

How much do you know about van-type light goods vehicles?

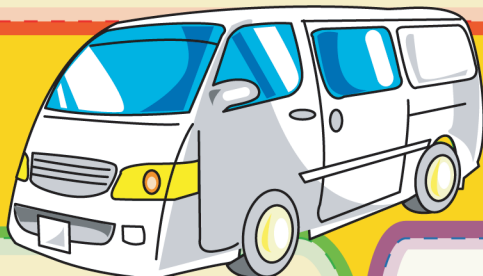


Under what circumstances can a van-type light goods vehicle be hired?

Van-type light goods vehicles can be hired only for carriage of goods. The use of a van-type light goods vehicle for carriage of passengers for hire or reward is against the law.

No person shall solicit or attempt to solicit any person for hire or reward to travel in any vehicle which is licensed as a light goods vehicle.

(Road Traffic Ordinance Cap. 374 Section 52)



Will the third party policy be invalidated if the van-type light goods vehicle is used for carriage of passengers for hire or reward?

Any person who uses a vehicle on a road should have a policy of insurance in force for the user of the vehicle in respect of third party risks.

(Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Ordinance Cap. 272 Section 4)

According to the above legislation, the insurance policy taken for the user of the vehicle would normally not extend to cover the liability arising from accidents due to its use for illegal activities. If the van-type light goods vehicles carrying passengers for hire or reward are involved in accidents, the third party insurance of the concerned vehicles may be invalidated and the passengers may not be able to receive the entitled compensation. Hence, passengers should not take the risk to use illegal service.

What are the penalties if the driver of a van-type light goods vehicle contravenes the law by carrying passengers for hire or reward?

A driver who contravenes the relevant legislation is liable to a fine of \$5,000 and 3 months' imprisonment on a first conviction, and a fine of \$10,000 and 6 months' imprisonment on a second or subsequent conviction.

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