

## **Have you considered becoming a Taxi Driver in Canberra?**

Taxi driving in the Canberra region is an extremely enjoyable occupation. Because of Canberra's unique planning and road network taxi drivers are not subjected to the stresses and traffic jams that are experienced in other Australian capital cities. The job is well suited to people who want full time, part-time or casual work, to those who are service orientated and to those who enjoy interacting with the public.

The Canberra Taxi Industry Association (CTIA) is seeking interested people to fill several vacant taxi driver positions within the Canberra region. The positions are available to both male and female applicants.

Successful applicants will be required to drive a taxi throughout the Canberra region which includes the cities of Canberra and Queanbeyan and outlying areas. They will enjoy all the benefits of being self employed, the ability to work flexible working hours and the security of long term employment. Those wishing to progress further in the industry will have the opportunity to lease, operate or purchase their own taxi. Clerical and administrative positions within the taxi networks also become available from time to time.

Earnings per shift are paid according to an agreed bailee/bailor arrangement with the taxi operator (or owner). In most instances the taxi driver receives 50% of gross takings per shift. Generally, weekly earnings of a CTIA driver with a good work ethic will exceed the earnings of taxi drivers in other Australian capital cities.

Previous taxi driving experience and/or knowledge of the region is of benefit; however these are not essential requirements because the CTIA will arrange the necessary training through its driver training school. The school conducts regular three day driver training courses for interstate/intrastate trainees with previous taxi driving experience, and a more detailed course for inexperienced trainees. Course costs start at \$300 for the three day course and \$470 for the full training course. Special payment arrangements exist for trainees experiencing financial difficulty. A computerised dispatch system with GPS facilities also assists the inexperienced driver.

To be eligible for an ACT taxi licence you will need:-

- To be over the age of 20 years,
- To have held a full Australian drivers licence for more than 12 months,
- To have a satisfactory criminal history record. Applicants will be required to undergo a police check,
- To pass a medical examination,
- To successfully complete the taxi drivers training course, and
- Successfully complete a driver test conducted by the ACT Road Transport Authority.

**For more information please contact the CTIA**  
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## Testimonials



**Henri Clementine**

I moved from Lithgow, NSW to Canberra about 18 years ago with my wife and seven children.

I quickly found work with local companies, but I always wanted to have my own business. The taxi industry provided this opportunity. I have been in the industry for the past 10 and I am now operating my own taxi.

I love Canberra and my work. Canberra provides all the facilities of the bigger cities but without the congestion. It has provided the best education opportunities for my children, who have all continued to live and work here.

As a taxi driver I find that the work is enjoyable, the road system is good and the traffic is generally light. Canberra, and the taxi industry, allows me to live a balanced lifestyle between work and family, and the close proximity to the coast is an added bonus.



**Michelle and Tony Exposito**

We both moved to Canberra when we were much younger. Tony arrived from Spain in the 1960s and I finally settled here as a teenager after following my father during his RAAF postings to Malaysia, America and various Australian cities.

During the early part of our marriage Tony drove taxis part time to supplement our income. After about 12 months we bought our first taxi and we are now full time "cabbies" with two taxis.

We love living in Canberra and the taxi business has allowed us to live the lifestyle that we enjoy. Canberra is not too big but big enough to be interesting, and is also a very friendly city. It provides first class facilities for all interests and because of its size the close proximity to these facilities it has allowed Tony to continue his sporting interests of coaching futsal and football while we run our business.

We particularly encourage husband and wife teams who are looking for a change to come to Canberra and join the taxi community!

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