



**TRN-14.28 - ADMINISTRATIVE RULE FOR PRIVATE FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION – VEHICLE AGE EXEMPTION.**

*Administrative Rule Adopted by Portland Bureau of Transportation Pursuant to Rule-Making Authority  
Portland City Code 16.40.970*

- I. Recommendations for rule adoption and code revisions. At the recommendation of the PFHT Advisory Committee, the Director may adopt administrative rules pursuant to Chapter 16.40.970 and may provide to the Bureau Commissioner-in-Charge a recommendation to revise any sections here within Chapter 16.40.

Under the authority of 16.40.970, I am adopting Administrative Rule TRN-14.28 to provide an exemption from age restrictions for vehicles that meet the requirements of section 16.40.935, Private for-Hire Transportation.

**VEHICLE AGE EXEMPTION**

- A. **Executive Town Car Vehicle Age Limit** – “Executive Town Car” as defined by in subsection 16.40.030 V, must conform to the Administrative Rule for Executive Sedan (TRN-14.32). Any vehicle issued an age exemption permit prior to December 1, 2019, will be grandfathered in, and will remain eligible for the vehicle age exemption unless the vehicles permit status becomes no longer valid or suspended. No Executive Town Car will be granted an age exemption permit after December 1, 2019. All vehicles are subject to the requirements of Chapter 16.40., Private for-Hire Transportation. The vehicle must meet the DEQ standards established by the state of Oregon that most recently applied to the vehicle’s manufactured date. In addition to vehicle certification requirements outlined in 16.40.350, every vehicle covered under this section must pass an interior and exterior vehicle inspection listed in section F of this rule. Vehicles not meeting one or more of the following standards are not eligible for certification or may have their certification revoked.
- B. **Tour Bus Vehicle Age Limit** - “Tour Bus Vehicle” as defined in subsection 16.40.030 XX, shall remain eligible for certification regardless of the vehicle’s age as long as the Vehicle Age Exemption procedure has been completed by the company. The vehicle must meet the DEQ standards established by the state of Oregon that most recently applied to the vehicle’s manufactured date. In addition to vehicle certification requirements outlined in 16.40.650, every vehicle covered under this section must pass an interior and exterior vehicle inspection listed in section F of this rule. Vehicles not meeting one or more of the following standards are not eligible for certification or may have their certification revoked.
- C. **Limousine and Party Bus Vehicle Age Limit** - “Limousine” as defined in subsection 16.40.030 Z, and “Party Bus” as defined in subsection 16.40.030 II, shall remain eligible for certification regardless of the vehicle’s age as long as the Vehicle Age Exemption procedure has been completed by the company. The vehicle must meet the DEQ standards established by the state of Oregon that most recently applied to the vehicle’s manufactured date. In addition to vehicle



certification requirements outlined in 16.40.650, every vehicle covered under this section must pass an interior and exterior vehicle inspection listed in section F of this rule. Vehicles not meeting one or more of the following standards are not eligible for certification or may have their certification revoked.

- D. **LPT Vehicle, including large “fixed route” Airport Shuttle Vehicle Age Limit** – “LPT” vehicle with a GVW of more than 9,000 pounds, designed to carry nine or more passengers, and/or has been altered or customized for a specific type of service shall remain eligible for certification regardless of the vehicle’s age as long as the Vehicle Age Exemption procedure has been completed by the company. The vehicle must meet the DEQ standards established by the state of Oregon that most recently applied to the vehicle’s manufactured date. In addition to vehicle certification requirements outlined 16.40.650, every vehicle covered under this section must pass an interior and exterior vehicle inspection listed in section F of this rule. Vehicles not meeting one or more of the following standards are not eligible for certification or may have their certification revoked.
- E. **Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles** – Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles that have been issued an NEMT or Taxi permit or certification shall remain eligible for certification or recertification through the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the vehicle manufacture date. WAV vehicle lifts and ramps must meet all ADA requirements at all times. The vehicle must meet the DEQ standards established by the state of Oregon that most recently applied to the vehicle’s manufactured date. In addition to vehicle certification requirements outlined in 16.40, every vehicle covered under this section must pass an interior and exterior vehicle inspection listed in section F of this rule. Vehicles not meeting one or more of the following standards are not eligible for certification or may have their certification suspended or revoked.
- F. **Vehicle Condition Requirements** – All vehicles eligible for certification under sections A through E of this rule must meet the following conditions:
  - 1. Complete the Vehicle Age Exemption procedure and receive approval by the Bureau Director.
  - 2. Pay all applicable Vehicle Age Exemption procedure and permit fees.
  - 3. Vehicle must be clean. Clean means that the inside and outside of vehicles are free of dirt, grease, grime, glue, tape (such as duct or masking tape), trash, litter or other substance. This applies to the vehicle’s paint, upholstery, windows, floorboard and integrated parts of the vehicle’s body.
  - 4. “Good appearance and good repair” means: There are no missing nor makeshift parts for vehicles, including but not limited to, fenders, hood, trunk lid, doors, door handles, windows, chrome or rubber strips, wheel covers, upholstery, ashtrays, or carpeting; and, the paint is in good condition free from scratches and oxidation.

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5. All electric features of the vehicle must be in good working order to include all exterior lighting and warning devices;
  6. The vehicle body is free of dents, chipped paint, broken or cracked equipment, including but not limited to, windows, lights, light covers, top light and reflectors.
  7. “Properly equipped” means having properly functioning windshield wipers, windshield washers, interior/dome lights, odometer, speedometer and mufflers, tail pipes or other exhaust components that prevent unnecessary noise and smoke emissions
  8. All other equipment and devices on the vehicle must be maintained in good working order.
  9. Vehicle must be mechanically sound. The following list contains, but is not limited to, items that may cause your vehicle to fail the inspection.
- Engine knocks
  - Cracked windshield
  - Cracked or Broken lights
  - Missing parts
  - Tire tread below 4/32”
  - Non-working windows
  - Worn ball joints
  - Worn tie rods
  - Worn engine mounts
  - Cracked muffler
  - Non-functioning gages
  - Abnormal engine noise
  - Non-functioning Seatbelts
  - Inaccessible or non-functioning emergency exits (when applicable)
  - Broken or non- functioning locks and latches
  - Faulty Suspension (shocks/springs)
  - Non-functioning heat or AC
  - Non-Working seatbelts
  - Fluid leaks or drips
  - Improper fluid color
  - Non-working lights (interior/exterior)
  - Inadequate braking