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How to Become a Certificate Holder (aka - Cab Company Owner)

Holders of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity: Requirements

NRS 706.8827 Certificate of public convenience and necessity required to engage in business of operating taxicabs; hearing on application; fee; conditions; effect of denial of certificate.

1. A person shall not engage in the taxicab business unless he:
 - (a) Holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Public Service Commission of Nevada issued before July 1, 1981, which has not been transferred, revoked or suspended by the Taxicab Authority; or
 - (b) Currently holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Taxicab Authority as provided in this section.
2. Upon the filing of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, the Taxicab Authority shall fix a time and place for a hearing thereon. The Taxicab Authority shall issue the certificate if it finds that:
 - (a) The applicant is fit, willing and able to perform the services of a taxicab motor carrier;
 - (b) The proposed operation will be consistent with the legislative policies set forth in [NRS 706.151](#);
 - (c) The granting of the certificate will not unreasonably and adversely affect other carriers operating in the territory for which the certificate is sought;
 - (d) The holders of existing certificates will not meet the needs of the territory for which the certificate is sought if the certificate is not granted; and
 - (e) The proposed service will benefit the public and the taxicab business in the territory to be served.
3. The applicant for a certificate has the burden of proving to the Taxicab Authority that the proposed operation will meet the requirements of subsection 2. The Taxicab Authority shall not find that the potential creation of competition in a territory which may be caused by the granting of a certificate, by itself, will unreasonably and adversely affect other carriers operating in the territory for the purposes of paragraph (c) of subsection 2.
4. The applicant must submit an application fee of \$200, which must not be refunded, with his application. The applicant must also pay those amounts which are billed to him by the Authority for reasonable costs incurred by it in conducting an investigation or hearing regarding the applicant.
5. The Taxicab Authority may attach to the exercise of the rights granted by the certificate any terms and conditions which in its judgment the public interest may require.
6. The Taxicab Authority may dispense with the hearing on the application if, upon the expiration of the time fixed in the notice of the hearing, no protest against the granting of the certificate has been filed by or on behalf of any person.



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7. Any person who has been denied a certificate of public convenience and necessity after a hearing may not file a similar application with the Taxicab Authority covering the same type of service and over the same route or routes or in the same territory for which the certificate of public convenience and necessity was denied except after the expiration of 180 days from the date the certificate was denied.

NRS 706.8828 Insurance.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a certificate holder shall file with the Administrator, and keep in effect at all times, a policy of insurance with an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Nevada.

2. The insurance policy specified in subsection 1 must:

(a) Provide the following coverage:

For injury to one person in any one accident.....	\$100,000
For injury to two or more persons in any one accident.....	\$300,000
For property damage in any one accident.....	\$10,000

(b) Contain a clause which states substantially that the insurance carrier may only cancel the policy upon 30 days' written notice to the certificate holder and Administrator; and

(c) Contain such other provisions concerning notice as may be required by law to be given to the certificate holder.

3. If an insurance policy is cancelled, the certificate holder shall not operate or cause to be operated any taxicab that was covered by the policy until other insurance is furnished.

4. A certificate holder to whom the Department of Motor Vehicles has issued a certificate of self-insurance may self-insure the coverage required by subsection 2.

NRS 706.8829 Uniform system of accounts; examination of books and accounts; fines; suspension or revocation of certificate of public convenience and necessity.

1. A certificate holder shall maintain a uniform system of accounts in which all business transacted by the certificate holder is recorded. The accounts must be:

- (a) Kept in a form prescribed by the Taxicab Authority;
- (b) Before May 15 of each year, submitted to the Taxicab Authority in an annual report in the form and detail prescribed by the Taxicab Authority;
- (c) Retained for a period of 3 years after their receipt back from the Taxicab Authority; and
- (d) Supplemented with such additional information as the Taxicab Authority may require.

2. The Taxicab Authority may examine the books, accounts, records, minutes and papers of a certificate holder at any reasonable time to determine their correctness and whether they are maintained in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Taxicab Authority.

3. If a certificate holder fails to comply with any provision of this section in a timely manner, the Administrator, after hearing, may impose a fine of not more than \$1,000, commence proceedings to suspend or revoke the certificate of public convenience and necessity of the certificate holder, or both impose a fine and commence such proceedings.

NRS 706.883 Records.

1. A certificate holder shall maintain at his principal place of business:

- (a) A record of the make and serial number of each taxicab;
- (b) A maintenance record for each taxicab; and
- (c) A copy of the medical certificates of each of his drivers.

2. The records of a certificate holder shall be open for inspection by the Administrator or the Taxicab Authority at any reasonable time.



NRS 706.8831 Listing for telephone in telephone directory. A certificate holder shall have a public business telephone listing in the telephone directory for the area being served. The listing must state the company name, telephone number, place of business and... the hours of service.

NRS 706.8832 Two-way radio; central facilities for dispatching taxicabs. A certificate holder shall have each taxicab equipped with a two-way mobile radio and shall maintain central facilities for dispatching taxicabs at all times. The facilities:

1. May be maintained individually or in cooperation with other certificate holders.
2. Must be principally engaged in communication by radio with the taxicabs of the certificate holder or holders.

NRS 706.8833 Color scheme, insignie and design of cruising lights.

1. The color scheme, insignie and design of the cruising lights of each taxicab must conform to those approved for the certificate holder pursuant to regulations of the Authority.
2. The Authority shall approve or disapprove the color scheme, insignie and design of the cruising lights of the taxicabs of a certificate holder in any county, and shall ensure that the color scheme and insignie of one certificate holder are readily distinguishable from the color schemes and insignia of other certificate holders operating in the same county.

NRS 706.8834 Maximum period of use of vehicle as taxicab; condition of vehicle... for use as taxicab.

1. A certificate holder shall not permit a vehicle to be used as a taxicab if it has been in operation as a taxicab for more than 4 model years or 52 months, whichever period is longer.
2. Any vehicle which a certificate holder acquires for use as a taxicab must:
 - (a) Be new; or
 - (b) Register not more than 30,000 miles on the odometer.

NRS 706.8835 Display of schedule of fares, number of unit and name of holder of certificate.

1. A certificate holder shall display on each of his taxicabs the fare schedule under which it is being operated. The schedule must be permanently affixed:
 - a. On the outside of both front doors in bold block letters which are of a color which contrasts with the color of the taxicab and which are not less than three-fourths of an inch in height; and
 - b. Inside the taxicab so as to be visible and easily readable by passengers.
2. A certificate holder shall have a unit number and the name of the certificate holder displayed on each side of each taxicab in bold block letters not less than 4 inches in height and in a color which contrasts with the color of the taxicab.

NRS 706.8836 Taximeters.

1. A certificate holder shall equip each of his taxicabs with a taximeter and shall make provisions when installing the taximeter to allow sealing by the Administrator.
2. The Administrator shall approve the types of taximeters which may be used on a taxicab. All taximeters must conform to a 2-percent plus or minus tolerance on the fare recording, must be equipped with a signal device plainly visible from outside of the taxicab, must be equipped with a device which records fares and is plainly visible to the passenger and must register upon plainly visible counters...:
 - (a) Total miles;
 - (b) Paid miles;
 - (c) Number of units;
 - (d) Number of trips; and
 - (e) Number of extra passengers or extra charges.



3. The Administrator shall inspect each taximeter before its use in a taxicab and shall, if the taximeter conforms to the standards specified in subsection 2, seal the taximeter.
4. The Administrator may reinspect the taximeter at any reasonable time.

NRS 706.8837 Standards for taxicabs before operation. A certificate holder shall not permit a taxicab to be operated in passenger service unless it meets all of the following standards:

1. The steering mechanism is in good mechanical working order.
2. The vehicle does not have any apparent loose knuckles, bolts or gear trains.
3. The door hinges and latches are in good mechanical working order and all doors operate easily and close securely.
4. Interior or exterior advertising does not obscure the driver's view in any direction.
5. The windows are clear and free from cracks or chips in excess of 3 inches in length and are composed of approved, nonshatterable safety glass.
6. The brakes are in good mechanical working order and when pressed are not less than 1 3/4 inches from the floorboard.
7. The exhaust system, gaskets, tail pipes and mufflers are in good condition and exhaust fumes do not penetrate the interior of the vehicle.
8. The vehicle is equipped with four adequate and safe tires. Recapped tires may be used. Regrooved tires may not be used.
9. The speedometer is properly installed, maintained in good working order and exposed to view.
10. The interior of the vehicle is clean, free from torn upholstery and from damaged or broken seats.
11. The headlights, taillights, stoplights and turn signals are in good mechanical working order.
12. The horn and two windshield wipers are in good mechanical working order.
13. The taximeter is working properly, is not disconnected and has its covers and gears intact.
14. An air pollution control system is functioning in accordance with federal, state and local laws which were applicable to the type of vehicle at the time of its manufacture.

NRS 706.8838 Defects in taxicab which limit operation. A certificate holder shall not permit a taxicab to be operated in passenger service for a period of more than 24 hours unless it meets all of the following standards:

1. The vehicle is structurally sound and operates with a minimum of noise and vibration.
2. The vehicle does not have cracked, broken or badly dented fenders and is painted so as to provide reasonable protection against structural deterioration.
3. The vehicle does not have shades or curtains which can be manipulated to shield the occupants or driver from exterior observation or to obstruct vision through the rear view windows.
4. The vehicle is washed once a week, the interior is swept, dusted and vacuumed once a day and the vehicle is in a clean and sanitary condition.
5. The floor mat is made of rubber or a similar nonabsorbent, washable material, is easily removable and is not torn.

NAC 706.473 Certificate holders: Equity capital. ([NRS 706.8818](#))

1. Each certificate holder shall maintain an investment of not less than 20 percent equity capital in his operations and include proof of that investment in his annual report filed with the authority.

2. A certificate holder who fails to maintain adequate equity capital as required by subsection 1 shall, not later than 3 months after receiving notice from the authority of that failure, file a plan with the authority to maintain such equity capital within the next 12 months.

3. Within 15 months after receiving notice from the authority that he has failed to maintain adequate equity capital, a certificate holder must have an investment of not less than 20 percent equity capital in his operations.

4. The authority may revoke the certificate of a certificate holder who fails to comply with the provisions of this section.



NAC 706.474 Certificate holders: Change of address; list of supervisory employees.

1. All certificate holders are required to notify the administrator any time they change the location of their business.

2. Certificate holders shall furnish to the administrator a current list of supervisory or responsible persons in their employ which includes a schedule indicating when they are available. The persons on this list must be authorized to act for the certificate holder in dealing with the authority.

[Taxicab Auth., Gen. Order No. 3 Rule 203, eff. 3-18-71]—(NAC A 10-13-88)

NAC 706.476 Certificate holders: Notification of administrator of complaint concerning driver. ([NRS 706.8818](#)) If a certificate holder receives a complaint concerning a driver that alleges a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or [chapter 706 of NRS](#), the certificate holder shall notify the administrator of the complaint not later than 2 working days after he receives the complaint.

(Added to NAC by Taxicab Auth. by R064-02, eff. 7-31-2002)

NAC 706.477 Certificate holders: Notice of dismissal of drivers. ([NRS 706.171](#)) Each certificate holder shall, within 2 working days, inform the administrator of the dismissal of any driver and the reason therefor. Within 5 working days after the end of each month, each certificate holder shall provide the authority with a list of all drivers whose employment was terminated during the month.

[Taxicab Auth., Gen. Order No. 3 Rule 205, eff. 3-18-71]—(NAC A 10-13-88; R064-02, 7-31-2002)

NAC 706.478 Certificate holders: Dispatch log. ([NRS 706.8818](#)) A certificate holder shall maintain a log for each taxicab dispatched for service by a radio call. The log must include:

1. The date and time the call requesting transportation was received;
2. The name of the person or location requesting transportation;
3. The unit designation of the taxicab dispatched; and
4. The date and time the designated unit was dispatched for the requested transportation.

(Added to NAC by Taxicab Auth. by R064-02, eff. 7-31-2002)

NAC 706.480 Commencement of operations; interruption of service.

1. A certificate holder shall begin operations within 30 days after the certificate is issued.

2. The holder of a certificate shall provide regular service 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. If an interruption in service occurs and is likely to continue more than 12 hours, immediate notice must be given to the authority of the character, course and probable duration of the interruption.

[Taxicab Auth., Gen. Order No. 3 Rules 101 & 102, eff. 3-18-71; A 5-8-74]—(NAC A 1-25-85; 10-13-88)

