




WINNIPEG PARKING AUTHORITY
Vehicle for Hire Division
VEHICLE FOR HIRE REGULATIONS

Page 1

SUBJECT:	ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	VFH-18-005
CATEGORY:	Vehicle for Hire	REVISION DATE: April 1, 2025
PURPOSE: To outline the specifications for a vehicle for hire to be classified as an accessible vehicle.		
REFERENCE: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vehicle for Hire By-law 129/2017, section 35(1)• Vehicle for Hire By-law 129/2017, section 38(2)• Vehicle for Hire By-law 129/2017, section 49(2)		
General <p>The above noted sections of the Vehicle for Hire By-law ("the By-law") provide authority for the designated employee to specify the following requirements with respect to accessible vehicles for hire as outlined in the noted schedules to this Regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accessible Vehicle Specifications, Schedule A;• Driver Training Requirements, Schedule B <p>The training requirements outlined in Schedule B apply to registered Personal Transportation Provider drivers, as well as licenced limousine and taxi drivers.</p>		
DATE OF ISSUE: APRIL 1, 2025		SUPERSEDES ISSUE OF: April 12, 2019
APPROVED: <div style="text-align: center;"> _____ Grant Heather Manager, Vehicles for Hire Winnipeg Parking Authority</div>		

Vehicle for Hire Regulation 18-005
Schedule A

Accessible Vehicle Specifications

In order to be considered an accessible vehicle for the purposes of the Vehicles for Hire (VFH) By-law, the entire vehicle shall conform to the current Motor Vehicles for the Transportation of Persons with Physical Disabilities Standard, published by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC). As of December 2017, the current standard is **CAN/CSA-D409-16**.

Applications and renewals for accessible taxi licences, or registration as an accessible vehicle for hire must be accompanied by an inspection certificate or letter from the vehicle builder confirming compliance with this standard. The above noted standard is available at <https://www.scc.ca/en/standardsdb/standards/28539>

A vehicle which was the subject of an accessible taxi business licence as of February 28, 2018 may apply to the City seeking application of the SCC safety standard in effect on the date of manufacture of the vehicle or the installation/conversion with all equipment required for its intended purpose. The application must include information identifying in detail the variance from the current standard, and an inspection certificate confirming compliance with the standard to be applied. However, even if approved by the City, application of the SCC safety standard in effect on the date of manufacture of the vehicle or the installation/conversion with all equipment required for its intended purpose is only temporary; the vehicle must meet the current standard as of **March 1, 2019**.

Vehicle for Hire Regulation 18-005
Schedule B

Accessible vehicle for hire driver training

Any driver providing transportation service in a vehicle for hire must complete the mandatory specified training, whether they are a licenced taxi or limousine driver or a registered PTP driver. A list of approved training courses which deliver the specified training is listed in Appendix 1 to this Schedule.

This training is also required in order for a service provider to remain in compliance with the Province of Manitoba Accessibility for Manitobans Act.

In addition to the above noted requirements for drivers to have accessible training, in order to qualify for a licence or registration as an accessible vehicle for hire driver, an individual must demonstrate the knowledge and skills to:

- a) properly secure the wheelchair or mobility aid of every passenger so equipped with a securement device that meets the specifications for accessible vehicles;
- b) inform every occupant of the occupant restraint system available for his or her use, and assist in use of the occupant restraint system if the passenger so desires.

Failure to perform these actions when providing service would demonstrate a lack of knowledge and skills and therefore would be considered a violation of Section 61.1 and 64 of the VFH By-law.

In accordance with the VFH By-law, it is an offence to fail to secure a passenger in a wheelchair.

For clarity, VFH By-law Section 61.1 states:

An accessible taxi driver must comply with requirements established by or pursuant to section 185.1 of The Highway Traffic Act, C.C.S.M. c. H60 for properly restraining people who use a wheelchair or other mobility device, and for securing wheelchairs and other mobility aids.

Section 64(2) states:

A PTP driver who holds out that the vehicle they are driving is accessible must comply with requirements established by or pursuant to section 185.1 of The Highway Traffic Act, C.C.S.M. c. H60 for properly restraining people who use a wheelchair or other mobility device, and for securing wheelchairs and other mobility aids.

Failure to comply with both either Section 61.1 or 64(2) the VFH By-law related to proper use of the restraints for passengers and securing wheelchairs may result in a \$500 fine.

Completion of an approved training course shall be deemed to be demonstration of the required knowledge and skills.

Effective January 1, 2024, in order to retain eligibility as a vehicle for hire driver, an individual must successfully complete an approved accessibility training course every three years.

A driver that has previously demonstrated the required knowledge and skills and has not maintained a licence or registration as an accessible vehicle for hire driver must complete the refresher course before being considered eligible to provide accessible service.

In order to accommodate registered PTP drivers who have already been working in the industry and to meet the requirements of the VFH By-law and Provincial legislation milestones have been developed for dispatchers to ensure driver training requirements have been met. Information on these milestones can be found in VFH Regulation VFH-18-004.

Vehicle for Hire Regulation 18-005
Appendix 1 to Schedule B

Approved Accessible Driver Training Courses

Approved initial training courses to demonstrate required knowledge and skills include:

Course Name	Course Provider	Duration
Accessibility Transportation Training	Independent Living Resource Centre (ILRC)	One half (1/2) day – approximately 3-4 hours
Winnipeg Transit Plus Training	Winnipeg Transit Plus	Two (2) to Four (4) days
Winnipeg WAV program upon driver application (in addition to the initial accessible transportation training)	ILRC	One half (1/2) day – approximately 3-4 hours

Approved refresher training courses include (every three years):

Course Name	Course Provider	Duration
Accessibility Transportation Refresher Training – All Vehicle Drivers	Independent Living Resource Centre (ILRC)	One (1) hour Online
Winnipeg WAV program (in addition to the accessible transportation refresher training)	ILRC	1 Hour in-person
Winnipeg Transit Plus Training	Winnipeg Transit Plus	Two (2) to Four (4) days