

GOLD BAND TAXIS



New Driver Information Booklet

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Members of Gold Band Taxis that Employ/Contract Drivers

Within Gold Band Taxis, you may either drive for an existing Member, or you may become a Member yourself and drive your own cab.

A list of the names and contact details of Gold Band Members who employ/contract drivers from time to time may be obtained from the office.

(Please note that different Gold Band Members have different vacancies at different times and they also use different self-employed contract arrangements and/or employment agreements. You will need to discuss these matters directly with each Member to agree an arrangement that works for you both).

Requirements to become a Gold Band Taxis Driver

Clause 4.1.3. of the Gold Band Taxis Driver Training Policy states: To be considered for initial training, all trainees **must have applied for – and ideally already hold** the following qualifications, with supporting documentation (please note: no training will be undertaken without proof of the following):

- A copy of a current Taxi Identification Card;
- A copy of a P-endorsed Driver Licence – refer NZTA Fact Sheet 42 at www.nzta.govt.nz;
- A current SPSL (Small Passenger Service License) – if the aspiring driver is applying for Membership in the Society or to become an Owner Operator – refer Fact Sheet 78 at www.nzta.govt.nz.

Identification Card and P Endorsement

The following information has been sourced from: www.nzta.govt.nz (Factsheet 42)

How to get a P endorsement

To get a P endorsement, you must hold, and have held for at least two years, a full New Zealand Class 1 driver licence. Holding an equivalent overseas licence will not meet this requirement.

The application form for a P endorsement is DL20. If you're going to be driving a small passenger service vehicle, the form will ask you to provide a unique identifier for your driver ID card. A unique identifier is a name comprising of a combination of letters that will be sufficiently memorable so as to be easily recalled by users of the service to identify the driver. Where the unique identifier chosen is already allocated to another driver, the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) will assign numbers to the chosen name to avoid duplication. If your identifier can't be easily remembered by your passengers, the NZTA will ask you to select another one.

Applying for a P Endorsement

You can apply for a P endorsement at any NZTA driver-licensing agent.

You'll need:

- A completed DL20 application form (available from the agent)
- Evidence of your identity, such as your New Zealand driver licence
- Evidence of your name and current address, such as a bill or account statement
- A medical certificate (if applicable)
- A notice of determination (if applicable – you may not need to have the 'fit and proper person' check again if you hold a current V, I or O endorsement)
- A means of paying the fees (cheque, cash or EFTPOS card)

You should allow two to eight weeks for your application to be processed (providing you have supplied all the necessary information and documentation), because of the requirement to carry out a 'fit and proper person' check.

Note: If you're not a New Zealand citizen or don't hold a residence permit, you will need a work permit or some other temporary permit to show that you may work in New Zealand.

Please refer to website www.nzta.govt.nz for further information on fees etc or you can phone 0800 822 422.

Obtaining a Gold Band Taxis Permit

(All prices are inclusive of GST)

1. Driver Information Folder

A Driver Information Folder is to be collected from the Gold Band Office or a e-book supplied digitally

Related Costs:

Driver Information Folder (Hard Copy)	\$30.00
e-Book Version	\$0.00

2. Practical Driver Training Assessment

The Trainee must complete a six-hour driving assessment with a Gold Band Approved Driver Trainer.

The candidate will be assessed on the following but not limited to:

- Driving style
- Customer Service and Communication
- Confident use of in-car electronic equipment
- Professionalism in presentation and conduct

Related Costs:

Six-hour practical driver training	set by trainer
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Names of Authorised Practical Driver Trainers may be obtained from the Office on: 03 366 1001 or in person at Level 1, 21 Shakespeare Road, Waltham.

3. Driver Training Class

Classes are held every Wednesday at 10am and run for approximately four hours (depending on class size and prior experience of candidates). The class will cover all the subjects listed in the Driver Information Folder/e-Book and a practical demonstration of in-car equipment. Please ensure you book in by calling 03 366 1001 AFTER completing the Practical Driver Training.

4. Gold Band Permit Test

The candidate is to complete an open book test based on knowledge learnt during the training process, both theory and practical.

5. Valid First Aid Certificate (6401 & 6402)

Gold Band Taxis service many high value Corporate Accounts which have various requirements on our business. One such requirement that effects our drivers is the requirement to hold a valid First Aid Certificate which assigns NZQA Unit Standards 6401 & 6402.

We have a corporate relationship with City First Aid which provide a corporate rate for our drivers. If you do not already have a valid First Aid Certificate, please make contact with our office on 03 366 1001 to book you in the next available course. The cost of this is training is additional and to be covered by the driver unless an arrangement is made with the operator they will be driving for.

A new driver will have 6 weeks to complete this from the time of commencement. If not completed within that time, the work that requires first aid qualifications will be made unavailable.

6. Completing the process

The following forms and processes to be completed:

- Driver Training Booking Form;
- New Driver Administration Form;
- Photo taken for in-house database;
- NZTA Consent for Information Form;
- TORO Consent Form;
- CIAL Registration and associated in-house agreement;
- ECan Total Mobility Scheme Agreement.

Forms are partially filled out prior to starting the Class therefore it is advised to arrive at the office by 9:30am to allow time for this.

Once the Permit Test is passed, new Driver is issued with:

- Information Sheet showing:
 - Date Gold Band Permit issued and first renewal date;
 - Login ID and password for the dispatch and electronic systems;
 - Start Up Check List;
 - Gold Band Permit and Driver Licence Renewals;
 - Uniform information;
 - Key information for the Website and Total Mobility Scheme
- TaxiPos (Eftpos) Card;
- Temporary Name Badge issued pending arrival of new badge.

7. Completing the process

Gold Band Taxis permit training is one all-inclusive price for the following:

CIAL Admin Fee (payable at Gold Band)	
Gold Band Taxis Name Badge	
Driver Training Class	
Gold Band Permit Test	
1 x Black Gold Band Polo	
Total Price	\$200.00 incl. GST

Other costs you will need to be aware:

CIAL Access Card (payable at the airport)	\$40.00
CIAL Service ID Card (payable at the airport)	\$20.00
Practical Driver Training	Costs Vary
P-endorsement	refer: www.nzta.govt.nz
SPSL	refer: www.nzta.govt.nz
First Aid Certificate 6401 & 6402	\$109.00
Total Mobility Scheme Training	\$299.00

OUR MISSION

- We serve the **public** by setting the highest standards of fairness, honesty and customer service.
- We serve our **members** by increasing value and market share.

OUR VISION

- We are the most respected taxi brand in Christchurch and surrounding areas.
- We redefine industry standards by providing a reliable, friendly, customer experience. We believe in our people. Together we lead the way, delivering a seamless, memorable service.
- We increase membership value and market share through excellent delivery. We are flexible – committed to positive change. Growth is inevitable. “We’re going places!”

OUR VALUES

i) Service Excellence

Our customer (internal and external) always comes first. We offer the best that we can give.

ii) Teamwork

We are not alone – our choices affect others. We will choose what is best for the whole team. Our opportunities flourish when we all pull together in the same direction.

iii) Integrity

We ‘walk the talk’. If we say we will do something, we will do it.

iv) Commitment

We are dedicated to the Gold Band family, and to our customers. People can trust us.

v) Accountability

We encourage others, not criticise them. We own our actions, knowing that our colleagues look out for our best interests. If we mess up, we will admit it openly and will learn together.

vi) Continuous Improvement

We look for ways to improve who we are and what we do. We challenge the status quo with positive motives, pursuing the best for Gold Band, its customers and its members.