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PROPOSED TAXI REGULATIONS



The Taxi Regulation Act 2013 was signed into law in October last. While the provisions of the Act have yet to come into operation, the NTA has prepared draft regulations that consolidate and replace over fifty years of legislation relating to the SPSV industry, in addition to some new regulations. Some of the new regulations relate to:

- 1 Prescribed items on roof signs;
- 2 The non-charging of fees for payment by credit/debit cards except in the case of an account agreement;
- 3 Licence restrictions on holders of "Stamp 2" visas;
- 4 No advertising on vehicles from 2015
- 5 Smaller size wheelchair accessible vehicles (one passenger + occupied wheelchair); and
- 6 Twelve month licensing for limousines first registered before 1 January 1980.

The above list is not exhaustive and you are advised to read the draft regulations for the full list of changes. A public consultation in relation to these proposals has commenced.

A copy of the draft regulations is available on our website at www.nationaltransport.ie

Written submissions or representations in relation to the proposed regulations may be made:

By email to: consult@nationaltransport.ie or

By post to: Draft Small Public Service Vehicle Regulations, National Transport Authority, Dun Scéine, Iveagh Court, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2.

All submissions must include the name and address of the person making the submission and where relevant the name of the body or organisation represented. The Authority may publish copies of any submissions received. Closing date for all submissions is Friday 31st January at 5pm.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Action 36 of the Taxi Regulation Review Report published by the Government in January 2012, recommended the promotion of “payment of taxi fares by debit and credit cards”.

A booklet is enclosed providing details of various technologies and operators of card payment systems. Available research indicates a growing usage of credit and debit cards for payment of services such as taxis.

The card payment solutions set out in the booklet represent various options that are currently available to SPSV operators. While every effort has been made to ensure that the information provided is correct, the NTA does not accept any responsibility for any errors or omissions. The inclusion of any payment card solution in the booklet does not imply any endorsement of the solution by the NTA. The draft regulations include a new payment card sign for use on roof signs.



Local Area Hackney Licence

Action 46 of the Taxi Regulation Review Report published by the Government in January 2012, recommended the introduction of a local area hackney licence to address transport deficits in certain rural areas. It is intended that these licences be issued on a pilot basis initially. The requirements for eligibility include:

- 1 the need for an application to be endorsed by an established organisation representing local businesses in the area or from a community group with a charitable tax status;
- 2 the provision of an analysis of the need for a local hackney service by the relevant local authority; and
- 3 a confirmation of the need for the service signed by the local authority.

2014 UPDATE

The Central Bank has notified the Authority that a new €10 note is being issued in January 2014. Visit: www.new-euro-banknotes.eu for information

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS



	SPSV Information Line 0761 064 000	Inspection Booking line 1890 927 977
Tuesday 24th December	09:00 – 13:00	09:00 – 16:00
Wednesday 25th December	Closed	Closed
Thursday 26th December	Closed	Closed
Friday 27th December	09:00 – 18:00	09:00 – 16:00
Monday 30th December	09:00 – 18:00	09:00 – 16:00
Tuesday 31st December	09:00 – 18:00	09:00 – 16:00
Wednesday 1st January	Closed	Closed
Thursday 2nd January	Normal opening hours resume	Normal opening hours resume



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

