



## 'P' Endorsement Course - Operating a Passenger Service Vehicle

### General Course Information

A 'P' endorsement is required if you drive a small or large passenger service vehicle such as a taxi or bus (i.e. where passengers are carried for hire or reward). A **small** passenger service vehicle has a maximum of 12 seats (including the driver), where a **large** passenger service vehicle has more than 12 seats.

Further to the above you will need a 'P' endorsement if you drive a motor vehicle that is not being used in a passenger service environment but where:

- a. One of the passengers has provided the vehicle, and
- b. You are paid for driving the vehicle.

*An example of this type of situation is a 'Dial-a-Driver' operation.*

In order to apply for and obtain the 'P' endorsement (operate a Passenger Service vehicle), there are a number of prerequisites. These include the following:

1. Obtain a 'P' endorsement application form (DL20) from a driver licensing agent such as AA, VTNZ, VINZ or 'On Road New Zealand'.
2. Check that you already have or are able to fulfil all requirements on the licensing form, (e.g. medical check, eye-sight check and a 'fit and proper person' check with the NZ Police).
3. You must have held at least a full Class 1 (car) license for at least 2 years. Note that holding an equivalent overseas license will **not** meet this requirement.
4. You must attend an approved training course. (Cornerstone Training and Management Services Ltd)
5. You will need to undergo a full Class 1 practical driving test if you have not done so within the past 5 years. You will need to book this with the driver licensing agent.

The Passenger Endorsement course involves and is designed to meet the following national unit standards:

- 17579 – 'Demonstrate knowledge of driver licensing requirements for endorsement 'P' (passenger)'.  
• 24089 - Demonstrate knowledge of fatigue management, work time, and driver logbook requirements.

If you have already obtained unit standard 24089 (e.g. when you completed class 2,3,4 or 5 license), you may wish to still receive some training as this will be a good 'refresher' in light of any recent logbook changes. If you do not want to undergo the logbook part of the training, you must provide a certificate showing that you have completed unit standard 24089 within the last 12 months. Please note however, it will be at the Trainers discretion whether you are exempted log book training/assessment.

**Duration:** The duration of the P Endorsement course is **one day**.

**Price:** From time to time pricing may change and therefore a price will be advised on request.

To obtain a price, dates of courses being conducted, or if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at the office on 0508-267-637.

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