For each of the last 5 years, how many taxi drivers have been given their taxi licences without holding an NT drivers licence for a minimum of 2 years.
  2. For each of the last 5 years how many taxi drivers in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Nhulunbuy and Darwin regions –
    - (a) have been issued a temporary taxi licence; and
    - (b) have subsequently been re-issued with temporary licenses.
  3. What plans are in place to ensure these temporary license holders meet the appropriate licensing requirements
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**Answer**

1. For reasons of public safety, one of the requirements to obtain a Commercial Passenger Vehicle Identity (CPVID) card to drive a taxi is that a person must have held an NT open class "C" driver licence or interstate equivalent for two years.

An exemption provision to this requirement is available on a case by case basis (usually for overseas licence holders taking up residency in the NT) whereby the person may be issued an interim taxi CPVID card with a condition of being restricted to driving for a nominated operator until they have completed the two years driving experience. The nominated operator is required to submit written confirmation agreeing to support the person during the period.

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
0years	1	3	20	16	20
1years	1	2	0	9	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>37</b>

2. A Provisional (temporary) CPVID card is issued to a person who has not fully completed the required training requirements and achieved a minimum 220 hours of CPV driving experience.

A Provisional CPVID card is issued for up to 6 months during which time that person is expected to complete the training and 220 hours on the job training.

Issue of Provisional CPVID cards was introduced to overcome a downturn in the number of trained/licensed taxi drivers. This also enabled on the job training and mentoring of new drivers. In extenuating circumstances a Provisional CPVID card may be extended.

2(a).

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
ASP	12	22	31	27	41
DWN	89	82	121	90	140
GOV	7	3	0	2	26
KAT	3	0	0	8	4
TCK	3	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>212</b>

2(b).

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
ASP	5	12	18	17	22
DWN	45	13	46	32	73
GOV	4	0	0	0	16
KAT	0	0	0	5	3
TCK	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>114</b>

3. All taxi drivers are appropriately licensed. Specific taxi driver training is provided by Registered Training Organisations and any specific complaints may be directed to phone 1300 654 628.
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