

Small Public Service Vehicle Factsheet

Vehicle Ownership Requirements from 2013

The National Transport Authority is implementing legislation which requires that the holder of an SPSV vehicle licence must be the owner of the vehicle or otherwise legally entitled to the use and possession of the vehicle.

How will it be introduced?

From January 2013 vehicle ownership will be a licensing condition for all vehicle licensing transactions, including first issue, renewal and change of vehicle.

What will I need to do? When you call to make a booking for a vehicle licence transaction (renewal, change of vehicle, or new vehicle licence application), you will be asked to confirm the following:

- Are you the registered owner of the vehicle?
- If you are not the owner, is the vehicle held by you under a lease agreement or a hire-purchase agreement?

You must be able to answer yes to one of these questions. If you cannot, you will not be allowed to complete the booking process.

How will the NTA verify this information? The Authority will verify declared information on an on-going basis against the National Vehicle and Driver File (NVDF) database.

You will be in breach of regulations if you provide misleading or false information in relation to the ownership of the vehicle.

How do I update my ownership details? Information on vehicle ownership can be obtained on the Motor Tax/Vehicle Registration page of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport website, or by calling 061 365000 or lo-call 1890 411 412.

What if I do not own my vehicle? From 1st January 2013, if you do not own the vehicle or are not in possession of the vehicle under a lease agreement or a hire purchase agreement, you will not be able to hold a valid SPSV vehicle licence for such vehicle. Accordingly, you will not, from 1st January 2013, be able to validly operate that vehicle on that licence.

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For on-going updates on changes affecting licence holders

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Information on future regulations is subject to confirmation following formal adoption of updated SPSV Regulations by the Board of the National Transport Authority.

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