



Equality Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 15

PART 12 **E+W+S**

DISABLED PERSONS: TRANSPORT

CHAPTER 1 **E+W+S**

TAXIS, ETC.

165 **[^{F1}Disabled passengers in wheelchairs: duties of drivers of designated vehicles] **E+W+S****

- (1) This section imposes duties on the driver of a designated taxi [^{F2}or designated private hire vehicle] which has been hired—
- (a) by or for a disabled person who is in a wheelchair, or
 - (b) by another person who wishes to be accompanied by a disabled person who is in a wheelchair.

^{F3}(2)

^{F4}(2A) This section also imposes duties on the driver of a designated taxi or designated private hire vehicle if—

- (a) the vehicle is being used to provide a local service (within the meaning of section 2 of the Transport Act 1985), and
 - (b) a person within subsection (1)(a) or (b) has indicated to the driver that the person wishes to travel on the service.]
- (3) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) a taxi or private hire vehicle is “designated” if it appears on a list maintained under section 167;
 - (b) “the passenger” means the disabled person concerned.

(4) The duties are—

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- (a) to carry the passenger while in the wheelchair;
 - ^{F5}(b)
 - (c) if the passenger chooses to sit in a passenger seat, to carry the wheelchair;
 - ^{F6}(ca) if the passenger has with them any mobility aids, to carry the mobility aids;]
 - (d) to take such steps as are necessary to ensure that the passenger is carried in safety and reasonable comfort;
 - (e) to give the passenger such mobility assistance as is reasonably required.
 - ^{F7}(f) not to make, or propose to make, any additional charge for complying with a duty mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (e).]
- ^{F8}(4A) For the purposes of this section “mobility aids” means any item the passenger uses to assist with their mobility but does not include—
- (a) a wheelchair, or
 - (b) an assistance dog (sections 168 and 170 make provision about the carrying of assistance dogs).]
- (5) ^{F9}For the purposes of this section “mobility assistance” means] assistance—
- (a) to enable the passenger to get into or out of the vehicle;
 - (b) if the passenger wishes to remain in the wheelchair, to enable the passenger to get into and out of the vehicle while in the wheelchair;
 - (c) to load the passenger's luggage ^{F10}or mobility aids] into or out of the vehicle;
 - (d) if the passenger does not wish to remain in the wheelchair, to load the wheelchair into or out of the vehicle.
- (6) This section does not require the driver—
- (a) unless the vehicle is of a description prescribed by the Secretary of State, to carry more than one person in a wheelchair, or more than one wheelchair, on any one journey;
 - (b) to carry a person in circumstances in which it would otherwise be lawful for the driver to refuse to carry the person.
- (7) A driver of a designated taxi or designated private hire vehicle commits an offence by failing to comply with a duty imposed on the driver by this section.
- (8) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (7) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (9) It is a defence for a person charged with ^{F11}an offence under subsection (7) in relation to the duty mentioned in subsection (4)(a) or (c)] to show that at the time of the alleged offence—
- (a) the vehicle conformed to the accessibility requirements which applied to it, but
 - (b) it would not have been possible for the wheelchair to be carried safely in the vehicle.
- ^{F12}(9A) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (7) in relation to the duty mentioned in subsection (4)(ca) to show that at the time of the alleged offence—
- (a) it would not have been possible for the mobility aids to be carried safely in the vehicle, or
 - (b) it would not otherwise have been reasonable in all the circumstances for the mobility aids to be carried in the vehicle.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 165 heading substituted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(a\)](#), 6(2)
- F2** Words in s. 165(1) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(b\)](#), 6(2)
- F3** S. 165(2) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#), 6(2)
- F4** S. 165(2A) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(d\)](#), 6(2)
- F5** S. 165(4)(b) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(e\)\(i\)](#), 6(2)
- F6** S. 165(4)(ca) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(e\)\(ii\)](#), 6(2)
- F7** S. 165(4)(f) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(e\)\(iii\)](#), 6(2)
- F8** S. 165(4A) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(f\)](#), 6(2)
- F9** Words in s. 165(5) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(g\)\(i\)](#), 6(2)
- F10** Words in s. 165(5)(c) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(g\)\(ii\)](#), 6(2)
- F11** Words in s. 165(9) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(h\)](#), 6(2)
- F12** S. 165(9A) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(i\)](#), 6(2)
- F13** S. 165(10) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 1\(3\)\(j\)](#), 6(2)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 165 partly in force; s. 165 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 216; s. 165 in force for certain purposes at 1.10.2010 by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(12\)\(b\)](#) (with [art. 15](#))
- I2** S. 165 in force at 6.4.2017 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2017/107](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

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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. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)