



The Small Public Service Vehicle (Consolidation and Reform) Regulations 2014 and the Taxi Regulation Act 2013 are now in force. Please familiarise yourself with them on our website.

WAV GRANT SCHEME €500,000 OFFERED IN JULY!



The 2014 grant scheme for wheelchair accessible vehicles opened on 1st July, with grants of up to €10,000 per newly licenced WAV. The scheme is operating on a first-come first-served basis. In the first month €500,000 of grants was offered to tax-cleared, eligible SPSV driver licence holders, who agreed to complete free disability training and install and operate a free smartphone app (available next year) for taking WAV bookings. You can apply for a new WAV licence, change the vehicle on your WAV licence, or exchange your taxi for a wheelchair accessible taxi. See our website for further details.



REMEMBER VEHICLE LICENCE REACTIVATION



You have only 12 months after its date of expiry to reactivate your vehicle licence. Otherwise, the licence will be permanently deactivated. Contact the booking line (0761 064 000) to renew.

DEATH OF A LICENCE HOLDER



Vehicle licence transfer is no longer possible. However, to ensure your licence can continue to be used whatever happens, you can choose a nominee now who may apply to operate your licence after your death. See Guide S15 on our website.

NEW TESTING CENTRES



A new vehicle test centre has opened in Westport. The location of the Sligo test centre has changed. Check our website for further details.

NCT REGULATIONS



NCT regulations have been recently revised by the Road Safety Authority and in some cases these changes may affect you. Visit www.rsa.ie.

PROMOTING, OFFERING OR ADVERTISING WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE



The Authority's compliance officers are now actively investigating those who promote, offer or advertise SPSV services without a valid licence. The initial phase of investigation into this offence has resulted in several successful prosecutions.



COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY

APRIL TO JULY

(SINCE 2014 REGULATIONS CAME INTO FORCE)

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

Driver Conduct

161

Fares

106

SPSV Hire

37

Vehicle Condition

16

COMPLIANCE ACTIONS

Fixed Payment Offences

556

including

Driver To Vehicle Link

308

No Valid SPSV Licence

65

Convictions

17

plus 4 probation orders

In July, we successfully prosecuted the first driver for operating without a valid vehicle licence under the new Regulations; several more will be appearing before the courts in September.

GALWAY RACES

A total of 1629 checks were completed by our Compliance Officers during the Galway Races. Out of the 608 drivers checked, 29 Fixed Payment Notices were issued out and cases against two unlicensed operators are being prepared for prosecution.

A monthly summary of compliance activity and prosecutions summary can be found on our website.



EXCHANGE YOUR TAXI LICENCE FOR A WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI LICENCE

You can now exchange your taxi licence for a wheelchair accessible taxi licence, to operate your WAT for up to 15 years and/or to apply for a WAV grant. You can choose to swap back to a taxi later. See Guide G11 on our website for the terms and conditions.

NEW FAIL ITEMS

On 1st October 2014, the Authority will introduce two new fail checks at vehicle licence inspection.

1

Meter seal: At all renewal inspections for taxis and WATs, the taximeter seal will be checked. Before booking your inspection, ensure your taximeter is verified and that the seal isn't broken. If you are concerned, contact Applus on 01 413 5951 to have your taximeter verified.

2

Exact name on insurance policy: In the same way as the tax clearance check, we cannot grant a vehicle licence where the name on it does not match exactly the name on the insurance policy. Here are some examples:

NAME

NAME ON INSURANCE POLICY

SUITABLE

James Murphy	James Murphy	Yes
	James Murphy Jnr	No
	James J. Murphy	No
	Jim Murphy	No

ATTENTION!

TAX COMPLIANCE

Holders of active SPSV driver licences must now hold a valid tax clearance certificate at all times. You can renew or apply for a tax clearance certificate through Revenue at www.revenue.ie



Confidential Line – 0761 085 000. Report illegal activity anonymously. All information is passed to our compliance officers for investigation.

Keep yourself informed by visiting www.nationaltransport.ie regularly for the latest SPSV news.