

Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation (Deciding Applications for Registration – Wheelchair-Accessible Taxis) Declaration 2026

Disallowable instrument DI2026–205

made under the

Road Transport (General) Act 1999, s 13 (Power to exclude vehicles, persons or animals from road transport legislation)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation (Deciding Applications for Registration – Wheelchair-Accessible Taxi) Declaration 2026*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

3 Declaration

I declare that section 32B (3) - (4) of the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000* does not apply to wheelchair-accessible taxi vehicles if the conditions in section 4 are met.

4 Conditions under which the declaration applies

- (1) The accredited operator to provide a taxi service must:
 - (a) if relying on this declaration on or before 31 January 2027, satisfy all conditions in section 4 (2) – (3) of this instrument; or
 - (b) if relying on this declaration on or after 1 February 2027 satisfy all conditions in section 4 (2) – (7) of this instrument.
- (2) The accredited operator of a vehicle to which this declaration applies must have presented their vehicle and have had the vehicle declared roadworthy (excepting age and use requirements) at the Access Canberra Motor

Vehicle Inspection Station within the 30 days prior to applying to the road transport authority for the renewal of the vehicle's registration.

- (3) The accredited operator of a vehicle to which this declaration applies will only be permitted to renew the vehicle's registration for 3 or 6 months, in accordance with section 68 (4) (c) of the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000*.
- (4) The accredited operator to provide a taxi service has:
 - (a) ordered a new vehicle from a motor vehicle dealer who meets the definition under section 9 of the *Traders (Licensing) Act 2016*; and
 - (b) provided an invoice, in writing, from the motor vehicle dealer evidencing that a deposit has been paid for the new vehicle; and
 - (c) provided advice of the estimated time for vehicle delivery from the motor vehicle dealer in writing, dated within 60 days of the application.
- (5) Unless the conditions in section 4 (6) of this instrument are met, the accredited operator relying on this declaration must not:
 - (a) defer or cancel the new vehicle order on their own initiative; or
 - (b) alter the new vehicle order in any way on their own initiative that would cause the new vehicle's estimated delivery date to be postponed.
- (6) Subject to the conditions in section 4 (7) of this instrument, the accredited operator may change the vehicle model of the new vehicle order:
 - (a) from an internal combustion engine only vehicle to a plug-in hybrid, hybrid electric, or zero-emission vehicle; or
 - (b) from a plug-in hybrid or hybrid electric vehicle to a zero-emission vehicle.
- (7) Section 4 (6) of this instrument only applies provided that:
 - (a) the accredited operator has not previously changed the vehicle model of the new vehicle order on their own initiative; and
 - (b) the motor vehicle dealer has provided new advice in writing to the accredited operator that it is able to deliver the changed vehicle model of that new vehicle order to the accredited operator within 6 months of issuing that advice.

5 Expiry

This instrument expires on 30 November 2027.

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Minister for City and Government Services

17 September 2026