



2008 CHAPTER 4

PART 3

REGULATION OF DRIVERS OF TAXIS

[^{F1}Taxi driver's licences for persons subject to immigration control

23A.—(1) Subsection (2) applies if—

- (a) a taxi driver's licence is to be granted to a person who has been granted leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom for a limited period (“the leave period”),
- (b) the person's leave has not been extended by virtue of section 3C of the Immigration Act 1971 (continuation of leave pending variation decision), and
- (c) apart from subsection (2), the period for which the licence would have been granted would have ended after the end of the leave period.

(2) The licence must be granted for a period which ends at or before the end of the leave period.

(3) Subsection (4) applies if—

- (a) a taxi driver's licence is to be granted to a person who has been granted leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom for a limited period, and
- (b) the person's leave has been extended by virtue of section 3C of the Immigration Act 1971 (continuation of leave pending variation decision).

(4) The licence must be granted for a period which does not exceed six months.

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(5) A taxi driver's licence ceases to be in force if the person to whom it was granted becomes disqualified by reason of the person's immigration status from driving a taxi.

(6) If a licence granted in accordance with subsection (2) or (4) expires, the person to whom it was granted must, within the period of 7 days beginning with the day after that on which it expired, return to the Department—

- (a) the licence,
- (b) the person's driver's badge, and
- (c) any other evidence of identification which the Department has issued under section 24.

(7) If subsection (5) applies to a licence, the person to whom it was granted must, within the period of 7 days beginning with the day after the day on which the person first became disqualified, return to the Department—

- (a) the licence,
- (b) the person's driver's badge, and
- (c) any other evidence of identification which the Department has issued under section 24.

(8) A person who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes subsection (6) or (7) is guilty of an offence.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 23A inserted (1.12.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 5 para. 49](#) (with [Sch. 5 para. 54](#)); [S.I. 2016/1037](#), [reg. 5\(i\)](#) (with [reg. 6](#))

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

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