



PASSENGER TRANSPORT - TAXI - RIDESOURCING - CHAUFFEUR - TOUR AND CHARTER

Taxi Vehicle Age Fact Sheet

This fact sheet outlines recent changes to age limit requirements for metropolitan and access taxis.

What change are being introduced?

From 1 July 2022, the following changes take effect:

- Due to the current supply chain issues operators will be able to apply on exceptional circumstances grounds to temporarily defer replacement of a metropolitan taxi.
- The maximum age limit for access taxi vehicles is now 10 years. As is the case currently, applications can be made for an extension to temporarily defer replacement of a vehicle on exceptional circumstances grounds given the current supply chain issues.

What do I need to do to get an exemption to let me use a metropolitan general taxi beyond 8 years?

Operators will need to apply to the Accreditation and Licensing Centre (ALC) for an exemption to operate a metropolitan taxi beyond 8 years, up to a maximum of 10 years. A copy of the Contract of Sale from the dealer (for a replacement vehicle) including the expected delivery date must be provided or other suitable evidence that a replacement vehicle has been ordered.

If you are experiencing supply chain issues and require further information about the application process, please contact the ALC.

Does the vehicle age exemption apply to ridesourcing or chauffeur vehicles?

No. Metropolitan taxis have less vehicle choices than other metropolitan point to point transport services, for example the colour is restricted. This means that supply chain issues may impact this section of the industry more significantly than other point to point transport services.

Do I need to apply to use an access taxi for up to 10 years?

You do not need to do anything. The changes made automatically extend the vehicle life for an access taxi, to 10 years.

Can I operate an access taxi that is more than 10 years old?

If an access taxi reaches 10 years of age, and the operator still wishes to use it for this purpose, they will need to apply to the ALC for a further short term exemption to allow operations beyond 10 years. Short term exemptions will only be approved in the following circumstances:

- For a maximum of 6 months, to an age of 10 years and 6 months, and
- Where suitable evidence is provided that the operator is waiting on delivery of a new vehicle or modifications to a new vehicle (on first supply).

Are there any additional safety requirements or vehicle inspections required?

Yes. Current vehicle inspection requirements continue to apply.

For both metropolitan taxis and access taxis, where an exemption has been granted beyond the relevant age limit, vehicles must remain the subject of a current Certificate of Inspection and a current inspection label is correctly attached, as required under the relevant Passenger Transport legislation.

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