



# **Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008**

## CHAPTER 4

### TAXIS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008

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OFFENDERS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1996  
IN RESPECT OF OFFENCES UNDER THIS ACT

SCHEDULE 2 — MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

*The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (NI 1)*

1. In Article 2(2) (interpretation), in the definition of “the Road...
2. In Article 66A(1) (car-sharing arrangements), after “public service vehicle” insert...

*The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (c. 50)*

3. In section 32(5) (taxi accessibility regulations), for the definition of...
4. In section 34 (new licences conditional on compliance with accessibility...
5. In section 37A (carrying of assistance dogs in private hire...

*The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 18)*

6. In Article 2(2) (general interpretation)— (a) in the definition of...
7. In Article 17 (power to administer preliminary tests) in paragraph...
8. In Article 63(3) (obligatory test certificates), for subparagraph (b) substitute—...
9. In Article 76 (inspection of public passenger vehicles and goods...
10. In Article 78(1) (prohibitions conditional on inspection, etc.), after “not...

*The Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 10)*

11. In Article 2(2) (general interpretation), in the definition of “the...

*The Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (NI 2)*

12. In Article 2(2) (interpretation) in the definition of “the Road...

*The Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (NI 14)*

13. In Schedule 1 (contraventions subject to penalty charges)—

SCHEDULE 3 — REPEALS

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 5 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 6 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 7 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 12 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 13 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 13(1) coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(2\)Sch. Pt. 2](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(2), Sch. Pt. 2 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 14 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 15 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 19 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 20 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 39 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)

- s. 41 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 42 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 48 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 54(1) coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 58(2) coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- Sch. 1 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- Sch. 2 para. 5 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- Sch. 2 para. 6(b) coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- Sch. 2 para. 8 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- Sch. 2 para. 9 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- Sch. 2 para. 10 coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- Sch. 2 para. 13(b) coming into force by [S.R. 2014/300 art. 2\(3\)Sch. Pt. 3](#) (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SR 2014/300 art. 2 Sch. Pt. 2 and 3 by [S.R. 2015/257 art. 2](#)