



Memo to Black & White Cabs Drivers and Operators

The ATO has announced that drivers offering what they call a "ride-sourcing service" are required to register for the GST. More specifically, "The ATO expresses no view about whether ride-sourcing vehicles are taxis within the State and Territory specific definitions. More generally, the ATO expresses no view on the legality of ride-sourcing arrangements. The sole purpose of this document is to clarify how the tax laws administered by the ATO apply to ride-sourcing."

<https://www.ato.gov.au/business/gst/in-detail/managing-gst-in-your-business/general-guides/providing-taxi-travel-services-through-ride-sourcing-and-your-tax-obligations/>

<http://www.smh.com.au/business/the-economy/no-gstfree-ride-for-uber-warns-australian-tax-office-20150519-gh50iz.html>

The below global message is being sent twice a day for the next 3 days:

ATO regulates that illegal taxi drivers and ride-share drivers must have an ABN, register for GST and lodge a BAS in the same way as legal taxi drivers must. This is a further step towards ridding the industry of illegal drivers.

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