

Registration usage codes for public passenger buses

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Introduction

Transport for NSW has recently received enquiries requesting clarification on the requirement for operators to record the correct registration usage code for public passenger buses.

Notice

Clause 15 (a) of the Passenger Transport (General) Regulation 2017 states the operator of a relevant service must ensure that the vehicles used to provide the service at all times meet the requirements of the law regarding registration and vehicle safety and road-worthiness. This includes ensuring the bus has the correct registration usage code recorded.

Requirements

Operators are required to check the registration usage code recorded on the Certificate of Registration for each vehicle in their fleet used to conduct a public passenger service and ensure that it complies with the following:

- The usage code **RBUS** must be recorded if:
 - The vehicle operates under a Regular Passenger Service (RPS) accreditation
 - The vehicle has MO plates.
- The usage code **CBUS** must be recorded if:
 - The vehicle operates under a Long Distance, Tourist or Charter (LDTTC) accreditation
 - The vehicle has TV plates.

It is a requirement that operators advise Transport for NSW which accreditation type the vehicle will be operated under.

RBUS or CBUS usage [must be recorded](#), even if standard or special number plates are issued.

Vehicles that are used for both RPS and LDTTC services and have standard or special plates should have the usage recorded according to their predominant service use.

When hiring a bus from another accredited operator, it's the responsibility of the operator hiring the vehicle (not the vehicle owner) to ensure the vehicle is correctly registered.

It's important to check the registration papers when you receive delivery of a new vehicle to ensure that the correct registration usage code has been applied.

To update your vehicle's registration usage code, please visit a Service NSW Centre.

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Bus Safety Officer, Transport for NSW on the below details:

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