



Queensland

Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 2011

Explanatory Notes for SL 2011 No. 227

made under the

Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994

General outline

Short title

Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 2011.

Authorising law

Section 155 of the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The current definition of a Taxi Driver Display Card requires the inclusion of the driver's first name. Due to industry concerns about privacy issues, it has been agreed to remove the driver's first name because it is not essential to meet the intent of the display identification, which is to enable the public to determine whether or not the driver driving the taxi is properly authorised.

Taxi drivers in prescribed areas are required to display their driver display cards. The requirement for taxi drivers to display their identification is

intended to be a whole of state initiative, to be rolled out alongside the New Queensland Driver Licence. Currently, Toowoomba is the only prescribed area.

The purpose of the amendment regulation is to remove the requirement to display the driver's first name on the display card and require the driver to display their card in the following taxi service areas:

- Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Ipswich, Redcliffe, Bribie Island and Gympie from 30 November 2011; and
- Bundaberg, Cairns, Capricorn Coast (Yeppoon), Gladstone, Hervey Bay, Innisfail, Mackay, Maryborough, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Townsville and Warwick from 29 February 2012.

A number of consequential machinery changes were identified during the drafting process. These changes relate to the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Standard 2010* which replaced the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Standard 2000*, the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Driver Licensing) Regulation 2010* and the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2010*.

Achievement of policy objectives

The amendment will support the policy objective by resulting in the removal of the first name of a taxi driver from the Taxi Driver Display Card and will require the Taxi Driver Display Card to be displayed in the relevant taxi service areas in Queensland.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The amendments are consistent with the main objectives of the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994*.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The costs of extending the Taxi Driver Display Card to all the relevant taxi service areas in Queensland are minimal and are greatly outweighed by the benefits to taxi passengers who will be able to readily identify that the driver is suitably authorised to drive the taxi.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The amendments are consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

The taxi industry has been consulted and supports these amendments.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

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