



Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

CHAPTER 14

PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLES ACT 1981

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- 6 The journey must be made without previous advertisement to the...
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- 9 For the purposes of paragraphs 2 and 6 above no...

SCHEDULE 2 — Traffic Commissioners

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- 1 The Secretary of State may remove a traffic commissioner from...
- 2 If a traffic commissioner acquires a financial interest in a...

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Deputy traffic commissioners for England and Wales

2A (1) The Secretary of State may appoint such number of...

Appointment and terms of office of deputies to traffic commissioners in Scotland

2B Paragraphs 3 to 5 below have effect in relation to...
3 In the case of illness, incapacity or absence of a...
4 If the Secretary of State considers that the duties to...
5 A person appointed under paragraph 4 above shall be appointed...

Appointment of acting traffic commissioner during vacancy

5A (1) Where the office of any traffic commissioner for England...
6 (1) Where the office of traffic commissioner for any traffic...

Staff of traffic commissioners

7 Subject to the approval of the Treasury, the Secretary of...

Remuneration and pensions

8 (1) There shall be paid to a traffic commissioner and...
9 The principal civil service pension scheme (within the meaning of...

SCHEDULE 2A — Detention of certain PSVs used without PSV operators' licences

Interpretation

1 (1) In this Schedule— “ authorised person ” means— an...

Detention of property

2 (1) Regulations may provide that where an authorised person has...

The vehicle and any other property detained, the passengers, and any personal effects

3 (1) Regulations may, in connection with the detaining of a...

Immobilisation of vehicle

4 (1) Regulations may provide that, before a vehicle is removed...

Offences relating to immobilisation

5 (1) Regulations may provide that a person—

Removal and delivery of property into custody of nominated custodian

6 (1) Regulations may make provision for an authorised person to...

Informing persons that their property has been detained etc

7 (1) This paragraph applies in relation to any property—

Return of vehicle

8 Regulations may make provision authorising a vehicle detained by virtue...

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- 9 (1) Regulations must make provision enabling the owner of a...

Hearings by traffic commissioner

- 10 (1) Regulations must make provision— (a) enabling a traffic commissioner...

Consequences of the traffic commissioner's determination

- 11 Regulations must provide that— (a) if a traffic commissioner determines...

Appeal to Upper Tribunal from traffic commissioner

- 12 (1) Regulations must provide for an appeal to the Upper...

Sale or destruction of vehicle where no application made under paragraph 9

- 13 Regulations may provide that, if no application is made to...

Return or disposal of contents and personal effects

- 14 (1) Regulations may provide that the nominated custodian may retain...

Custody of property

- 15 (1) Regulations must provide that while any property is in...

Proceeds of sale

- 16 (1) Regulations must provide for the proceeds of sale of...

Disputes

- 17 (1) Regulations may make provision about the proceedings to be...

Obstruction of authorised person

- 18 Regulations may provide that a person who intentionally obstructs an...

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- 19 (1) Regulations may provide that a person is guilty of...

SCHEDULE 3 — Supplementary Provision as to Qualifications for PSV Operator's Licence

Good repute

- 1 (1) In determining whether an individual is of good repute,...

Appropriate financial standing

- 2 (1) Being of appropriate financial standing in relation to an...

Professional competence

- 3 References in Part II of this Act to professional competence...

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- 4 Where an individual is not himself professionally competent, the requirement...
- 5 Supplementary Provision as to Qualifications for Operator's Licence
- 6 (1) ... an individual shall be regarded as professionally competent...
- 7 (1) In paragraph 6 above— (a) “approved body” means—

Determinations in respect of transport managers

- 7A (1) A traffic commissioner must not in any proceedings under...
- 7B (1) In proceedings under this Act or the 2009 Regulation...
- 7C (1) A traffic commissioner may, subject to sub-paragraph (2), at...

Supplementary Provision as to Qualifications for Operator's Licence

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Periods of time

- 1 Where a period of time specified in an enactment repealed...

*Saving for transitional provisions and savings in orders
under section 70(5) and (6) of Transport Act 1980*

- 2 Where any provision of the Transport Act 1980 which is...

Certificates of initial fitness

- 3 A certificate of fitness issued in respect of a vehicle...
- 4 For the purposes of subsection (1) of section 6 of...

SCHEDULE 7 — Consequential Amendments

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 (c. 26)

- 1 In section 4(4) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act...

Local Government (Omnibus Shelters and Queue Barriers) (Scotland) Act 1958 (c. 50)

- 2 In section 7(1) of the Local Government (Omnibus Shelters and...

Finance Act 1965 (c. 25)

- 3 In section 92 of the Finance Act 1965, in the...
- 4–8 Consequential Amendments

Transport Act 1968 (c. 73)

- 9 Consequential Amendments
- 10 In section 159(1) of that Act— (a) in the definition...

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Transport (London) Act 1969 (c. 35)

- 11 In section 23 of the Transport (London) Act 1969—
12–15 Consequential Amendments

Road Traffic (Foreign Vehicles) Act 1972 (c. 27)

- 16 In section 4(2)(b) of the Road Traffic (Foreign Vehicles) Act...
17 In section 7(1) of that Act— (a)
18 In Schedule 1 to that Act for the words “Section...

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (c. 57)

- 19 In section 63(3)(b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions)
Act...
20 In section 80(1) of that Act, in the definition of...

Energy Act 1976 (c. 76)

- 21 In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Energy Act...
22 In paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to that Act for...

Transport Act 1978 (c. 55)

- 23 In section 1(2)(a) of the Transport Act 1978 for the...
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SCHEDULE 8 — Repeals

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 6(1)(a) words inserted by 1982 c. 49 s. 10(3)(b)
- s. 6(1A) extended by 1982 c. 49 s. 10(11)
- s. 6(1A) inserted by 1982 c. 49 s. 10(8)
- s. 10(2) words inserted by 1982 c. 49 s. 10(3)(b)
- s. 10(4) extended by 1982 c. 49 s. 10(11)
- s. 20(1)(2) words substituted by 1982 c. 49 s. 10(9)(a)
- s. 20(2A) extended by 1982 c. 49 s. 10(11)
- s. 20(2A) inserted by 1982 c. 49 s. 10(9)(b)
- s. 51(1) words inserted by 1982 c. 49 s. 21(4)(a)
- s. 51(4) words inserted by 1982 c. 49 s. 21(4)(c)
- s. 52(1)(a)(ii) substituted by 1982 c. 49 Sch. 5 para. 22
- s. 66A inserted by 1982 c. 49 s. 24(4)
- s. 82(1) words inserted by 1982 c. 49 Sch. 5 para. 23(a)
- s. 82(1A) inserted by 1982 c. 49 Sch. 5 para. 23(b)
- s. 87 extended by 1982 c. 49 Sch. 5 para. 24

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 51(1A)(1B) inserted by 1982 c. 49 s. 21(4)(b)