

I am writing to identify an area of bureaucratic duplication of paperwork. It is my understanding that the Productivity Commission has been charged with reducing unnecessary 'red tape' as it might involve GP's, given that Australia has too few GP's and any reduction in unnecessary paperwork means our GP's can spend more time looking after their patients.

A patient of mine recently attended for an ACT licence medical examination for a public passenger vehicle. As he drives in NSW he also wanted a licence for NSW, but however told me that in the past the NSW authorities had accepted the ACT medical documentation, particularly given that the standard applied (Medical Examinations of Commercial Vehicles Drivers Manual) is I understand an Australia wide standard.

Unfortunately, the NSW authorities would not accept the ACT form (although they appear virtually identical except for 1 or 2 questions that had no clinical importance 'm assessing medical fitness or otherwise to drive)

- If 2 different forms are needed, why ?
- If 2 different forms are needed, surely (given that the ACT and NSW are so closely related) one common form could be provided ?

I await a response to this issue which, although not large in it's own right, is symptomatic of the often unnecessary duplication of paperwork faced by Australia's GP's.

Yours sincerely,

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