

CHAPTER 33 - VEHICLES FOR HIRE

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

DIVISION 4. DRIVERS PERMIT

Sec. 33-039. Drivers permit.

In accordance with the terms and provisions of this chapter, every person before driving a vehicle for hire within the city, shall obtain a drivers permit. A driver's permit shall be valid for 48 months from the date of issuance.

Sec. 33-040. Drivers permit authorized companies

(a) A holder may not employ, contract with, or otherwise allow a person to drive a vehicle for hire owned or operated by the holder unless such person has a valid drivers permit and has an authorized company listed on the drivers permit.

(b) A driver shall not drive for or contract with a company that is not listed as an authorized company on his or her drivers permit.

Sec. 33-041. Investigation of applicant; records to be considered; qualifications; issuance and denial.

(a) A holder may not allow a person who does not have a current and valid driver's permit to operate a vehicle for hire. If a holder wants to hire a person without a driver's permit, or provide for the renewal of a drivers permit, the holder is responsible for assisting such person in obtaining a drivers permit. The holder shall conduct an investigation at no expense to the City concerning the character, experience and qualifications of the applicants to determine whether or not that applicant is fit, willing, and able to operate a vehicle for hire in a manner consistent with the general welfare of the public and in accordance with the requirements of this chapter, rules and regulation established by the director, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulation.

(b) The holder shall confirm, obtain, and maintain evidence for submission to the city upon request pursuant to Sec. 33-055, that at the time the driver submits the application to the City, and by providing the applicant with an enrollee/transfer slip provided by the City that has been signed by the authorized representative of the holder. **The holder is attesting that the applicant is in compliance with the following:**

- (1) Is 18 years of age or older;
- (2) Is a citizen of the United States of America by birth or naturalization, or if an alien, submit evidence of legal residence in the United States and legal right to engage in employment herein;

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- (3) Possesses a valid Texas driver's license required for the class of vehicle to be operated by the applicant as required by Secs. 521.081 and 521.082 of the Transportation Code, or possess an active Department of Defense ID card and a current and valid driver's license from another state.
- (4) Is able to read and speak the English language;
- (5) Has been added to or remains on the permit holder's insurance policy;
- (6) Has completed a driver's training program that has been approved under Chapter 33-007 of this chapter;
- (7) Has a negative drug test as required under Sec. 33-029 of this Chapter:
- (8) Has successfully completed any other training outlined in the rules and regulations established by the director;
- (9) Has provided a copy of the applicants DD-214, if the applicant has prior military service.

Taxicab Rules and Regulations

- 201. Each taxicab holder and its management, and each operator are individually and jointly responsible for complying with all rules and regulations of the City of San Antonio, any rule or regulation of the Department of Aviation, and any section of a State Statute or administrative code relating to the operation of a taxicab or a vehicle for hire.
- 202. Each taxicab holder is solely responsible for the compliance of its employees, operators, Independent Contractors, lease drivers and members with rule 201.