

YOU PASSED YOUR SPSV DRIVER ENTRY TEST! HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS FOR OPERATING IN THE INDUSTRY.

## SPSV Driver Licence

An Garda Síochána is the licensing authority for the SPSV driver.

Next steps:

1. Complete the free online Safeguarding and Disability Awareness course
2. Pay the €250 driver application fee by calling NTA on **0818 064 000**
3. Complete the PSV15 form and submit it to your local Garda station along with any supporting documents



## SPSV Vehicle Licence

NTA is the licensing authority for SPSV licenced vehicles.

Some functions of NTA are to:

- Run activity related to licensing, inspections and compliance
- Maintain the SPSV driver and vehicle licence register
- Keep a database of links between each licenced vehicle and driver
- Set the National Maximum Taxi Fare

## Routes to Operating an SPSV

Applying for your own vehicle licence

Renting a licenced vehicle

### Applying for Your Own SPSV Licence

The following licence types are available for application:

- Wheelchair Accessible Taxi
- Wheelchair Accessible Hackney
- Local Area Hackney
- Limousine

SPSV drivers can apply for financial aid when buying a vehicle. Grants exist for electric vehicles and wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Check the NTA website for full details on these schemes.

Chapter 9 of the Official Manual for Operating in the SPSV Industry has information on “Planning to become an SPSV operator”. This information helps in decision making for your SPSV business. It also acts as a guide to making economical choices. New operators should review all costs when starting their business, including upfront and long term costs.



## Steps for Getting Your Own Vehicle Licence:

### 1. Source the right vehicle

Always check that the vehicle is suitable for use as an SPSV before buying. The vehicle must be roadworthy and fit the SPSV requirements. The make and model of each vehicle must be approved by NTA. Please check the NTA website for specific application and vehicle requirements

### 2. Submit the application

The VL1 form is submitted along with any other required documentation. If approved, a conditional offer letter is issued

### 3. Equip the vehicle

Every SPSV must carry the required safety equipment. An SPSV taxi licence must also have a taximeter, printer, roof sign and branding

### 4. Prepare for the Initial Suitability Inspection

All documents, such as NCT and insurance, must be valid and in date. The Initial Suitability Inspection appointment can be booked over the phone by calling **0818 064 000**

### 5. Submit the vehicle for the Initial Suitability Inspection

If the vehicle passes the inspection, it can then be operated as an SPSV



## Renting a Licenced Vehicle

A vehicle licence owner can rent a licenced SPSV to another person. Only the vehicle licence owner can engage with NTA regarding a rented vehicle.

### Responsibilities of the Vehicle Licence and Driver Licence holder if they are renting an SPSV

#### Vehicle Licence Holder Responsibilities

- Be the registered owner of the vehicle
- Be the holder of the SPSV licence
- Provide the insurance for the vehicle
- Notify NTA of the rental agreement

#### Driver Licence Holder Responsibilities

- Be “linked” to the vehicle
- Ensure the vehicle licence is in date
- Ensure the vehicle is roadworthy and insured

This information note aims to guide SPSV driver licence applicants through their journey as operators. It does not cover all details or provide comprehensive information. For full guidance on the SPSV industry, visit the NTA website and consult relevant legislation.



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