



## DRIVER CHECK APP - LINK BEFORE YOU DRIVE

The Driver Check App is the public facing safety app for the SPSV industry. You are legally obliged to link yourself to the licenced vehicle you are actually driving when working. NTA maintains the database of links between each licenced SPSV and its licenced driver at any one time day or night. It is the driver's responsibility to link or end up with a fine or in court. Unlicensed drivers or vehicles will be caught out by this App. Put your own licence number or registration into the App to check if your link is still in place and view what the public will see.

**Check details** Save

No driver is currently registered to this vehicle.  
We cannot confirm that this driver is a licenced driver. Using unlicensed drivers is not recommended.

**Vehicle details**  
Vehicle Licence: T41505  
Vehicle Registration: 10PP54322  
Vehicle Make/Model: VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT  
Vehicle Colour: BLACK  
Expiry Date: 12/07/2018

Options Report Email to friend

Driver check History Settings

**Check details** Save

**Driver details**  
Name: TAXI DRIVER  
Driver Licence No: Z1111  
Expiry Date: 20/12/2017  
Area: DUBLIN, GALWAY, LAOIS, MAYO

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### To link you can use the:-

- free SPSV Online Services
- free SPSV Industry App
- text service - 51444
- call - 0761 064 000

[Click here](#) for more information on how to use these tools.

Where one licenced vehicle is operated by more than one driver, each driver must notify NTA each and every time they commence operating that vehicle. When a new link is created, it will break any other link to that vehicle.

Remember, this is the link between a specific licenced vehicle and a specific licenced driver. Your link will automatically break if you upgrade your vehicle or if your vehicle or driver licence expires, i.e. if you miss your renewal date.



**NTA is starting a nationwide campaign promoting the Driver Check App in the run up to Christmas.**

**Make sure you are linked and promote yourself as the safe option for the public.**

**In Dundalk District Court in October, one driver was fined €2,500 through not being linked.**



# WAV GRANT 2018



NTA is happy to announce that it has received confirmation of funding availability which allows us to open Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Grant Scheme 2018 (WAV18) on 01 February 2018, offering financial assistance of up to €7,500 per vehicle depending on its age at the time of licensing. This Grant will build on the success of the Schemes funded since 2014, which issued 896 grants to help improve mobility access to people with disabilities. This Grant Scheme will operate on a first come first served basis until all funding has been allocated.

## GRANT LEVELS

New Vehicle (<3,000kms and <3 months old)	€7,500	Vehicle less than three years of age	€5,000
Vehicle less than one year of age	€7,000	Vehicle less than four years of age	€4,000
Vehicle less than two years of age	€6,000	Vehicle less than five years of age	€3,000
		Vehicle less than six years of age	€2,500

## WAV18 will apply to:

- new vehicle licences;
- upgrades to currently licensed WAVs (which are not already the subject of a grant); and
- WAVs brought on to standard vehicle licences.

WAV18 Terms and Conditions, together with all other documentation, will be available on NTA's [website](#) on **01 February 2018**.



## ELECTRIC SPSV GRANT SCHEME

The Climate Change Unit of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport is pleased to announce a new €500,000 grant scheme to support the increased uptake of electric vehicles in Ireland's SPSV industry. NTA will manage this grant scheme on our behalf.

Opening to applicants from 01 February 2018, the electric SPSV grant scheme will offer grants, nationwide, of up to €7,000 for the purchase of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and up to €3,500 for the purchase of plug in hybrid vehicles (PHEVs).

Fully hybrid vehicles and vehicles older than 6 years will not qualify for grant support under this scheme.

The electric SPSV grant will apply to:

- new WAV licences;
- new limousine licences;
- replacement of currently licensed WAVs; and
- replacement of standard vehicles on all current licences.

Details will be published on the NTA [website](#) on **01 February 2018**.



## COMMERCIAL GRANT SCHEME

Separately, the SEAI is issuing grants for a range of eligible commercial electric vehicles on an ongoing basis.

A maximum grant of €3,800 is available for qualifying EVs when purchased commercially. The grant level depends on the list price of the vehicle. This is the full non-discounted price in the absence of VRT relief or grant support.

See [www.seai.ie](http://www.seai.ie) for grant amounts and a list of approved car dealers.

**Combine your grants  
to achieve the best  
outcome.**



## KEEP YOUR CAR CLEAN...

Our Inspectors and Compliance Officers have seen an increase in cars in an untidy or dirty condition and with loose items rattling around the luggage area. The images below show two examples where either the extinguisher is not safely secured or where the luggage area (required to be available for passenger luggage) is overflowing with loose personal items. The fire extinguisher shown is also out of date (manufactured 2009, expired 2015).



**These  
drivers  
were fined  
€60 each**



### IDLING WASTES FUEL AND UPSETS THE LOCALS



When the engine is idling you're wasting fuel and adding to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. If you're likely to be at a standstill for more than 30 seconds or so, switch off the engine. Many new cars are now fitted with a feature that does this for you automatically. When you first start the car, drive off as soon as possible. It will "warm up" much more quickly when the engine is under load.

**Please turn off your engine at ranks.**

### DO THE CHANGES IN THE SPSV DRIVER ENTRY TEST AFFECT MY SPSV DRIVER LICENCE?

No. The only difference will be that if you wish to take an Area Knowledge test to add an additional area to your licence, the pass mark will be 75%.

**Don't forget, you are legally obliged to notify NTA of any change of address within 21 days. There's a fine of €1,000 if you don't.**



### METER CALIBRATION AND VERIFICATION

In "Latest News", you'll find a list of taximeters ready to have the new Maximum Fare installed. It is updated each week as new programmes are approved by LMS.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

These drivers have received commendations from their passengers

H6767 - Richard Brady  
K7928 - Alexandru Hanganu  
L7519 - Tarak Hasan  
H7939 - Olusegun Titus Adebambo  
G9551 - David O'Connor

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

Both our Industry Information Line and Inspection Centres will operate their normal working hours on the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of December and will be closed on Public Holidays only.

If your licence is expiring over the holidays, make sure to book an inspection at least 3 weeks early.

**Enjoy the festivities and a prosperous 2018!**