

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

Maxus MIFA 9

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

Polestar 3

Polestar 4

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 (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