

**GUIDELINES IN RELATION TO VEHICLES OTHER THAN SALOON MOTOR CARS
CARRYING UP TO EIGHT PASSENGERS (COMMONLY KNOWN AS PEOPLE CARRIERS)**

The maximum number of passenger seats allowed is eight and all should have direct access to a door without the need to climb over the rear of any seat or the need to lower the back of any seat. Seats should not be sideways to the direction of travel and all should comply with the seat belt regulations.

THEREFORE the following is to be observed in relation to all applications for licensing vehicles constructed for the sole use of passengers and their effects in accordance with Construction and Use Regulations, and **NOT** adapted, for the conveyance of up to eight passengers

1. The vehicle shall be right hand drive, with the driver's door to the offside.
2. It will have a front nearside passenger door.
3. The area to the rear of the driver to be of one level to the rear of the vehicle.
4. It shall be fitted with either a sliding or front pillar hinged door to the nearside passenger carrying area, such additional door, if hinged, to be capable of opening 90°, ideally with a step or similar device to ease access or egress.
5. All seats to be mounted transversely facing forwards and providing adequate room for the movement of passengers. It shall be possible for a passenger to walk from the rear near side passenger door through the vehicle and out of the rear door without having to step over any seats, except where the vehicle is fitted with an offside passenger door.
6. Rear doors of the pillar hinged, single (offside hinged) or two door opening type should be capable of opening to 90°, ideally with a step or similar device to ease access or egress.
7. If the vehicle is fitted with an offside rear passenger door, then the rear door may be of the hinged lift-up type, such offside rear passenger door to be of the sliding or front pillar hinged type, capable of opening to 90°, ideally with a step or similar device to ease access or egress.
8. The vehicle shall have sufficient room for the carriage of the luggage of passengers without its encroachment into the passenger carrying area.

These conditions may be varied from time to time to accord with changes of Government legislation. It should be noted that the Government is currently considering new legislation which will incorporate the carriage of disabled persons in their wheelchairs.