

5.3 MOTOR VEHICLE CONCESSIONS

1 ELIGIBILITY

Once Ministers are registered as Authorised Celebrants within Western Australia, if they are primarily performing parish or pastoral duties, they are eligible to receive a concessional licence and exemption on stamp duty when they purchase a motor vehicle. These concessions are provided by the Government of Western Australia and are not available to ministers once they retire.

2. CONCESSIONAL LICENCE

There is a 100% concession rate for a Minister of Religion that relates to the Licence Fee component of the Licence and Third Party Insurance Policy only. Refer to the website for the Department of Transport for a downloadable application form (E37).

Website link: <http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing>

When applying at the time of purchase for a Vehicle Licence Fee Concession, complete the application form and take into a Department of Transport office. You will need to provide:

- (i) Proof of your authorised celebrant's registration and registration number (copies are held at the Uniting Church Centre).
- (ii) A letter from your placement stating that you are solely performing ministerial duties.

Once you have successfully applied for a Vehicle Licence Fee Concession your future renewal reminders will be automatically calculated and issued with the 100% fee concession stated on the renewal notice. It will be concession type 460.

NOTE:

- You will no longer be eligible for the private concession rate.
- This concession is only available on one vehicle at a time and must be removed before you can sell or trade the vehicle.

3. CONCESSIONAL RATES ON STAMP DUTY

When purchasing a motor vehicle, Ministers of Religion are also eligible for an exemption on the stamp duty paid. This must be undertaken at the time of purchase and before the registration papers are transferred into the new owner's name.

The same application form required to get a concession on your licence (E37) is used for this purpose.

4. FLEET DISCOUNT

A national fleet discount, through the Uniting Church in Australia, is generally available on the purchase of **new** vehicles (not second-hand). It should be noted that this is at the manufacturer's discretion, although normally the major car manufacturers will offer this discount. Minister's should enquire at the time of purchasing their vehicle.

If a fleet discount is available a minister needs to produce a letter obtained from the Church Office [contact the AGS(Resources) or the person who deals with the Co-operative Loan Fund]. This letter will state the minister is in a full time placement and uses their vehicle primarily for performing ministerial duties.