
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Taxi Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

PART 5

Use of taxis

Display of roof sign

27.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the owner or driver of a Class A or B licensed taxi, standing or plying for hire or reward or carrying passengers for hire or reward, shall not cause or permit it to be used for that purpose unless there is displayed a roof sign which complies with the requirements of regulation 25 and which is not obscured by any object.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply where the taxi is used to provide an executive service or a tour service and the requirement specified in regulation 9(1A) of the Taxi Operators Licensing Regulations is satisfied.

(3) The owner or driver of a Class C licensed taxi shall not cause or permit the display of any roof sign or other external markings which advertises the taxi as carrying passengers for hire or reward.

(4) The owner or driver of a licensed taxi shall not cause or permit the display of any wheelchair accessible logo, information or advertisement on the roof sign unless the taxi is a Class B licensed taxi.

Ramps or lifts

28. The owner or driver of a Class B licensed taxi shall not cause or permit the use of the taxi for the permitted use specified in column (2) of the Table in regulation 5(1) unless it is equipped with a boarding ramp, portable ramp or boarding lift.

Front and rear seats

29. The owner or driver of a licensed taxi shall not cause or permit the taxi to be used to carry more than one passenger in each front and rear seat of the taxi.

Body maintenance

30. The owner or driver of a licensed taxi shall not cause or permit the taxi to be used to carry passengers for hire or reward unless the interior and exterior of the taxi are serviceable and clean.

Filling of fuel tank

31. The owner or driver of a licensed taxi shall not, while the engine of the taxi is running, cause or permit the filler cap fitted to the fuel tank to be removed or fuel to be put into the tank.

Carriage of flammable or dangerous substances

32.—(1) The owner or driver of a licensed taxi shall not cause or permit to be used any taxi in which any highly flammable or otherwise dangerous substance is carried unless that substance is carried in containers so designed and constructed, or unless the substance is so packed, that, notwithstanding an accident involving the taxi, it is unlikely that damage to the taxi or injury to passengers carried by the taxi will be caused by reason of the presence in it of that substance.

(2) The requirements of this regulation are in addition to and not in derogation of the requirements of regulations made under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1929⁽¹⁾ or under any other statutory provision.

⁽¹⁾ 1929 c.13 (N.I.)