



# Safe Movement Guideline | MA Category vehicles with 6-9 seats for use as taxis in Queensland

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# Part 1 - Introduction

## 1. Purpose of the guideline

This safe movement guideline provides guidance in relation to the exemptions and requirements for MA category vehicles with 6-9 seats to be used as taxis on the Queensland road network.

## 2. How this guideline should be used

This guideline is designed to assist customers that want to use a MA category vehicle with 6-9 seats that meets the requirements in Part 2 of this guideline for use as a taxi.

This guideline is not for vehicles that were originally N category vehicles and have been converted to a MA category vehicle.

## 3. Guideline authority

This guideline is issued under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021* section 53, in accordance with the Statutory Instruments Act 1992 section 22.

## 4. Definitions

Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in the guideline have the same meanings as those defined in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* or the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021*.

**ADR** means the Australian Design Rules, the national standards for vehicle safety, anti-theft and emissions.

**MA category vehicle**, as defined by the ADRs, means a passenger vehicle, not being an off-road passenger vehicle or a forward-control passenger vehicle, having up to 9 seating positions, including that of the driver.

**N category vehicle** means a NA or NB category vehicle. A NA or NB category vehicle, as defined by the ADRs, is a motor vehicle constructed primarily for the carriage of goods.

**VSS Regulation** means the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021*.

## 5. Exemptions to vehicle standards

This guideline is issued as an exemption from compliance with clause 44.3.2.1 of Australian Design Rule (ADR) 44/02 *Specific Purpose Vehicle Requirements*, as required by Schedule 1, section 22(1) of the VSS Regulation.

Clause 44.3.2.1, states that an access door shall be provided adjacent to each 'Outboard Seating Position' for MA category vehicles.

## Part 2 - Requirements

### 1. General requirements

- 1.1 This guideline applies to MA category vehicles, configured with six to nine seats, in three rows, for use as taxis in Queensland.
- 1.2 This guideline does not apply to vehicles that were originally N category vehicles and have been converted to an MA category vehicle.
- 1.3 5.2 The vehicle must comply with individual ADR requirements for MA category vehicles, ADR 44/02 requirements for taxis and the VSS Regulation.
- 1.4 5.3 The vehicle must comply with all requirements applying to the vehicle under the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994*.