

Guidance For Limousine Vehicle Choice

****This guidance note does not purport to be either legal advice or exhaustive. ****

A limousine vehicle is required to meet, amongst other things, the following definition: be evidently suited by reason of its style and condition for the provision of hire services for ceremonial occasions, or for corporate or other prestige purposes, and be a vehicle of such make and model as the Authority may from time to time specify or such equivalent make and model as the Authority may approve.
 (Schedule 5; Taxi Regulation (Small Public Service Vehicle) Regulations 2015, S.I. 33 of 2015)

All vehicles are required to pass an individual vehicle assessment, the Initial Suitability Inspection, prior to being licensed. Previous licensing of the same vehicle does not guarantee a “Pass”.

The list below is intended as guidance in relation to popular mass-produced passenger vehicles. Other vehicles include historic (vintage) vehicles, classic styled “replicas” and stretched vehicles.

Maximum gross vehicle weight for all vehicles is 3,500kg.

All vehicles require four wheels.

In considering the characteristics of a vehicle the NTA considers prestige and reputation as well as physical vehicle attributes such as size, specifications, quality, and age.

Please contact the NTA on 0818 064 000 prior to any purchase in relation to a vehicle not listed as acceptable for consideration. The provision of internal and external photographs may assist in the consideration of the vehicle. The approval process can take up to 10 working days, and the acceptance of a vehicle is at the sole discretion of the NTA.

Considered Unacceptable

Standard saloon cars generally accepted as standard taxis and hackneys

Small hatchbacks, e.g. Toyota Corolla, Ford Focus, Opel Astra, Lexus CT200H

Estate cars and Crew cabs

Any vehicles converted from light goods vehicles (vans) e.g. Ford Transit

Vehicle Models Considered Acceptable

Genuine vintage/historic/classic vehicles

Replica classic cars and funeral cars (hearses do not require a licence)

Original manufacturer built large people carriers, e.g. VW Shuttle

Examples of Suitable Vehicle Models

Audi A5/S5

Audi A6

Audi A7

Audi A8

Audi e-tron 50 71kWh

Audi e-tron 55 quattro 95kWh

Audi e-tron S 95kWh

Audi Q7

BMW 4 Series

BMW 5 series

Examples of Suitable Vehicles Models

BMW 6 Series
BMW 7 series
BMW GT (5 series)
BMW i4 80.7kWh
BMW iX 76.6kWh
BMW X4
BMW X5
BMW X6
Chrysler 300C
Chrysler Crossfire
Chrysler Grand Voyager
Chrysler Jeep Commander
Citroen C6
Citroen Dispatch second generation (factory built only)
Fiat Scudo second generation (factory built only)
Ford Tourneo (factory built only), not Tourneo Connect/Grand Connect
Hyundai Montana (also called i800)
Jaguar XF
Jaguar XJ Series
Land Rover Discovery 2005 on
Land Rover Discovery Sport
Lexus GS300/430
Lexus GS450H
Lexus LS430
Lexus LS460
Lexus LS600H
Lexus RX350
Lexus RX400H
Lexus RX450H
Mercedes Benz CLS
Mercedes Benz E Class
Mercedes Benz GL (not GLA, not GLB not GLC not EQB)
Mercedes Benz ML
Mercedes Benz R Class
Mercedes Benz S Class
Mercedes Benz Traveliner/Viano
Mercedes EQE 89kWh
Mercedes EQS 107.8kWh
Mercedes EQV
Mitsubishi Pajero 2007 onwards
Mustang Mach- E 70kWh & 91kWh
Mustang Mach- E AWD 70kWh & 91kWh
Mustang Mach- E GT 91kWh
Peugeot 607
Peugeot Expert TeePee second generation (factory built only)

Examples of Suitable Vehicle Models

Peugeot Expert Traveller 2017 onward in Active, Allure or Business specification (medium and long version only), not Combi.
Porsche Cayenne
Porsche Panamera
Porsche Taycan Turbo S
Range Rover Evoque
Range Rover inc. Sport
Renault Grand Espace
Skoda Superb
Subaru Legacy Saloon
Tesla Model S
Tesla Model S (all variants)
Tesla Model X (7 seats)
Tesla Model X SUV (all variants)
Toyota Alphard
Toyota ProAce Verso 2017 model onwards in Family or VIP specification only (medium and long version only)
Volkswagen Caravelle
Volkswagen Phaeton
Volkswagen Shuttle
Volkswagen Toureg
Volvo S80
Volvo S90 including T8 variant
Volvo XC90 including T8 variant