



Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 34

Licences: general provisions

22 Return of licences, etc

- (1) The holder of a London PHV operator's licence shall return the licence to the Secretary of State after the expiry or revocation of that licence, within the period of 7 days after the day on which the licence expires or the revocation takes effect.
- (2) The owner of a vehicle to which a London PHV licence relates shall return the licence and the plate or disc which was issued for the vehicle under section 10 to the Secretary of State after the expiry or revocation of that licence within the period of 7 days after the day on which the licence expires or the revocation takes effect.
- (3) The holder of a London PHV driver's licence shall return the licence and his driver's badge to the Secretary of State after the expiry or revocation of that licence, within the period of 7 days after the day on which the licence expires or the revocation takes effect.
- (4) On the suspension of a licence under this Act, the Secretary of State, a constable or an authorised officer may by notice direct the holder of the licence, or the owner of the vehicle, to return the licence to him within the period of 7 days after the day on which the notice is served on that person.

A direction under this subsection may also direct—

- (a) the return by the vehicle owner of the disc or plate which was issued for the vehicle under section 10 (in the case of a London PHV licence); or
 - (b) the return by the licence holder of the driver's badge (in the case of a London PHV driver's licence).
- (5) A person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with any requirement or direction under this section to return a licence, disc, plate or badge is guilty of an offence.
 - (6) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction—
 - (a) to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale; and

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- (b) in the case of a continuing offence, to a fine not exceeding ten pounds for each day during which an offence continues after conviction.
- (7) A constable or authorised officer is entitled to remove and retain the plate or disc from a vehicle to which an expired, suspended or revoked London PHV licence relates following—
- (a) a failure to comply with subsection (2) or a direction under subsection (4);
 - (b) a suspension or revocation of the licence which has immediate effect by virtue of section 9(3) or 17(2).