

Department of Treasury and Finance

# DRIVERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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***IN CASE OF A BREAKDOWN:***

***Please contact the vehicle manufacturer on the details provided in the service book and not RACT.***

# Drivers' Responsibilities

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT A COPY OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES IS GIVEN TO ALL DRIVERS AND THAT A COPY IS KEPT IN THE VEHICLE'S GLOVE BOX**

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## RESPONSIBILITIES – GENERAL

It is the responsibility of the driver of a government vehicle to:

- be aware of, and comply with Government policy and your agency's policies on driving a vehicle;
- ensure that the vehicle is kept clean and tidy;
- ensure that the vehicle is presented for its crucial first service, and that all following services are undertaken in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements, as to do otherwise may jeopardise the manufacturer's warranty;
- provide the odometer reading at the time of purchasing fuel and ensure that the correct reading is entered;
- only purchase fuel from authorised sites – noting that the Government has a mandatory common use contract with Ampol as a primary provider and United as a secondary provider. United is only to be used when there is no access to a Ampol provider;
- only use standard unleaded petrol (91 Octane) unless the vehicle you drive is a dedicated premium fuel vehicle;
- ensure that the fuel card is kept secure and, if there is a pin number, ensure it is not kept on or near the card;
- advise your agency fleet manager as soon as possible if either the vehicle or the fuel card is lost, stolen or damaged;
- be aware that the agency fleet manager receives exception reports on multiple fuel fills, over-tank capacity fuel fills and invalid odometer readings;
- ensure that the vehicle logbook (if provided with the vehicle) is kept up-to-date. It is expected that the logbook will be updated at the end of each business-related journey. An up-to-date logbook is a useful method of reducing the Fringe Benefits Tax payable by the Tasmanian Government;
- charge electric vehicles at public charging stations or workplace charging stations, in accordance with the *Tasmanian Government Motor Vehicle Allocation and Use Policy*. There are various resources online to assist in identifying the location of charging stations; and

- read and be aware of your responsibilities pursuant to the *Tasmanian Government Motor Vehicle Allocation and Use Policy*, Section 7.8 - 'Charging of Electric Vehicles', especially if you intend to charge the electric vehicle at-home<sup>1</sup>.

In addition to the above, it is the responsibility of the person (**the officer**) provided with a government vehicle as part of their employment contract to:

- inform other people whom you allow to drive the vehicle about the agency's and the Government's policies on driving a vehicle; and
- ensure that all accessories (eg bike racks) are returned with the vehicle at the end of the lease.

## In the Event of an Accident

**Any** driver, who is involved in any type of accident, should:

- **not admit liability.**
- ensure that any injured person is immediately attended to and medical attention if necessary is arranged.
- call the police and advise them of the accident. If the police do not attend the accident, then the driver must attend the most conveniently located police station within 24 hours to complete a self-reporting accident form.
- note all details of people and vehicles involved in the accident, including details of any independent witnesses, on the card provided in the glove box, such as:
  - **all registration numbers;**
  - makes of all vehicles involved;
  - all driver names and addresses;
  - contact phone numbers (home and work);
  - owner's names (if different to that of the driver);
  - insurance company names and policy numbers;
  - names and addresses of any witnesses; and
  - the areas of accident damage to the vehicle.
- at the first opportunity, accurately complete a Motor Vehicle Claim Form available on line at the Tasmanian Risk Management Funds website ([Motor Vehicle Accident Claim Form](#)) and forward it immediately to the Fund Administration Agent (address details indicated on the Accident Claim Form).
- inform the officer (if they are not the driver) so that the officer can advise the agency fleet manager as soon as possible of any damage, or mechanical concerns, including any internal warning lights or vehicle service indicators.

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<sup>1</sup> At-home means at a site that is not a public charging station or a work charging station including, but not limited to, principal place of residence, holiday/rental accommodation/guest, or visitor parking.

- co-operate with the agency fleet manager by making the vehicle available to be repaired either as soon as possible, or as instructed by the agency fleet manager.
- ensure that, in the event of a major accident during business hours and the vehicle is not drivable, the driver should call the Agency Fleet Manager to arrange for the vehicle to be towed to holding premises. If an accident occurs after business hours, please call JLT Risk Solutions Pty Ltd on 0409178321 to request assistance.

A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND ON THE PURCHASING WEBSITE

[Tasmanian Common Use Contracts - Fleet Management Agreement](#)

