



Transport Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 67

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO ROAD PASSENGER TRANSPORT

Registration of local services

[^{F1}6A Applications for registration etc where restrictions are in force

- (1) This section applies in any case where—
 - (a) any registration restrictions imposed under section [^{F2}113D(1) or] 114(3A) of the Transport Act 2000 are in force in the case of [^{F3}an advanced quality partnership scheme or] a quality partnership scheme (“the scheme”);
 - (b) an application for registration, or for variation or cancellation of registration, is made under section 6 of this Act ^{F4}... in respect of a local service in relation to which those restrictions have effect; and
 - (c) the application is one which would fall to be accepted by [^{F5}a traffic commissioner], apart from this section.
- (2) In any such case the traffic commissioner, before deciding whether or not to accept the application, must give to—
 - (a) each relevant authority, and
 - (b) each relevant operator,a notice complying with subsection (3) below.
- (3) The notice must—
 - (a) identify the application and state that it has been made;
 - (b) provide prescribed particulars of the application;
 - (c) inform the persons to whom it is required to be sent of the right of each of them to make relevant representations to the traffic commissioner about the application.
- (4) If no relevant representations are made, the application is to be accepted.

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- (5) If any relevant representations are made by a relevant authority or a relevant operator, the traffic commissioner must decide whether the effect of accepting the application would be detrimental to the provision of local services under the scheme.
- (6) The traffic commissioner may decide that question only after—
 - (a) considering those representations;
 - (b) taking account of any other relevant applications and any relevant representations made in relation to those applications;
 - (c) holding such inquiries under section 54 of the 1981 Act as the traffic commissioner may think fit; and
 - (d) applying the registration criteria.
- (7) If the traffic commissioner decides that the effect of accepting the application would not be detrimental to the provision of such services, the application is to be accepted.
- (8) If subsection (7) above does not apply, the traffic commissioner may do any one or more of the following—
 - (a) refuse to accept the application;
 - (b) require the applicant to amend the application in such respects as the traffic commissioner may require before submitting it again;
 - (c) if the applicant has not given a written undertaking under section [F⁶113J(4) or (5) or] 118(4) of the Transport Act 2000 in relation to the scheme, require the applicant to give such an undertaking before the application may be accepted.
- (9) An appeal against any decision of a traffic commissioner under this section may be made to the [F⁷Upper Tribunal] by any of the following persons—
 - (a) the person who made the application;
 - (b) any relevant authority that made relevant representations against the application;
 - (c) any relevant operator who made relevant representations against the application.

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- (11) Regulations may be made for the purposes of carrying this section into effect; and the provision that may be made by any such regulations includes provision—
 - (a) as to the procedure for giving notice under subsection (2) above;
 - (b) prescribing the particulars of the application that are to be provided in such a notice;
 - (c) as to the procedure for making relevant representations;
 - (d) as to the procedure to be followed in determining the application.

- (12) In this section—
 - [F¹⁰“advanced quality partnership scheme” means a scheme under section 113C of the Transport Act 2000;]
 - “quality partnership scheme” means a scheme under section 114 of the Transport Act 2000;
 - [F¹¹“registration criteria”—

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- (a) in relation to an advanced quality partnership scheme, means the criteria specified in the scheme by virtue of section 113D(3) of the Transport Act 2000;
- (b) in relation to a quality partnership scheme, means the criteria specified in the scheme by virtue of section 114(3C) of the Transport Act 2000;]
- “relevant application” means any application under section 6 of this Act—
- (a) which is made in respect of a local service in relation to which the registration restrictions have effect, and
- (b) which (whenever made) is awaiting the decision of [^{F12}a traffic commissioner];
- “relevant authority” means the authority, or any of the authorities, that made the scheme;
- “relevant operator” means—
- (a) any operator of local services who has given an undertaking under section [^{F13}113J(4) or (5) or] 118(4) of the Transport Act 2000 in respect of the scheme;
- (b) any other operator of local services which might be affected if the application were to be accepted;
- “relevant representations” means representations that the effect of accepting the application would be detrimental to the provision of services under the scheme, having regard to the registration criteria.
- [^{F14}“the traffic commissioner” means the traffic commissioner dealing with the application mentioned in subsection (1).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 6A inserted (E.W.) (26.11.2008 for specified purposes) by [Local Transport Act 2008 \(c. 26\)](#), **ss. 48(3)**, [134\(1\)\(c\)\(4\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 6A(1)(a) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 26(3), **Sch. 1 para. 3(2)(a)**
- F3** Words in s. 6A(1)(a) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 26(3), **Sch. 1 para. 3(2)(b)**
- F4** Words in s. 6A(1)(b) omitted (3.7.2013) by virtue of [The Local Transport Act 2008 \(Traffic Commissioners\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1644\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 3** (with art. 7)
- F5** Words in s. 6A(1)(c) substituted (3.7.2013) by [The Local Transport Act 2008 \(Traffic Commissioners\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1644\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 3** (with art. 7)
- F6** Words in s. 6A(8)(c) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 26(3), **Sch. 1 para. 3(3)**
- F7** Words in s. 6A(9) substituted (1.9.2009) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Transport Tribunal and Appeal Panel\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1885\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)(i)**
- F8** Words in s. 6A(9) omitted (1.9.2009) by virtue of [The Transfer of Functions \(Transport Tribunal and Appeal Panel\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1885\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)(ii)**
- F9** S. 6A(10) omitted (1.9.2009) by virtue of [The Transfer of Functions \(Transport Tribunal and Appeal Panel\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1885\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6(b)**
- F10** Words in s. 6A(12) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 26(3), **Sch. 1 para. 3(4)(a)**
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 6-9 excluded by 2000 c. 38, s. 123J(2) (as inserted (E.W.) (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 4, 26(3)**)

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