



Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 34

Introductory

1 Meaning of “private hire vehicle”, “operator” and related expressions.

- (1) In this Act—
 - (a) “private hire vehicle” means a vehicle constructed or adapted to seat fewer than nine passengers which is made available with a driver^{F1}... for hire for the purpose of carrying passengers, other than a licensed taxi or a public service vehicle;^{F2}...
 - (b) “operator” means a person who makes provision for the invitation or acceptance of, or who accepts, private hire bookings^{F3}; and
 - (c) “operate”, in relation to a private hire vehicle, means to make provision for the invitation or acceptance of, or to accept, private hire bookings in relation to the vehicle.]
- (2) Any reference in this Act to a vehicle being “used as a private hire vehicle” is a reference to a private hire vehicle which—
 - (a) is in use in connection with a hiring for the purpose of carrying one or more passengers; or
 - (b) is immediately available to an operator to carry out a private hire booking.
- (3) Any reference in this Act to the operator of a vehicle which is being used as a private hire vehicle is a reference to the operator who accepted the booking for the hiring or to whom the vehicle is immediately available, as the case may be.
- (4) In this Act “private hire booking” means a booking for the hire of a private hire vehicle for the purpose of carrying one or more passengers (including a booking to carry out as sub-contractor a private hire booking accepted by another operator).
- (5) In this Act “operating centre” means premises at which private hire bookings are accepted by an operator.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(1)(a) repealed (31.3.2008 for E.W.) by [Road Safety Act 2006 \(c. 49\)](#), ss. 54, 61(1), (10), [Sch. 7\(17\)](#); S.I. 2007/3492, art. 3
- F2** Word in s. 1(1)(a) omitted (1.12.2016) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 5 para. 35\(a\)](#); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(i) (with reg. 6)
- F3** S. 1(1)(c) and word inserted (1.12.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 5 para. 35\(b\)](#); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(i) (with reg. 6)

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