



Local Transport Act 2008

2008 CHAPTER 26

PART 4

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO PASSENGER TRANSPORT

Use of taxis and hire cars to provide local services

55 Carrying of passengers in wheelchairs in vehicles providing local services

- (1) Section 36 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (c. 50) (carrying of passengers in wheelchairs) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)(b) for “taxi” substitute “ vehicle ”.
- (3) After subsection (1) insert—
 - “(1A) This section also imposes duties on the driver of a designated vehicle other than a regulated taxi if—
 - (a) the designated vehicle is being used to provide a local service (within the meaning of section 2 of the Transport Act 1985), and
 - (b) a person falling within paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1) has indicated to the driver that he wishes to travel on the service.”.
- (4) In each of subsections (2), (3) and (4) for “taxi” (wherever occurring) substitute “ vehicle ”.
- (5) In subsection (5) after “a regulated taxi” insert “ or designated vehicle ”.
- (6) In subsection (6)—
 - (a) after “at the time of the alleged offence” insert—
 - “(a) in the case of a regulated taxi,”;
 - (b) after “it was required to conform,” insert—
 - “(b) in the case of a designated vehicle, the vehicle conformed to the accessibility requirements which applied to it,”;

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(c) for the word “taxi” (in the last place where it appears) substitute “ vehicle ”.

(7) After subsection (9) insert—

“(10) The driver of a designated vehicle is exempt from the duties imposed by this section if—

- (a) a certificate of exemption issued to him under this section is in force;
and
- (b) he is carrying the certificate on the vehicle.

(11) The driver of a designated vehicle who is exempt under subsection (10) must show the certificate, on request, to a person falling within paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1).”.

(8) After subsection (11) insert—

“(12) In this section—

“designated vehicle” means a vehicle which appears on a list maintained under section 36A;

“licensing authority” has the meaning given by section 36A.”.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 55 repealed by 2010 c. 15, Sch. 27 Pt. 1 (as substituted) by [S.I. 2010/2279 Sch. 2](#) (This repeal in Sch. 27 Pt. 1 was not commenced by S.I. 2010/2317 and is therefore still prospective)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Local Transport Act 2008

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2009/579 art. 2](#) commences (2008 c. 26)
- [S.I. 2009/3294 art. 2](#) commences (2008 c. 26)