



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 12

#### DISABLED PERSONS: TRANSPORT

#### CHAPTER 1

##### TAXIS, ETC.

### 173 Interpretation

(1) In this Chapter—

“accessibility requirements” has the meaning given in section 167(5);

“assistance dog” means—

- (a) a dog which has been trained to guide a blind person;
- (b) a dog which has been trained to assist a deaf person;
- (c) a dog which has been trained by a prescribed charity to assist a disabled person who has a disability that consists of epilepsy or otherwise affects the person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects;
- (d) a dog of a prescribed category which has been trained to assist a disabled person who has a disability (other than one falling within paragraph (c)) of a prescribed kind;

“taxi”—

- (a) means a vehicle which is licensed under section 37 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 or section 6 of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869, and
- (b) in sections 162 and 165 to 167, also includes a taxi licensed under section 10 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982,

but does not include a vehicle drawn by a horse or other animal;

“taxi accessibility regulations” has the meaning given by section 160(1).

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- (2) A power to make regulations under paragraph (c) or (d) of the definition of “assistance dog” in subsection (1) is exercisable by the Secretary of State.

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