



2008 CHAPTER 4

PART 1

REGULATION OF TAXI OPERATORS

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GENERAL

Requirement for operator's licence

1.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person shall not operate a taxi service unless the person is the holder of an operator's licence (in this Act referred to as a “licensed operator”).

(2) The requirement under subsection (1) to hold an operator's licence shall not apply to a person who, in standing or plying for hire or reward or to carry passengers for hire or reward, drives a taxi for or in respect of which a licensed operator operates a taxi service (in this Act referred to as an “affiliated driver”).

(3) A person who operates a taxi service in contravention of this section is guilty of an offence.

(4) For the purposes of this Act, “operate a taxi service” means, in the course of business—

- (a) to make provision for or in connection with the invitation or acceptance of, or to accept, a taxi booking; or
- (b) to make any other provision for or in connection with, or otherwise to provide, a taxi to stand or ply for hire or reward or to carry passengers for hire or reward,

subject to such exceptions as may be prescribed

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Commencement Information

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- I2** S. 1 in operation at 1.9.2012 in so far as not already in operation by [S.R. 2012/313, art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 2](#)

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