



Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 34

Introductory

1 Meaning of “private hire vehicle”, “operator” and related expressions

- (1) In this Act—
 - (a) “private hire vehicle” means a vehicle constructed or adapted to seat fewer than nine passengers which is made available with a driver to the public for hire for the purpose of carrying passengers, other than a licensed taxi or a public service vehicle; and
 - (b) “operator” means a person who makes provision for the invitation or acceptance of, or who accepts, private hire bookings.
- (2) Any reference in this Act to a vehicle being “used as a private hire vehicle” is a reference to a private hire vehicle which—
 - (a) is in use in connection with a hiring for the purpose of carrying one or more passengers; or
 - (b) is immediately available to an operator to carry out a private hire booking.
- (3) Any reference in this Act to the operator of a vehicle which is being used as a private hire vehicle is a reference to the operator who accepted the booking for the hiring or to whom the vehicle is immediately available, as the case may be.
- (4) In this Act “private hire booking” means a booking for the hire of a private hire vehicle for the purpose of carrying one or more passengers (including a booking to carry out as sub-contractor a private hire booking accepted by another operator).
- (5) In this Act “operating centre” means premises at which private hire bookings are accepted by an operator.