



Transport Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 67

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO ROAD PASSENGER TRANSPORT

Meaning of “local service”

2 Local services.

- (1) In this Act “local service” means a service, using one or more public service vehicles, for the carriage of passengers by road at separate fares other than one—
 - (a) which is excluded by subsection (4) below; or
 - (b) in relation to which (except in an emergency) one or both of the conditions mentioned in subsection (2) below are met with respect to every passenger using the service.
- (2) The conditions are that—
 - (a) the place where he is set down is fifteen miles or more, measured in a straight line, from the place where he was taken up;
 - (b) some point on the route between those places is fifteen miles or more, measured in a straight line, from either of those places.
- (3) Where a service consists of one or more parts with respect to which one or both of the conditions are met, and one or more parts with respect to which neither of them is met, each of those parts shall be treated as a separate service for the purposes of subsection (1) above.
- (4) A service shall not be regarded for the purposes of this Act as a local service if—
 - (a) the conditions set out in Part III of Schedule 1 to the 1981 Act (trips organised privately by persons acting independently of vehicle operators, etc.) are met in respect of each journey made by the vehicles used in providing the service; or
 - (b) every vehicle used in providing the service is so used under a permit granted under section 19 of this Act.

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(5) Subsections (5)(b), (c) and (6) of section 1 of the 1981 Act (meaning of “fares”) shall apply for the purposes of this section.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 2 excluded (28.7.1998) by [1998 c. iii, s. 1](#), [Sch. s. 54](#) of Order

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- s. 6(2ZA) inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 37\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 6(7ZA) inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 37\(2\)\(b\)](#)