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Dear Sirs/Madams

I understand that the date for the submission has lapsed but as an interested party with 25 years of taxi driving/ taxi operator experience, I wish to lodge a belated one, if acceptable to the committee.

I wish to look at the various issues involved under tabulated categories very briefly and hope this will give the committee an insight into the present day scenario pertaining to the taxi and ride sharing identities. This should help to bring about any necessary changes that the committer is looking for in this submission to implement the new rules and regulations for the future.

## TAXIS

Every regulation remains the same as at present time.

The cost of taxi registration fees and insurance to be brought down to half its present cost. The state government gives some compensation to those licence holders who would like to quit the taxi industry.

Queensland Transport gives new taxi licences at a nominal charge to self-employed drivers ONLY who wish to start a business and join the taxi industry.

Only taxis will be allowed to do the rank and hail work.

The Taxi licence holders, Taxi bases and the Taxi Council have a zero tolerance for any ride sharing parties to join the industry. They are asking for a "level playing field".

A Taxi operator who hires a taxi licence with his own car makes about \$100,00.00.

annually depending on the number of hours driven by an operator or the driver. The Taxi maintenance cost is around \$30,00.00 and The cost of renting a licence with all other company dues is around \$40,000.00. That leaves an operator with a net income of around \$30,000.00. This figure may vary from operator to operator depending on their circumstances. It is a general guideline only

A taxi licence holder makes about \$30,000.00 renting his taxi licence to a taxi base or individual operator.

## DRIVERS

All Taxi drivers and ride sharing drivers must be over 21 years of age to qualify to drive a passenger paying vehicle..

They must have held a clean private licence for at least 3 years with no criminal records.

All Driver Authorities to be renewed every year.

They must pass a spoken and written English test to qualify to hold a Drivers Authority to drive a passenger paying vehicle.

All drivers must be able to contact the job dispatch office 24 hours a day in case of grievance, accidents and emergencies

## VEHICLES

All vehicles used for ride sharing must not be more than 6 years old as for taxis.

Machinery inspection to be conducted by Queensland Transport officers every 6 months as for taxis.

All ride sharing vehicles where passengers pay must have comprehensive insurance to cover the vehicle, third party insurance for passengers and general liability insurance. Every driver must display a photo ID as at present.

This is my personal submission and does not reflect the views of any taxi company , taxi base or any other individual operator or driver.

Submitted by  
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