



Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 14

PART II

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

Public service vehicle operators' licences

12 PSV operators' licences.

[^{F1}(1) A public service vehicle shall not be used on a road for carrying passengers for hire or reward except under a PSV operator's licence granted in accordance with the following provisions of this Part of this Act.]

[^{F2}(1A) Subsection (1) applies in spite of Article 1.4(b) and (c) of the 2009 Regulation (exemptions unless otherwise provided in national law for certain undertakings engaged in road passenger transport services and for slow vehicles), but is subject to section 46 of this Act and section 18 of the Transport Act 1985]

[^{F3}(2) The authority having power to grant a PSV operator's licence is a traffic commissioner.

(3) A person may hold two or more PSV operator's licences but shall not at the same time hold more than one such licence in relation to the same traffic area.

(3A) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, a PSV operator's licence authorises the holder to use anywhere in Great Britain a vehicle which has as its operating centre an operating centre specified in the licence.]

(4) An application for a PSV operator's licence shall be made in such a form as [^{F4}a traffic commissioner] may require, and an applicant shall give [^{F4}the traffic commissioner dealing with the application such information as he or another traffic commissioner] may reasonably require for disposing of the application.

(5) Subject to section 68(3) of this Act, if a vehicle is used in contravention of subsection (1) above, the operator of the vehicle shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F5}level 4 on the standard scale].

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 12(1) substituted by [Transport Act 1985 \(c. 67, SIF 126\)](#), **s. 1 (3)**, Sch. 1 para. 4
- F2** S. 12(1A) inserted (4.12.2011) by [The Road Transport Operator Regulations 2011 \(S.I. 2011/2632\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 2(2)** (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F3** S. 12(2)-(3A) substituted for s. 12(2)-(3) (3.7.2013) by [The Local Transport Act 2008 \(Traffic Commissioners\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1644\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 1(3), 2, 7)
- F4** Words in s. 12(4) substituted (3.7.2013) by [The Local Transport Act 2008 \(Traffic Commissioners\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1644\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 1(3), 2, 7)
- F5** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 46** and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 289G**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 12 amended by [Transport Act 1985 \(c. 67, SIF 126\)](#), **s. 12(13)**
- C2** S. 12(1) excluded by [Transport Act 1985 \(c. 67, SIF 126\)](#), **s. 18**
- C3** S. 12(3) excluded by [S.I. 1983/1714](#), **art. 17(1)** (which S.I. is revoked (1.6.1991) by [S.I. 1991/288](#), **art. 2**)
- C4** S. 12(3) amended by [S.I. 1986/1628](#), reg. 5(1), **Sch.**

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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. 51(1A)(1B) inserted by [1982 c. 49 s. 21\(4\)\(b\)](#)