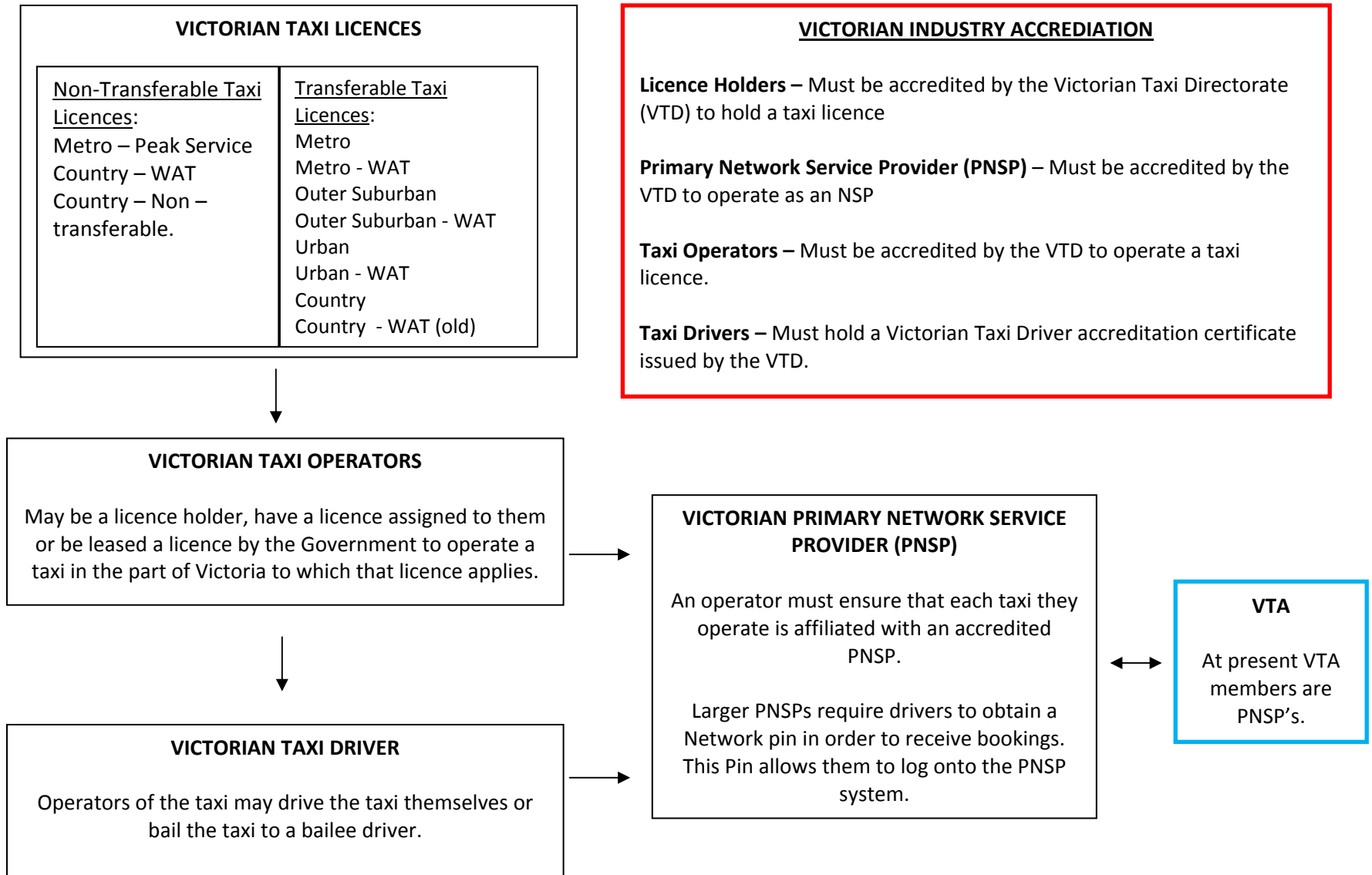


# VICTORIAN TAXI INDUSTRY MAP



## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED ABOVE**

**Assignment** – Assignment is a term given to the process where a Licence holder effectively leases the right to operate that licence to another party.

**Victorian Taxi Directorate (VTD)** – The VTD is the industry’s regulator. It is an agency of the Department of Transport (DoT).

**Industry Accreditation** – Taxi industry accreditation is a formal legal process whereby taxi licence holders, PNSPs and taxi operators must apply to the Government for approval (accreditation) to own and/or operate a taxi licence or provide communication services to industry participants. Industry accreditation is overseen by the VTD.

**Bailment** – Bailment describes the relationship between the driver of a taxi and the operator/owner of a taxi. The driver “bails” the cab from the operator. **There is no formal employment relationship except in the case of the payment of Workcover premiums.** The bailment relationship is formalised by a “bailment agreement”. Under accreditation operators are required to have such agreements with each of their drivers.

**Wheelchair Accessible Taxi (WAT)** – WAT’s are licences to operate a vehicle which has the capability of carrying a person(s) in a wheelchair.

**Peak Service Licences (PSL)** – PSL licences were introduced by the Government to increase the number of taxis available during peak times. The licences were issued in batches of 100 over 6 years (2008 was the last release, 50 of the 100 were set aside for hybrid vehicles). PSL’s operate between 3pm and 5am 7 days a week. From time to time they are given permission to work special events full time (such as Cup Day, Oaks Day and during the Australian F1 Grand Prix). They are easily identified by their green roof - this is why they are often referred to as “Green Tops”. PSL’s are non-transferable.

**Transferable and Non-transferable licences** – Refers to whether or not a licence can be traded (bought and sold).