



## 2008 CHAPTER 4

### **PART 2**

#### REGULATION OF TAXIS

##### **Taxi licences**

**13.**—(1) The owner of any taxi may apply to the Department for a taxi licence for that taxi.

- (2) A taxi licence may be granted in respect of—
- (a) taxis of such different classes as may be prescribed; and
  - (b) such different classes of use of taxis as may be prescribed.
- (3) The Department shall grant a taxi licence for a taxi if it is satisfied that—
- (a) the taxi—
    - (i) is suitable in such type, size and design as may be prescribed for use in standing or plying for hire or reward or to carry passengers for hire or reward;
    - (ii) meets such conditions as may be prescribed (which may include conditions relating to its age) to ensure that it is safe, comfortable and in a suitable mechanical condition for that use; and
    - (iii) meets any further requirements or conditions that may be prescribed
  - (b) there is in force in relation to the use of the taxi a policy of insurance or such security as complies with the requirements of Part 8 of the 1981 Order; and
  - (c) any further requirements that may be prescribed are met.
- (4) A taxi licence may not be granted in respect of more than one taxi.

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(5) A taxi licence shall be granted subject to such conditions as may be prescribed and such other conditions as the Department may think fit.

(6) A taxi licence shall be in such form and shall contain such particulars as the Department may think fit.

(7) A taxi licence shall be granted for one year or for such shorter period as the Department may consider appropriate in the circumstances of the case.

(8) An applicant for a taxi licence may by notice appeal to the Department against—

- (a) a decision not to grant such a licence;
- (b) a decision to grant such a licence in respect of a particular class of taxi or a particular class of use of taxi; or
- (c) any condition (other than a prescribed condition) to which the licence is subject.

(9) The time within which a person may bring such an appeal is 21 days from the date on which the notice of the decision appealed against is served on the person.

(10) On an appeal under subsection (8), the Department may decide to—

- (a) confirm, reverse or vary the decision; or
- (b) approve, revoke or vary the condition,

(as the case may be) as it thinks fit.

(11) The Department shall, on making a decision under subsection (10), give notice of the decision to the appellant including particulars of the grounds of the decision.

(12) A person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Department under subsection (10) may appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction against any such decision.

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#### **Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 13 in operation at 9.12.2014 for specified purposes by S.R. 2014/300, art. 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1**
- I2** S. 13 in operation at 31.5.2016 in so far as not already in operation by S.R. 2015/389, art. 2(3), **Sch. Pt. 3**
- I3** S. 13(1) in operation at 9.5.2016 for specified purposes by S.R. 2015/389, art. 2(2), **Sch. Pt. 2**

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

- 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)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SR 2014/300 art. 2 Sch. Pt. 2 and 3 by [S.R. 2015/257 art. 2](#)