

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) (Defined Right Conditions) Determination 2012 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2012–42

made under the

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regulation 2002, Section 84M (Defined right conditions)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 84M of the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regulation 2002* allows the Road Transport Authority to determine defined right conditions allocated in a ballot of defined rights for relevant taxi licences.

The *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regulation 2002* provides for the issue of restricted (wheelchair accessible taxi) taxi licences. This Instrument determines the defined right conditions to be allocated in a ballot of defined rights on 23 May 2012.

The defined right conditions are set out in Schedule 1 and include the following:

- a defined right ends 120 days after the ballot of defined rights;
- a defined right allocated to a person from a reserve list ends 120 days from the day the person receives the offer of the defined right;
- the holder of a defined right may apply for an extension of the defined right period in writing;
- to extend a defined right, the holder must provide evidence that he/she has made progress towards becoming accredited as a taxi operator and towards acquiring a vehicle to operate as a taxi, the Road Transport Authority must be satisfied that the extended defined right period is necessary for the holder to complete the process of becoming accredited and acquiring a vehicle to operate as a taxi, and the holder must pay the determined fee for the issue of a defined right extension; and
- any extended defined right period will be determined by the Road Transport Authority and may be no more than 120 days.

The fee payable for an extended defined right must be refunded on the issue of a transferable leased taxi licence to the holder of the defined right.

The purpose of a defined right period is to give applicants sufficient time to apply for accreditation as a taxi operator and to obtain a vehicle to operate as a taxi, which must occur before a taxi licence can be issued. A 120 day period is considered sufficient for most applicants to meet these requirements.

There is a possibility that not all applicants will be able to satisfy the requirements within the 120 day period, so there is a need to allow this period to be extended on application under certain conditions.

The Road Transport Authority may refuse an extension for a defined right in the event that it does not consider that the applicant intends to operate a vehicle as a wheelchair accessible taxi under the licence offered through the defined right.