

*These notes refer to the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland)  
2008 (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 21 April 2008*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Regulation of Drivers of Taxis***

Part 3 of the Act contains provisions for the regulation of taxi drivers.

Under section 22 it will be an offence for a person to drive a taxi unless he has a taxi driver's licence for that class of taxi. The owner of the vehicle and the taxi operator for whom the taxi is being driven will both be guilty of an offence in such circumstances. Section 23 sets out the application process including the requirement for the applicant to be deemed a fit and proper person, to have undergone training and to have passed a test of competence to drive a taxi.

Under section 24, the Department will issue badges and other evidence of identification to each person who has been granted a taxi driver's licence. The badge must be worn and other identification must be displayed at all times unless specifically exempt. Failure to do so will be an offence.