



Small Public Service Vehicle (Emergency Measure COVID-19) Regulations 2020

Report on Public Consultation Process

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1 Introduction

NTA is responsible for the regulation of the SPSV industry in Ireland. As at 31 March, the Small Public Service Vehicle (SPSV) fleet comprised 22,179 taxis, hackneys and limousines in active and inactive licence status (i.e. eligible to be renewed). The Taxi Regulation (Small Public Service Vehicle) Regulations 2015 specify the maximum permissible age limits for operating a vehicle as an SPSV. 763 of the fleet vehicles will reach their end of life by the end of 2020. This public consultation concerns only those vehicles.

Having regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, and in order to mitigate one part of the adverse economic consequences to the SPSV industry likely to result from the spread of that disease, NTA would like to make an exceptional legal provision, the Small Public Service Vehicle (Emergency Measure Covid-19) Regulations 2020, in relation to maximum permissible age limits.

The purpose of the Small Public Service Vehicle (Emergency Measure Covid -19) Regulations 2020 is to temporarily amend Regulation 31 of the Taxi Regulation (Small Public Service Vehicle) Regulations 2015, Maximum Permissible Age Requirements. This amendment is intended to be made as an exceptional provision and emergency measure resultant from the COVID-19 pandemic, noting that public transport, specifically including small public service vehicles, is deemed by Government an essential service.

The “maximum permissible age” in this context means the age of a taxi or hackney vehicle beyond which that vehicle may not be licensed as a small public service vehicle. Once a taxi or hackney reaches its final operation date, the licence holder may not apply to NTA for the renewal of a vehicle licence on that vehicle. A younger replacement vehicle must be purchased, and both a roadworthiness test (NCT) and an SPSV initial suitability test completed.

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated extraordinary economic circumstances being experienced by the regulated industry, including the rescinding of approved bank loans and the expected difficulty in receiving loan approval on foot of the current crisis, together with the ongoing unavailability of NCT tests, SPSV suitability inspections and VRT inspections, NTA considered extending the Maximum Permissible Age Requirements by one (1) year for licences with expiry dates from 13 March to 31 December 2020 worthy of public consultation. The draft regulation is time-bound and will automatically fall away after 31 December 2020.

The structure of this report is as follows:

- Section 2 outlines the current regulation on maximum permissible age requirements;
- Section 3 outlines the public consultation process and outcome;
- Section 4 outlines the submissions made; and
- Appendix A provides a copy of the submissions

2 Background

Regulation 31 (*Maximum permissible age requirements*) of S.I. No. 33/2015 - Taxi Regulation (Small Public Service Vehicle) Regulations 2015 was implemented in an effort to increase vehicle standards within the national taxi and hackney fleet. The limousine licence category is exempt from this Regulation.

Where a standard taxi or hackney vehicle licence was first granted before 1 January 2009 and a vehicle was associated with that licence on 1 January 2013, that vehicle can be licensed up to the 15th anniversary of the date of its first registration. In all other cases vehicle standard taxi or hackney can be licensed up to the 10th anniversary of the date of its first registration.

For a wheelchair accessible vehicle associated with a licence on 1 April 2014, there is no maximum age limit. For all other wheelchair accessible taxis and wheelchair accessible hackneys the maximum age limit is 15 years from the date of first registration of the vehicle.

The result of the changes to Regulation 31 of the Taxi Regulation (Small Public Service Vehicle) Regulations 2015 would, for 763 vehicle licences expiring to 31 December 2020, be that the associated vehicle would remain eligible to be licenced for one year more than it is currently, all other obligations met, as follows:

1. standard taxi/hackney and local area hackney until 11 years from the date of first registration of the vehicle;
2. wheelchair accessible taxi/hackney until 16 years from the date of first registration of the vehicle; and
3. certain other very limited standalone cases until 16 years from the date of first registration of the vehicle.

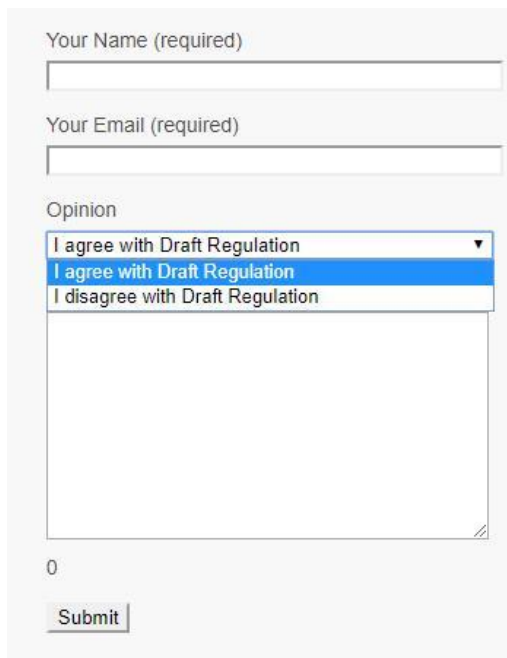
The age of the vehicle is calculated from the exact date on which it was first registered (day, month and year).

3 Consultation process and outcome

The period of the industry consultation ran from 3 April 2020 to 24 April 2020 inclusive. On 3 April 2020, NTA published the Draft Small Public Service Vehicle (Emergency Measure COVID-19) Regulation 2020, together with the information detailed above on the public consultation section of NTA's website. Also on that day, a text message was issued to 17,987¹ SPSV vehicle licence holders notifying them of the public consultation. Representations on the draft Small Public Service Vehicle (Emergency Measure COVID-19) Regulation 2020 were invited from any interested parties by submission form on NTA's website. NTA also consulted directly with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the Advisory Committee on SPSVs.

Submissions from 931 parties were received during the consultation process. All submissions have been referenced in this report. An online form allowed each interested party to make their representation in a free-text box in addition to selecting an option to agree or disagree with the proposal.

Online Submission Form - Example

A screenshot of a web-based submission form. It features two text input fields at the top, labeled 'Your Name (required)' and 'Your Email (required)'. Below these is a section titled 'Opinion' containing a dropdown menu with three options: 'I agree with Draft Regulation', 'I agree with Draft Regulation', and 'I disagree with Draft Regulation'. The second 'I agree' option is highlighted in blue. Under the dropdown is a large, empty text area for additional comments. At the bottom left of the form is a small '0' character, and at the bottom center is a 'Submit' button.

Your Name (required)

Your Email (required)

Opinion

I agree with Draft Regulation

I agree with Draft Regulation

I disagree with Draft Regulation

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Submit

¹ This figure is lower than the total number of SPSV vehicle licences as many individuals/companies hold a number of vehicle licences and received a single notification.

83% of those who completed the online consultation agreed with the proposal. **17%** disagreed, either in full (4%), providing modified suggestions (9 %) or providing no clear comment on the proposal.

4 Submissions

The majority of the 931 representations received took the opportunity to comment in the free text box provided. A categorisation of the comments provided which were relevant to this consultation follows.

Agree

Approximately **770 (83%)** agreed with the proposal. Some submissions also included commentary relating to the consultation.

- 2% suggested all regulation on vehicle age be abolished;
- 4% suggested a permanent increase in the Maximum Permissible Age rule for various limits up to 15 years;
- 2% suggested a longer duration for the proposed regulation; and
- 2% suggested a Maximum Permissible Age for various limits up to 15 years for all vehicles in the proposed regulation.

Modify

Approximately **86 (9%)** of the free text submissions linked to the “Disagree” option requested a modification on the proposed draft:

- 6% suggested a permanent increase in the Maximum Permissible Age rule for various limits up to 16 years;
- 2% suggested a longer duration for the proposed regulation;
- 1% suggested all regulation on vehicle age be abolished; and
- 1 submission stated “*If an exemption is warranted it should be no longer than 6 months*”.

Disagree

Approximately **38 (4%)** of representations disagreed with the proposal for the following reasons:

- 3% stated that the Draft Regulation would lead to a reduction in vehicle standards; and
- 1% stated they believed this would be unfair to other SPSV vehicle licence holders.

5 Appendix A – Submissions

Agree	Considering the hardship that some drivers will face it's fair and allows them a opportunity to raise enough to possibly remain after this emergency
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Drivers will need loans to get new cars and until we all get back to work as normal we wont be able to get loans from banks etc as we are not fit to repay at present.
Disagree	I disagree because I believe it will adversely affect drivers like me. My current vehicle is permitted to operate as an SPSV until 2024 which is 15 years from its date of first registration
Disagree	All cars (standard or wav) should be the same at 11 years.....no more discrimination....enough help was provided in the first place for a fleet of vehicles to oversupply the market!!!!
Agree	Blank
Disagree	Same rules for everyone
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Any decisions taken at this time to allow drivers to get back on track is very welcome thank you
Agree	I thing I agree with whatever is law is there already.
Agree	To ease financial burden on drivers
Agree	Blank
Agree	Everything seems reasonable.
Agree	It will help drivers in that position were there car is a certain age..
Agree	I think its only fair its extended , because of the exeptional circumstances
Agree	It's fair and right to do it because of covid 19
Agree	Every thing that can be done to help taxi drivers is good
Agree	Fairness
Agree	It's a no brainier as the majority of taxi will be off the road for god knows how long because of Covid 19.
Agree	I agree because it will be too difficult for owners to get finance for a replacement vehicle this year
Agree	Well done. I'm not effected personally bit thats a very sensible idea
Agree	Good for driver to keep his car for another year reout having to put himself in debt till things pick up.also should extend nct and suitability for another year reout having to do it because of the down turn .this would give taxi a chance to get over down turn
Agree	This is sound in principal but I wonder why is it limited to taxi whose licences expire this year as we are all experiencing the same economic conditions and dangers and restrictions ?
Agree	It makes sense in the current situation.it would be near impossible to change the car in this climate
Agree	Due to extra financial strain that covid 19 is having on taxi drivers
Agree	In this climate it makes sense and is a reasonable action

Agree	As stated above
Agree	Due to current situation....it makes sense
Disagree	Blank
Agree	Because it will give me extra time to gather money for a deposit for my next car as the one I have is due next suitability
Agree	That 10 year rule is daft as it doesn't take in to account the condition of the car or its emissions.
Agree	Finance options will be limited going forward so rather than putting taxis off the road at this time of crisis we should be encouraging them to work
Agree	I agree to give people effected by the pandemic another year on their vehicles
Disagree	If they haven't managed to save enough or plan enough ahead then they shouldn't really be trying to run a business. The value of the loss of revenue for the summer of 2020 wouldn't be enough to cover replacing a taxi with anything approaching a decent vehicle
Agree	My vehicle falls into this category and this amendment would take a lot of pressure off us.A , getting a car loan at present won't be easy B all aspects of converting new car are very expensive and no where is open from car showrooms to NCT. C My car is perfectly roadworthy.
Disagree	Reasons being that a recession is looming and vehicle change is not possible with Banks not considering taxi vehicle this needs to be addressed as matter of urgency . The taoiseach issued a statement about recession so how will taxi persons fund vehicles
Agree	There should be some sort of compensation for taxi drivers over 66 years of age as we do have car repayments and no funds coming in our pension does not cover all this ,rent etc repayments , you leaving us stranded thank yoy
Agree	In normal circumstances that time constraint is hardship on drivers, it needs to be reviewed a.s.a.p to relieve drivers from that financial burden
Agree	I fully agree as my car is 10 years on renewal on 30 Sept 2020 and due to the present covid19 situation I would not be in a position to change my vehicle which would me leaving the taxi industry after 20years .
Agree	It's the least you can do but to honest the NTA has abandoned us we are second class citizens no work no income I've applied for the Covid payment 3 times 2 by post 1 online only today when I hand delivered to a social welfare office was my information taken the money we've paid the NTA and nothing
Agree	It gives us a chance to get back on our feet and car isnt being used at the moment and forceable future, gre at idea. Thank you
Agree	Should extend up to two years. The impact of Covid 19 will remain further.
Agree	Drivers can't afford newer cars and very hard to get finance too
Agree	I I think more importenly u should try to explain to us taxi drivers how are u suppose to isolate distance wise in a taxi
Agree	Blank
Agree	In light of the current situation and the unknown economic outlook it may be a struggle to update to a new vehicle
Agree	Blank
Agree	All well and good when are Nta going to provide driver with a perspex protection like London or new York taxis they should be already in cabs
Agree	Desperate times so desperate measures!!
Disagree	After 9 years the car is well past its best. If you can't have a younger car you shouldn't be in the business.
Agree	I am happy for the same.
Agree	When can I get my car tested and I hope there will knot be a late fee

Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Disagree	The cars that are due to cease as of age rule most of the owners have the money to change car and will I get an extension on my current licence that will be up in 2022 as its an 2012 car so atm how can I save to change car so no if you change rule it must be for all other wise very unfair
Agree	Blank
Disagree	It is a small percentage of the overall fleet. Extend all licences or none.
Agree	It seems a fair measure to deal with what is an unprecedented and difficult period of time.Well done to all involved in this initiative.
Agree	Could it b possible to make it easier to get first P.s V license. New drivers.John
Disagree	Blank
Agree	Great idea to extend the life by another year due to the crisis that has befallen Ireland and further afield . After this crisis the economy will have collapsed and will put huge financial burdens on people in the industry and this will go somewhat to the way of easing that.
Agree	It's only fair
Agree	yes I think that is a really good idea but also i would also insert an option to extend it even further than 1 year depending on how long it takes to recover from this pandemic
Agree	The police cars are over ten year old and cie buses which the tax payer pay for , on the road 24 hours a day.. truck drivers are only allowed drive 8 hours a day.. and take a break after 4 hours driving..
Agree	I think it's the fairest way to do it under the current circumstances.
Agree	With the way things are and it may be some time before anything or one can get back to some what normal.
Agree	Blank
Agree	A lot of drivers will face financial hardship due to covic19 and this 1 year addition to the life of the spsv will enable them to recover and allow them the time needed to get a younger vehicle to change over to.
Agree	Financial pressure in the present climate.Extra year would help immensely.
Agree	Can check my car 11mo 1092 licence will i be covered
Agree	Because people who are out of work because of the pandemic will need an extra years operation
Agree	If it passes NCT should be good to go
Disagree	Will adversely affect drivers stuck with exorbitant loans already.There will be a mountain of vehicles to rent or for sale much reduced.The reality is the industry is already too far gone.Over 80% of the industry is off the road.There will be a massive amount of vehicles repossessed at some point.
Agree	It just makes sense.
Agree	As we all know that the pandemic will have detrimental effect on the economy,this is the reason I am in support of the above regulation. Regards, Lucky.
Disagree	If an exemption is warranted it should be no longer than 6 months.
Agree	Vivid 19 and economic situation
Disagree	There should be no age limit its putting pressure on taxi drivers and nothing wrong with there cars
Agree	Yeah this good idea should be extend these vehicle for another year
Agree	I am a taxi driver.

Agree	I think some of the vehicles which are wheelchair taxis should be allowed to operate longer there are so many different types of wheelchair taxis and some of them are still in very good shape for example VOLKSWAGEN T5 OR MERCEDES BENZ VITO I dont understand why should they have same age limits
Agree	Hello redacted But all the Centers are closed for nct/suitability Please let me know if I'm granted 3 months extension due to covid19 crisis. Many thanks Zahid
Agree	I think it's good for drivers who's income will be affected by this virus
Agree	Blank
Disagree	I totally disagree with above as you have forced many drivers to change cars aged 10 years up to now, we can't have nta just moving the goalposts when it suits,,, social distanceing is not possible in a taxi and I call on you to take taxis off the road immediately to save life's ,,, , Paul.
Agree	I agree with the ammedment.
Agree	Blank
Disagree	If the order was made to only help private individual taxi drivers who own and operate their own vehicle or WAV then I would largely agree. Why aren't all registered taxi vehicles considered in the scheme? As an owner of a 4 year old taxi I have also lost income and my vehicle has lost some time.
Agree	Blank
Agree	For Christ sake we are off the road with no money for weeks and you present this rubbish, where is the money we applied for weeks ago.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	The reason is that my vehicle turns 10 years old on 25/3/21. The license expires on 24/5/20. Thank you
Agree	To give operators a chance to recover from what is going to be a substantial period of time with little or no income and to avoid the additional expense of the purchase and suitability expenses involved with replacing a vehicle.
Agree	I believe it necessary given the extraordinary set of circumstances that have arisen over the last few weeks.
Disagree	Not applicable to points 2 & 3. N.B. Only applicable to point 1.
Agree	Because I feel I will not be able to get finance to replace my car in January
Agree	It's only fair , it is almost impossible to expect drivers to be in a position to buy a new vehicle when our income has been nil for almost a month already, personally I would like to see it extended until. June 21 because when we get back to work we will all have debts to attend to before spendin
Agree	I'm am no longer active due to covid 19 and won't be back ontill it's over
Agree	If you keep your vehicle well maintained, serviced & spotlessly clean like I do, there is no reason not to extend it by a year or 2. I presently drive a 2014 Lexus GS. It will be due to be changed in 2024, which I would probably do either way but if it's still in pristine condition & circumstances
Agree	My car is 15 years old in 2022 and i believe that it will be off the road for 6/7 months if not longer due to covid 19

Agree	As we are in difficult times I think we should push out the date, I also think we will need to look at the next couple of years as it is going to take a long time for the taxi industry to get back to pre covid-19. Stay safe. Regards Martin.
Agree	Because 2020 will almost become a null and void year with the devastating impact Covid19 has had and will have on the Taxi Industry
Agree	My own car is up for renewal in June and the ability to change it has been a worry for me considering everything that's going on at the moment so it would be a big weight lifted if I could get another year out of my car.
Agree	It will be a great help to hard pressed drivers and one less thing for them to worry about. Well done and stay safe
Disagree	Already too many old cars in the fleet.
Agree	Due to covid19 I fully agree with this proposal as it safeguard fellow taxi drivers livelihood.
Disagree	I disagree because if an uninsured driver drove into the back of my car and I missed my licence renewal because of it then That is simply too bad. It isn't fair to extend a small minority of licence holders but not give others the option of the extended year when they have reached the limit
Agree	I agree with changing the regulations because, we are in tough times and more tough times to come. Anything that will keep someone on the road, until things improve, can't be a bad thing. Thank you, Andy.
Agree	Blank
Agree	To enable the spsv drivers concerned to be able to be financially capable of buying a replacement vehicle as Covid-19 has created a financial problem for most drivers. More time is indeed needed to prepare.
Disagree	One year is not enough. It should at least be two and looked at again after that time. As we will surely go into a harsh recession and taxi drivers will find it hard to find the money to keep food on the table let alone find the means to replace a car.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	We will be struggling to make a living after all this ends it will give drivers a bit of breathing space to get back on their feet very good idea
Disagree	I think the rules should stay as it is, because anyone due to change this year shouldn't be dependent on this 6 months money they knew for years this date was coming, I drive a taxi for 20 years taxi drivers are getting far to lazy and only work as little as possible never thinking on the customers
Agree	I agree with the Draft Regulation because of the short of income cause by the Covid-19 pandemic.
Agree	This is the very minimum you can do for us as you have very little so far apart from redirecting us to HSE website. How do you maintain a 2 metre social distancing in a saloon car ? What about NCTs that are due for renewal now ?
Agree	Most taxi drivers are out of work at the moment because of the Corona viruse, soon college students will be on holiday and there is no way people can make up for the lost time to be able to buy a newer car. Please let the one year increase stay. I agree with the new draft legislation.
Disagree	Hi, my car is up in feb 2021 , I've just finished paying off my car loan for this car and was about to start saving for a new car , I'm off work since the 5th of March because my son has cystic fibrosis he is 3 , I could be off work for 4/5 months , should my date not be extended for 4/5 months

Agree	I agree with the emergency measures but what about those of us in limbo ie i was in the middle of replacing my vehicle and had booked suitability test for the day after close down but am now unable to operate as I've got rid of old taxi and cant operate new vehicle even though its insured nct meter
Agree	Then just have to extend age limit to 10yrs for everyone.It,s only fair,as you forced me to change my 9yr old car,which was immaculate and had just passed an NCT.so an eco friendly car.Forcing me into debt to buy a newer vehicle...
Agree	Blank
Agree	Agreed 100%
Disagree	I emigrated April 2011, intending gone permanently, I sold complete taxi. This emigration didnt work out and I returned Aug 2012. While I was gone, Politicans and you NTA morons changed the rules that a car had to be under 3 years old to have a plate added. Rented 2 years. No allowance 4 me..??
Agree	I believe it should allow vehicles to extend their age limit by the period of the corona virus only but should be allowable for all vehicles as most of us have lost this income during this difficult time.
Disagree	Because a taxi/hackney car should be kept with in a reasnable time frame 15 years is long enough for a car to be in service as a public service car they should be taken off the road after the 15 years is up and be replaced that change would only suite the big companys who rent there cars to drivers
Agree	I think the age of the car should be done away with once it passes all the tests
Agree	In the interest of fairness in the current pandemic I agree with the regulations.
Agree	Some independent taxi operators may experience financial difficulties due to the covid19 lock down . But I think the change should not apply to rental taxis.
Agree	I agree due to the financial difficulties being imposed during the Covid travel and isolation restrictions.
Agree	Blank
Agree	It's only right to do but it's a bit late your only starting to think about taxi drivers. Your inactivity so far is dumbfounded to say the least. As your mail says it's an essential service but you've done nothing but send us the the hse website disgraceful to say the least. You need to up your anti
Agree	I agree because there is a recession on the way and taxi drivers are limited to the amount and access of bank credit I find it hard to get a loan from a bank I'm with 30 yrs
Agree	Only fair as drivers will miss out on months of work on the last year of the car
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	It's only right for the age limit on vehicles to be extended by 1 year due to covid 19 in these expectional times as owners of vehicles are unable to change and pass out new vehicles at this time so am in favour of the purposed new measures
Disagree	You can't be half married..Either (A) Every car should have a 12 month extension or (B) none should,maybe extend those affected plates in the interim with 3 months extended grace period to sort out their changeover and the NTA could do a 3 months review of the situation as it progresses. (A)is best!
Agree	Blank
Agree	At this present time drivers are finding it hard enough to make a living without the additional expense of changing a vehicle and all the extras involved.
Disagree	Because my ability to raise a deposit to purchase a car is greatly diminished...I'll have to begin the search and loan process around October....no one knows what the economy will be like then.. the time frame only suits those who's expiries are in 2020..it should go beyond December 31st

Disagree	I would like to suggest that let all valid licenses be extended on the car to be valid for 11 years to all cars without the close of 31 December. Let this open to all that the renewal for all car is 11 years and disability cars 16 years. In this all will be treated equally. Thanks
Agree	It will give us time to recover from the financial hit we are all going to take.it also makes sense
Agree	It ll be helpful for those who have to change their vehicle end of this year but financial situation is not supportive.
Agree	Blank
Agree	I would consider that almost everything financially across the board should take a number months off and pause. We will recover slowly from this given a chance to do so. Hence I wo gold agree to any extension. ps (my vehicle is 2016) Regards Donncha O Brien.
Disagree	In these times customers need (as a priority) clean reliable vehicles in the fleet so we can serve the public in the best possible way In my opinion drivers with older cars don't look after their vehicles to the same standards as drivers with newer cars
Agree	I agree with giving the taxi drivers who's cars are coming to end of life in this challenging time, but again you fail miserably in u over look the drivers that there cars are due to end in 1 or 2yrs, their losing money, no income do why not simply please everyone and make the age limit to 12yrl dumb
Agree	Can't work at the moment, and looks like taxis won't be working for another 2 months, it would be very difficult to get a loan in these uncertain times.
Disagree	Every taxi owner is affected by Covid 19 and not just those whose taxi age limit is up by December 2020. The fair thing to do is to extend the age limit of every current licensed taxi by one year.
Disagree	Blank
Agree	It will give drivers a chance to get back on track
Disagree	I suggest that paying regard to the natural law, the common good, fairness and justice the outcome of any deliberation should be the extension of the lives of all taxis in their last year by two years.
Disagree	All drivers have to change their cars and pay car loans Why should the taxis that have to change this year not be the same it should be five years for a modern taxi fleet and professional service and all taxi should be the same colour so
Disagree	I suggested this to a group im involved with,United taxi drivers and due to a pandemic i think all cars should be pushed out by 12 months once in a lifetime occurrence it will take taxi driver approx 12 /15 months to recover all drivers paye probably 6 months ,you cant give to one and not the other
Disagree	As a licence holder who will be due to change vehicle in February 2021,i feel due to the current Covid 19 Pandemic that i will be severely disadvantaged due to economic downturn that i'm currently experiencing and have no doubt will continue to experience long after.
Agree	It's very difficult at the economic situation for us the taxi driver to afford the changing a vehicle. Am ?% in support of the change.
Agree	It's fair in the current climate
Agree	Circumstances are out of taxi owners control and the future is uncertain no income. Owners would be under fanical pressure if they had to change cars and the industry may lose 763 taxis which the majority are probably one man operators operating in rural areas where they are badly needed
Agree	Think it would give time for drivers to get things in orders.in my case I've got new car got rid of old car was to get suitability test done on tenth of April on new car so now I'm of the road with no taxi because I can't get test done
Agree	Because of financial situation at the moment

Agree	I think in these extremely challenging times The last thing I would like to be facing is to renew a car
Agree	I am out of work now due to Covid 19 and as I am unable to work I am unable to save or borrow to renew my car which will be 10 years in mid June 2020. This Draft regulation would mean I could continue to work after this pandemic it would be a life line
Agree	My license is up at the end of the year and my car is in perfect condition
Disagree	I find this unfair at this present time.
Agree	I agree with extending licences that are at the final year of operation due to the downturn in the economy as it will take a long time for public confidence to return and taxi drivers shouldnt have to be put in debt to buy a newer vehicle when the work isnt available.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Would it be possible to extend all licences for one Year ie licences that shall be renewed in 2020 but May only Qualify for a partial year licence due to age restrictions, I will be renewing a good 2011 car in June but will only get a 7 month licence as my final operation date is 21st January 2021
Agree	view the pandemic we dont know exactly when it will fish i think is a Good idea
Agree	Since I the start of the 2020 Business had come down drastically. And on top of that the Covid 19 pandemic had worsen it . Most of my saving for a new car is spent on rent , food and vehicle repairs because of lack of regular income. I will happily welcome this move from the concerned authority.
Agree	I applaud you for this that is a excellent thing to do for the taxi industry and a very good way on letting drivers continue to work well done ? yours sincerely francis kelleher
Agree	I believe that it's a fair deal for the owners of the mentioned SPSV's who are struggling with the current economic and financial crisis.
Disagree	Because they should have upgraded their car before now
Agree	As I am one of those drivers effected and I am not earning an income and don't know when I will be able to earn an income again . With the expenses of cars and set up costs of the taxi I think this would be of great assistance to me given the circumstances we are all in now and are due to face.
Agree	Due to covid 19
Agree	Due to the current economic situation and the uncertainty of when things will return to some sort of normality I agree with the Draft Regulation
Agree	Agree with the change All spsv should going foward have a 10 year age with change being implemented on vehicles 11th birthday // All taxis should be given an extra year going foward.10yrs and change car on 11th year.decals on doors must be gotten rid of or replaced with a magnet.many taxis get broke into cause of this...it is a huge problem. Fare increase should be put on hold due to a recession fast approaching. Thanks
Agree	I think how can drivers afford to change there cars if they can't work it's impossible and no bank or finance company will give them a loan in this climate.
Agree	This would be a great help for me, I drive a Skoda Superb 2010 and I would have to change it by 16th June this year. This car is in perfect condition to carry on another year. I have stopped working at the beginning of March and I'm worried about financial pressure brought by having to change my car
Agree	An older car is sometimes a better quality vehicle when maintained properly. 100% agree, thanks.
Agree	As an owner and with the current situation with covid 19 it will b unaffordable for me to purchase a new vehicle because business is mire or less gone as little people are using taxis.

	My reason for agreeing to the amendment is as said, the extraordinary situation the country is in economically and otherwise. SPSV owner/drivers are also under severe pressure financially and safety wise. Likely best solution considering what's going on at the moment.
Agree	Regards
Agree	Because of the current situation I think its only fair rather than to put drivers of said vehicles under more stress during this time drivers are under enough pressure
Agree	I think 11 years is too short anyway, i think it should be extended by at least 2 years. Taxi drivers keep their vehicle in good condition because it is their livelihood.
Disagree	You can still buy a new or secondhand car a get it tested so no need for extension unfair to others who have gon to the bother of getting new car on the road plus the majority of drivers aren't working and this will only give an advantage to the MPO
Agree	As my licence is due to expire in july, I think it take a lot of stress off drivers if this amendment is implemented. Regards. john
Agree	Blank
Agree	This will help the financial burden associated with uncertain times ahead,this is a great idea and would be appreciated and most welcome by all drivers. regards to all at NTA. Gary
Disagree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	If if I understand it correctly the car is now allowed to be 11 years old if we have it while in PANDEMIC if so I agree
Agree	Yes alot of vechiles are off road at present is 1 year long enough as people will have a loss of income that might take some time to recover from There will also be issue having enough spsv drivers going forward is there anything that can be done to make it easier to obtain licence eg spsv teory te
Agree	I agree with this because I fall into this category and have been unable to work for the past 4 weeks due to the Corona virus
Agree	My reason for the answer I gave at this moment in time people can purchase vehicles or get them not'd or licensed you need to consider licensing renewals and nct's cannot be done on cars in date at this time so time needs to be extended on these licenses Regards
Agree	Blank
Agree	This is a very good idea in the time of covid-19.
Disagree	I disagree with the draft as I feel all vechiles s licences should b extended by a year my expiry date was 11th March I did renew it but like most other drivers I haven't worked since so no income
Agree	As nearly every taxidriver in the country is out of work at the moment and not making a living .I could not see how drivers could afford to change their cars.And it should be extended till at least may 2021.I myself do not fall into this category.
Agree	I think it should be raised to 15 years so there is parity across saloons and wheelchair vehicles I have an 8 seater vehicle 40k and my friend has a wheel chair purchased for 10k from uk and he can drive this after mine has been decommissioned
Agree	Blank
Disagree	I don't like the idea of this if you're going extend the license for a year why not just scrap the 9 year rule altogether
Agree	I would like to see this extension added to all vechiles (taxis)

Agree	Dear Sir / Madam , Agree regard to the maximum permissible age . This will reduce the financial hardship on SPSV drivers with older vehicles in these difficult times . I also purpose that all drivers get pay the Covid 19 Emergency payment of 350 working and non working
Disagree	I HAD TO BUY NEW CAR A FEW DAYS AGO.
Agree	Many of taxi driver wouldn't make money for while we don't know even how long would take to Defeat the covid 19
Agree	I totally agree with this proposal, my car is due to be replaced in August, and with the current situation we find ourselves in due to this unfortunate pandemic it will provide me with a little less stress in this regard, so I'd like to thank the nta for their consideration.
Disagree	There are more than enough taxis to cope with demand
Agree	Due to the short full in work, credit rating might go down but by next year it will be back again. Hopefully, Stay Safe.
Agree	My car has not worked 14March and will be idle until the pubs reopen when will that be
Agree	It would be almost impossible to purchase alternative vehicle at this point.
Agree	Obviously as a taxi driver I agree it should be extended for another year. I would just like to ask a question they're still taxi drivers driving out there and there's taxi drivers in hospital suffering from the virus we got no direction from the National Transport Authority on whether to work
Agree	Yes I totally agree with this not closed so we need more time to get suitability and not
Agree	This will be a great help for the drivers who needs to change the car in 2020. Due to Corona 19 pandemic I have lost all my earnings. My license is expiring in September. It will give me some time to save money for the car. Thanks you so much for this help.
Agree	Given the current circumstances I think it is a reasonable proposal.
Agree	I am one of the taxi drivers who fall into this category, my taxi is 10 years old in sept 2020. Because of the covid19 pandemic it is impossible for me to replace my vehicle at this time and my vehicle is perfect, always serviced and perfectly maintained, the 10 year rule is unfair anyway.
Agree	My Nct is finishing at 15th of May, Car number 141so1272 Taxi number 43023,
Agree	have not worked since c19have mor gage kids being forced to change car preasure of finance rule should be scrapped once it passes nct you will be putting me on social welfare from 17 of august ican't afford finance for car il be just paying out all the time
Agree	I think is a good idea to keep the industry more flexible and drivers happy with this draft regulations.
Disagree	My Licence finishes on the 21st of February 2021 as I cannot work even though I have just returned my Licence I think it's unfair as we don't know how long we will be out of work. Please rethink this to the hole of this year
Agree	Economic reasons
Disagree	Not fair !
Agree	Once it passed the n c t I should be a taximost people will not be able to afford the change when it has to be done
Disagree	I think it should be implemented for the full calendar year ie April 20 to April 21 as it is unfair and also not economical for SPSV who have been unable to work with the covid 19 , to expect people to be in a position to put a new vehicle on the road with out having income It will increase rental
Agree	This should be extended in this current climate as there will be untold financial stress to a lot of people and to be put under anymore pressure and hardship at this time would be devastating to him or her so please do whatever makes things a little less stressful and hopefully it can be reviewed.
Agree	The majority of taxi drivers are unlikely to make any income this year. To add the stress of a vehicle change would be unreasonable.
Agree	The economic affects on operators as a result of the covid 19

Disagree	From my understanding this is for vehicles upto dec31 2020. Because of the crisis I will find myself having to renew in may 2021. My credit rating will be a hindrance to renewal as my income and credit rating are already effected in the short period already experienced. I feel this period too short
Agree	I feel once a taxi passes the nct it is road worthy and 10 years shouldn't apply in any case
Disagree	What about the professional taxi driver who put themselves in financial distress to stay in business with up to date cars and van's only to enable smug taxi drivers who are not bothered to update their cars.
Agree	My car is 2011 that it must be change next year but with this Corona 19 circumstances might change for me as I might not get financial assistance to get a new car next year so would hope they may extend it and I can keep my car for extra year stay safe thank you
Agree	Because I agree with it.
Agree	As a fellow taxi driver I'm out of a work for the foreseeable but my car is only 5 years old and I don't have to worry about that for a few years. I can only imagine the worry if you have no choice but to try and finance a new car through all of this crisis. We need to take the pressure of drivers.
Agree	I find this suggestion as a very welcome relief as it is something I was very worried about. In fact I had intended to contact your office about this as my vehicle license is due to run out in Sep. Thank you Hugo Seale
Agree	Great idear it's a pity you dont do 15 years on normal licence
Agree	Blank
Agree	It is a good idea during this difficult pandemic
Agree	Can I further add my car is not used as taxi for 4/5months every year , I suspend my insurance every year and can supply you with written evidence of this. Under my circumstances I request extension to 2026,please consider sympathetically
Agree	Even in our area there are many vehicles reaching 10 yrs, all are well maintained and in good working order as required. Thus should have age extended to 11 years Many rural communities often depend on know drivers for lifts to and from urban areas and in emergencies may require too!
Agree	Blank
Agree	I dont agree with the age limit but at least anyone who's car is nearly 10 years old they will get a break to get back on there feet
Disagree	I agree with the proposal in Principle but in the context of this extraordinary emergency, the measure should include all vehicles to extend to 11/16 years that have already got a vehicle license going forward. New Vehicles registered next year 2021 should be 10 and 15 years respectively as normal.
Disagree	Discriminates against those who have invested their own money in purchasing newer vehicles to replace older ones Thank you Anthony Quinn Licence no.34478 // Its flies in the face of those like myself who are interested in keeping up the standard of vehicles in the fleet and have invested in newer vehicles and put ourselves in debt to adhere to the rules. This change only facilitates those who have no interest or place in this business long term. // Unfair on those people who have already invested in newer cars and are now worse off for it.myself included, this moving and tinkering with the goal posts does not bode well for the long term viability of the business. The 9 year rule was brought in and maintained during a severe fiscal crisis. // Its flies in the face of those like myself who are interested in keeping up the standard of vehicles in the fleet and have invested in newer vehicles and put ourselves in debt to adhere to the rules. This change only facilitates those who have no interest or place in this business long term.

Agree	I agree as my car is due for renewal in June. And as of this moment I don't see us returning to normal life until maybe then. I could not afford to change vehicle. Regards Jeff
Disagree	All cars after 2020 should have their age limit extended for 1 year in the interest of being fair. Covid 19 effects us all.
Agree	I think this is a good idea . I think the next couple of years could be very hard in the industry and this incentive would take some of the financial pressure off drivers.
Agree	I am in the process of licencing a WAV vehicle , it has been approved by the NTA technical department. I am awaiting confirmation to have the van passed out as a taxi. In 3 months time , the van will be 6 years old !! Will I gwt an wxtentation undsr this new amended legeslation !!
Agree	I would not be able to buy a new car this year as the down turn in business is so bad and looks like it will continue for a long time.
Agree	It makes sense
Agree	This will help me in this pandemic situation will welcome and grateful to the regulator and spsv. Thank you Kind regards
Agree	It should be extend and 10 year rule should as well there's beautiful executive cars on the road being lost in the fleet to be replaced by bog standerd cars it's ridiculous
Agree	Blank
Agree	It gives a better chance to get the vehicles replaced, as a lot of garages and finance businesses may be closed or working on a skeleton staff. Give a chance for the virus to pass,"Health first"
Agree	Drivers will not have money or obtain loans to buy cars with the current covid19.
Disagree	There should be no limits on time which a vehicle is deemed road worth, if the vehicle passes an NCT test it is roadworthy, it's up to the driver to keep it clean. Taxi drivers fo not have the money to keep buying a vehicle every 10 years, You must listen to drivers and stop pushing them into death.
Agree	I'm going to be out off work for 3 to 6 months with full insurance and vic payment to keep up Could the ins year be ex tended bye 3 months ?
Agree	My car will over 9 years old in 2021, But is still in very good condition and still will be in good condition for another few years.
Agree	Due to the major financial investment involved in replacement of a vehicle,and the current situation with COVID 19 pandemic
Agree	Blank
Agree	In the current climate no one in any profession had the means to spend therefore to help taxi personnel I agree with extension jk
Agree	Reduced financial hardship for drivers.
Agree	In extraordinary economic circumstances as all SPSV operators face complete lose of business and it is necessary to exercise regulations related to a age of vehicles and extent a time for operation by 1 year once they comply with NCT reguariements and public safety.
Agree	I agree by giving the extra year for those cars/mini buses/wheelchair/limousine that are up for renewal within the next 12 months. Many thanks Vaughan Moore
Agree	This is a vital extension for me. I have been in self isolation for 2 weeks but now cant taxi until the hse say it's safe as I'm caring for 2 elderly parents so picking up passengers would be like Russian roulette for me and I can't risk bringing the virus home every night so no chance of car loan.
Agree	It will give enough time to get a new car thanks.

Agree	With the prescent situation i think it is vital that drivers be helped as much as possible to be available to continue as one of the biggest providers of public transport in the country as the standard of vehicles is quite high and as we all know bank loans to replace vehicles won't be available
Agree	Becos it do a long way to help SPSV holders and may I suggest that you people should extend to every car or body The hardship is for everybody Thanks
Agree	A great idea another year takes so much pressure off of drivers trying to make a living I haven't worked since 14 march and was panicking about sgs in August because no money coming in yet from social welfare
Agree	I agree with the draft regulation but I would like you people to use your good office do more such as extending for more than a year and to look into the late renewal penalty to be scrapped and when we change cars the fees of changing should also be scrapped thanks
Agree	My Car expires on the 5th January 2021 5 days over the date will I fall into this new category I think this would be a great benefit as all taxi drivers
Agree	Restrictions imposed by covid 19 make the act of purchasing and testing impossible and contrary to public safety. The public would be better served if this amendment is made. Drivers would be unfairly disadvantaged through no fault of their own if the amendment is not made.
Agree	For the sake of fairness.
Agree	Convenient for licence holders
Agree	My car is due in Dec I don't think the economy will recover in time for me to purchase a newer vechile
Agree	Serious job losses during this period.
Agree	the cars once they pass an NCT SHOULD ALWAYS BE ELIGABLE
Disagree	There's enough old taxi in this country if drivers are not interested in renewing their cars and buses maybe they should leave the industry ,I had to renew mine and I'll be paying for it for a long time nobody helping me pay for mine needs to be same for everyone and fleet needs to be improved not w
Disagree	Only way id agree with this draft regulation is if its extended to every vehicle..what happens to the vehicles that reach the end of the road next year and the following year..surely as they aren't working this year over the covid situation..their vehicles need to given an extra years grace...
Agree	I think we should provide security to all drivers and passengers in these times by extending the age due to closure of all NTA Testing centre to provide the drivers to keep driving and keep providing the service to the people of Ireland.
Agree	I agree with it because of the situation we are in. But what about the guys who's licence expire just after that date. What's being done for them ? My taxi end of service is March 2021. Why can't I have an extension ? As I'm out of work for next few months. This needs to be looked at further. // Scrap the age limit altogether. My licence expires March 2021. I haven't the money to change my car so il be unemployed.
Agree	Blank
Agree	I am hoping that you know the right thing to do to benefit everyone. These are difficult times but Thank God we have great Civil servants that actually think of others and not just theirselves. Best of luck and Thank you for all your hard work. Kind regards Maurice
Disagree	My licence will expire jan 22 and who knows how long this pandemic will go on for.With every commentator forecasting a deep recession why not look at the possibility of taxi vehicle expiry at 12 years old.Would seem to be a more logical and all-encompassing solution rather than above.Thanks.
Agree	Great idea.Fully support this proposal.
Agree	its good becoz at least we can operate one year more//

Agree	It is areasonable move judging from the nature of the pandemic.
Agree	It shows good consideration for the industry which is with satisfactory remarks.
Disagree	I disagree with the relagation of cars only 10 years old as my car is coming up to 15 years in Jan and would pass any nct or suitability test it's put trough So why can you have one rule for some cars and another for others If a car is passed road worthy and passed out suitability it should fine
Agree	Thank you!This is great help in this hard time!
Agree	Because I will lose about 6 months on my car
Agree	If it relieves the pressure on drivers I also feel that this provision should continue indefinitely to reduce long term pressure on all drivers. Thanks Anthony Treacy.
Agree	Because of COVID 19 and nobody knows when it's going to be end. Another things is that before COVID 19 self no more business for taxi except bank holidays
Agree	Makes sense..it will be next to impossible to get credit in current circumstances....
Agree	My taxi is up the 24th May and due to financial hardship due to Covid19 I would not be able to purchase new car by that date Would appreciate any help so I can Continue to work when things go back to normal my car is nct to Sept Thanking you
Disagree	Standard taxi it could be at least 15 years rules. Because price of insurance, maintenance,so much competition,petrol or diesel,less work, suitability,nct,The hours we have to put in and many more. Last things we need pressure to change the car aswell
Agree	Is the best idea to enable more time to save money due to covid 19 knock down
Agree	As the financial strain may become overwhelming for a lot of operators, this change will go a long way to help both financially and mentally.
Agree	Because of the current situation (covid-19) with the drastic drop in customer numbers. Most taxi-drivers are fully unemployed at the moment and it's not looking good for the foreseeable future.
Agree	I would be happy at this time for an additional one year period on standalone SPSV vehicles at present in service. Unfortunately at this time, no one knows the outcome of the current pandemic. Kind regards Aidan power
Agree	It should be done as it gives people a chance to recover from the financial strain caused by Covid-19
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	I am happy
Agree	In principle with the proposal I agree with this although I am personally not directly affected.
Agree	Due to the covid-19 pandemic
Agree	I agree because drivers may find it very difficult to secure car finance after this pandemic. Unfortunately my licence renewal is on the 05/01/2021 so I will feel left out as its looking like I won't be able to secure finance and my licence will lapse this I am very concerned about. Thanks. // Yes I think this is good for spsv drivers who's vehicles are of age but I would also like the to be extended for a longer period of time to help taxi drivers in 2021. Thanks
Agree	This pandemic situation it's very good decision to extend the age limit for all type of taxis due to economic fall down thanks very much I really appreciate

Agree	Further to my previous reply. When I applied for the Emergency payment at the Local Ennis Office I was told that because I draw the Old Age Pension I'm refused. I pointed out that I had paid into that pension for 56 years. Revenue does not refuse my taxes because of my age. Thanks Michael Hennessy
Agree	Due to covid-19 disruption of business.
Disagree	Absolutely disgusting comprises for drivers that haven't bothered to keep up with you basic industry standards,so the car will be a further year old and unsafer ,either give it to all cars or look after the drivers that have invested in your already corrupted industry,ps regulate your rental Market
Agree	My car is not due for change till 2021 but as it stands I have just renewed my license and already have lost 2 months if use of that license and look like losing a lot more as this emergency continues if I am off the road for another couple of months that's four months without an income and because
Disagree	Whilst I agree in principle with this draft legislation, I do however think it should be inclusive across the board to all licences that are currently registered. Every operator is losing an indefinite period of time while we wait for this pandemic to play out.
Agree	I would like to apply for the extension on my vehicle 11D23791 which i think expires April 2021 to give me time to Pay my back dated bills and get the cost of a new vehicle on the road would be a great help thanks William Doyle (31951(
Agree	I am absolutely agree with this
Agree	I have been unable to work since 14th March and need to change my car in October, I would have found this very difficult to do due to the lack of income.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Considering the lack of leadership from the nta with regard to operating a spsv during this pandemic it's the least you can do.
Agree	As taxi drivers will be under serious financial pressure and vehicle prices will plummet over the next 12 month it is not fair to ask driver to pay premium prices whilst income will remain low.
Agree	I received the text re Covid19 and am responding
Agree	As a licence holder whose vehicle will reach the 10 year mark in early May 2020 I agree totally with this proposed amendment. The purchase of a car and the other ancillary costs to get the vehicle on the road as a taxi in these unpredictable times is a great burden.
Agree	Great idea it is exceptional circumstances all need help Thanks NTA
Agree	Blank
Agree	Whiles I agree with the draft regulation Why are taxi drivers allowed to work why didn't the nra look after the well being of drivers
Agree	I agree on till we are out of this emergency and give us time to get back out there working and in my opinion it is going to take till the end of the yearto put this country back on it's feet
Agree	We are experiencing unprecedented events never seen in our life times causing untold financial problems on licence holder so age of vehicle should be extended
Agree	For fairness to operators who's income has been greatly reduced by the current pandemic to try to get them back on a even footing going forward
Agree	Blank
Disagree	My Badge: M1321. I strongly recommend that new and existing non-WAV licenses should be extended to a minimum of 12 years of age. 10 years is too short when purchasing an up to 4 year

	old 'new' taxi. I can never afford the depreciation for the first two years of a brand new car (est. 40% of value).
Agree	I have two young children , I am afraid of infected the virus, so I started to stay home since two weeks ago will also stay home until the virus cool down , and won't be working for the next few weeks, until the goverment notice it is safe to work.
Agree	I would highly support this measure because most of drivers are going through unexpected loss of earnings and will be out of business if they have to put another 20k euro to change vehicle this year. Regards Jahangir Ahmed
Agree	Everyone deserves a break #Weareallinthisitogether
Agree	Never agreed with the age rule in the first place if a car passes the NCT and a stringent suitability test each year should be sufficient.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Due to the downturn in the economy caused by the COVID-19. As indicated, the country is going back to a temporary recession. Amendment such as this is needed to help the struggling SPSV operators during the recovery period to continue in business. I suggest it extended to 31/12/21
Agree	My car is 10 years in June and I think its a great idea to extend due to the current crisis
Agree	Suitability Testing & NCT A reduction in charges for above should be considered by NTA for PSV's in light of Covid 19. Many drivers are enable to work for 1-2 month's presently Please consider,
Disagree	It gives an unfair advantage to a very small %age of ?s in the overall fleet As this pandemic will be over by 31/12/2020 and most of these vehicles will not be working until restricted travel is lessened (NCT Centers will be reopening) I don't see why they should be allowed another year.
Disagree	There is no good reason to extend
Agree	I'm a taxi driver this is a good job
Agree	because currently test centres across the country are closed and who knows what the future holds while we're currently in worldwide pandemic and also il have to buy a new car before june but I'm curre fly unable to travel
Agree	34394 got a half nct due to lifts not working and waiting for full nct now the virus licence expired also 53674 & 40725 due shortly
Agree	I agree with this Draft Regulation. The negative consequences the current regulations would have on impacted individual SPSV drivers, whether economic or in terms of personal wellbeing, during this Emergency far outweigh any benefit to the general public were the status quo to remain in place.
Agree	I agree with all above. I think the N.T.A should waiver the fee for N.C.T and suitabilityfor the next 12 months due to the financial pressure the covid19 is putting on drivers with little or no earnings.
Agree	I tink its a verygood idea it will help a lot of taxi drivers out during this pandemic as out industry has dried up completely
Agree	Hi , I would agree with the draft regulation under the current crisis that we are going through now and in the future as the fall out from this will go on much longer than the virus lasts . Anything that can help taxi drivers out at this time is welcome.
Agree	It's due to the economic impact of covid 19 and nobody know when it's going to be control and if its control now what of post covid 19 period a lot of people will be struggling to make ends means more job will be lost
Disagree	Plenty of taxis still out there
Agree	Financial reasons.

Agree	Totally agree as it would be nearly impossible to secure finance to purchase a new vehicle and will probably take into next year before the industry returns to normal. Hopefully some good news. Thank you nta for considering this idea.
Agree	Blank
Agree	My vehicle will expire in January but not sure will be able to change the vehicle as economic situation doesn't seem good I
Agree	Extraordinary and exceptional measures to help the taxi industry in this challenging times are very welcoming. A standing applause to all the board management in NTA for such a positive and important measure. God bless.
Agree	BUT What if pandemic stopped late than expected? Therefore, I will suggests; 1. 1year after the covid19 lockdown, because:a.Cars expired now are in trouble of lockdown b.some might need to work to buy another car 2. Owners of affected cars must register to NTA for the extension to be qualified.
Agree	Max age of a taxi I ever had was 7 years of age . Bought a new car last year .paying it back over the next 3 years,nobody going to pay it back for me .why should others get a longer time to renew there cars .I have payments for the next 3 years so why shouldn't others who have a 10 year old car.
Agree	I think it is a great idea as o drive a 2006 taxi. In very good condition. At this present time i cant really afford to change my vehicle.
Agree	Yes, I agree with the extra year! Regards Mark
Agree	There are usually end of life vehicles still in excellent condition. As such, it may be possible for owners to get better scrappage deals of dealers for 11 year old vehicles
Agree	I think it will be very hard on drivers in the next few months ahead so they will need all the help they can get maybe you should extend all licenses by a year
Disagree	This will not help taxi drivers in the current situation where there is no business for income and we have to stay home, we should be able to apply for covid 19 pandemic unemployment benefit otherwise we have no income to pay our bills and mortgages.
Agree	Firstly I have not operated since March 16 and priory to that business was dire .secondly I think this regulation should be implemented on the condition of the vehicle and not its age.In my area of operation there are wheel chair accessible taxis in way worse condition than mine and that's unfair
Agree	Makes sense as those with vehicles approaching the 10 year limit are unable to complete the necessary steps required. Fair play to NTA for this needed initiative.
Agree	I agree, because as a licensed driver (21463) whose car 'expires' in July, I will just not have enough time, money etc. to buy a new car, NCT it, suitability test it, take time off (again) while the new car is passed out. Its a financial and logistical nightmare on the horizon for me... Thank you.
Agree	Times are tough, need the breathing space
Agree	Although I agree and I think it's a great help to the drivers in this specified category... I'm a little bit concerned ACTUALLY to be honest I'm saddened that it does not include my vehicle which will be 10yrs old in January 2021 and will need replacing. Thank you and please stay safe.
Agree	Good idea under the circumstances
Agree	I believe it to be fair and just under the circumstances.
Agree	The economic impact of covid-19 is unknown at this point. However, Government /Central bank action, worldwide, will ultimately determine the severity or otherwise of the economic impact.

	Either way, taxi use has been hit severely and will take longer than most sectors to recover! This is the norm.
Disagree	you can't change for some and not for another what about the cars due the first week in January not fair on them there be no end to it
Disagree	I believe all taxi drivers are equally effected and therefore the age rules should be extended for all drivers
Agree	Blank
Agree	Hello I hope this finds you well and safe. redacted I really appreciate your work by considering this all already.i really didn't have any idea how I would be able to get new vehicle under current circumstances. Regards
Agree	It would be unfair and unreasonable to confine drivers to that rule as they would have no income for that period of time when they would have been considering upgrading their vehicles. When we exit this serious disease things will not be the same as at the beginning of the year. Stay Home Stay Safe
Agree	The time left to change a car will be seriously impacted adversely by the covid 18 crisis.I won't benefit personally from a change but feel that the guy's who will deserve it after such a stressful time.I also believe that it will be much harder to secure finance once the crisis is over.
Agree	Given the unprecedented pandemic situation(Re: Covid19) and the untold economic consequences it will have on the Irish economy, it is just logical that the above Regulation is positively looked into with a view to increase the age limits of the Vehicles as proposed. Thank you.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Disagree	The reason I disagree is because every driver is affected by the economic downturn due to Covid19, so my proposal would be to change the act permanently, not just until year end,from 10yrs to 11yrs so each driver avails of the amendment. If conditions return to "normal", then review. Thanks
Agree	Blank
Agree	Because of coronation virus many taxi driver are out of work. And summer season will be bad for taxi driver because tourism will stay back in there country. I Agree to the one year eStenton in the new draftee legislation. Peter Oranu.
Disagree	Currently I am having to do nct/suitability twice a year to operate. The last month for me to change car is 03/21. The current crisis is worse that 2008 and at that time, it took years be for we could earn a living wage so this draft do not go far enough.
Agree	It's only fair ?
Agree	I think this should be apply to all taxi drivers regardless the age of their vehicles. We all have been affected by the pandemic. So it will be fair for all of us to get the expiration date of the vehicle postponed for another year.thanks
Agree	I believe it is the correct think to do under the present situation
Disagree	Every one of us are in the same situation if you want a professional service each driver is responsible to have a clean car no to drive bangers
Agree	Blank
Agree	At the moment im out of work and cant get a bank loan so iv to save up to buy a car and i obviously cant save while im out of work due to the covid 19.

Agree	Go to the minister of transport and request the immediate stop of issuing of Taxi Plates. 3 court cases since 1978 have stated the minister of transport has the power to control numbers. Before COVID-19 there were too many taxis and this has just brought it to a head
Agree	It will help drivers who are struggling to make a living.
Agree	Blank
Agree	This is no good no one buys cars in November or December most cars are bought in January. Does this mean that I'm not eligible because my car is ten years old on 12/1/21
Agree	I believe with new electric and hybrid cars the emissions are not an issue going forward. So I think extending the years going forward is a very good idea. Especially when they're so expensive.
Agree	Please give longer.
Agree	At this time we need to work together.
Disagree	Hi, give everybody another year. We are all in the same boat here. We are all paying mortgages or high rents, have wives and kids to support, still paying extortionate insurance costs. Nobody is earning at the moment. At least give drivers with licenses expiring in 20 and 21 another year.
Agree	I agree because it will give a breath of air.
Agree	Difficulty of replacing a car as there is no money available..
Agree	I'm out of work because I'm high risk and any help over the next 12/18 months would be much appreciated due to covid-19
Agree	I agree with the proposed amendment. These are extraordinary circumstances we are facing. The pandemic has affected us extremely financially. I feel that the NTA should help those in difficulty.
Disagree	The maximum age should be extended for all currently licensed vehicles by a period of 3 months for every month of COVID 19 related travel restrictions. All businesses are going to experience shortfalls in funding for capital expenditure. The above would address that to a reasonable extent.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Reasons are: There is a general down turn in economic activities worldwide (2) No one can say when and how the current situation will turn out to be, the scale of the impacts on people's health, the trauma of the tragedy will be severe. Therefore extension of licence will give breathing space for people
Agree	My licence expires in Nov 2020 plate number 19684 we do not know what is going please allow us another year to improve our finances
Disagree	I BELIEVE DUE TO THIS VIRUS THE AGE OF THE VEHICLE SHOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO 15 YEARS OLD ,BECAUSE THE ECONOMY WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO RECOVER AND THE VOLUME OF WORK WILL TAKE MANY YEARS TO RECOVER LIAM OREILLY
Agree	It's a good option to have because some financial institutions don't look at us favourably.
Agree	I will not be able to operate with my car from August 2020, does that mean that I can use my car for next year after the covid 19 pandemic, pls advise. Thanks
Disagree	It is only taxis this 9 year rule affects. all public service should be under 1 rule. Not a different rule for each. If car passes n.c.t. it should be eligible for PSV renewal
Agree	I personally think that Taxi drivers will not be able to change their vehicles for five years. the economy will be bad and tourism will be non-existent
Disagree	I feel this draft should be extended to licenses up in 2021 because it will be taken until 2021 for our economy to recover in a way that drivers can earn a reasonable wage again. A driver is saving a year or so out from when they have to change car. Any other decision could put drivers off the road.
Agree	It's good for drivers. Because of pandemic we lost all our earnings. It will be a great help. Thanks

Disagree	I would disagree with this proposal. It should be brought in across the board for all current active licences, not just for 763 vehicles. I feel it unfair to allow a change for just these vehicles. Thank you for your time and stay safe.
Agree	Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic I am unable to work at this present time and the uncertainty of the future
Disagree	I think it should be 11 years for all that means .if in January I have to change car someone in December gets another year .not very fair older car still on road and u have to change .
Agree	Just so that most drivers can get back on their feet after this crisis. Thanks
Agree	I agree with it to alleviate financial pressures for taxi operators.
Agree	Taxis could lose up to 6 months revenue due to Covid 19 and have to be allowed some extra time to recover same,
Agree	Sounds fair but more importantly the issue of insurance refund during this time of non use of licences.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Just a question I have an 11 C taxi but my SGS is expiring on the 28/01/2021. Am I covered to keep my car on the road for an extra year with the new regulation on 10 year rule? Please tell me I'm covered as I will be jobless as with covid_19 loss of earnings will not be able to change my car
Agree	I don't have enough money to buy new vehicle as my taxi is competing 10 years this year. Because covid 19 I am not working for last few weeks and looks like coming weeks as well. I really appreciate the initiative taken by the NTA. I am very happy with the NTA decision.thanks
Disagree	The high standard of our taxis is essential for our business
Agree	Due to corona virus, I think every taxi driver is stuck with money
Agree	Although I agree with the draft regulation due to covid 19, I believe that it might consider extending to June of 2021. Certain hardships are going to be brought onto all spsv holders. Taxi insurance and licence renewals will still have to be paid
Agree	I am due to buy a new car this year and I was putting aside money every week with the intention of replacing my car before the deadline is up but because of coronavirus I have not been able to work and without this new legislation I am not sure I would have been able to get a new car on time
Agree	Commendable that this is being regulated for. I argue that once a vehicle passes its NCT and suitability test then regardless of age it should be granted a license. I suspect post virus will still see thousands leave the industry unable to work. There should be NO fare change unless sought by drivers
Agree	Hi, it would be a great help to extend the time max age to 11 years as I think it's going to be longer than we think b4 there is work there.. Regards Greg d
Agree	Yes it is a sensible idea as most psv vehicles will be out of use for the foreseeable future and therefore drivers will not be earning and will not be in a position to purchase new vehicles.
Agree	We do not know how long this is going to last, or how the economic situation will affect the spsv industry.
Disagree	I think my last email was "agree with", sorry. Was a mistake. I strongly disagree with it. Give cars in 2021 the extra year
Agree	Thanks so much for this relief of those that were stocked up with this pandemic
Agree	It is under the circumstances the fair thing to do.
Disagree	Why should the standard taxi/hackney be 11 years and the wheelchair taxi/hackney be 16 years we are both public service vehicles do the same work
Agree	I agree up to a point. I think it should be 15 years for everyone.As long as it is still deemed roadworthy and in a clean condition.

Agree	Due to tough & challenging time face by operators in the industry which made us ceased trading/operating/working thus resulting in lost of income which will usually cover our running cost or day to day expenses before profit.
Agree	Great idea, it will take an amount of pressure off those who need to renew. Well done !
Agree	This year has to be disregarded as missing most of it
Agree	As a taxi driver with a vehicle due up age up in a few weeks I agree with this
Agree	Blank
Agree	Yes under the present circumstances this makes the world of sense I'm shocked that you all came up with this preosile by your selves.well done thank you so much
Disagree	Changing of rules like that are not good for the industry . Out of the 763 there will probably be more than half could still change their vehicles but won't bother because they don't have to. That's just my opinion.
Agree	I think it is a very fair situation for drivers as having no money when a car is due for renewal is a tough time.
Agree	I agree to change the vehicle age category to 16 years as my current vehicle reaches it's 15 birthday in July and because I'm currently out of work at the moment, due to Covid19, it would help relieve the financial burden and stress on me and my family at this uncertain time.
Agree	As of almost the start of year we have been shut down so it enables driver to recoup money lost which would have his deposit for new vehicle.
Agree	Great idea and very fair through these though times sure their will be dissenters but there always is it's a very fair way to help drivers
Disagree	Every working day we see perfectly good Taxi vehicles, MOT/SPSV tested as roadworthy being scrapped because they are deemed 'unfit for service by NTA policy. Owner drivers are expected to finance the replacement of vehicles from their ever decreasing income resulting new SPSV license competition.
Disagree	As usual no mention of ceramonial stretch limos vintage cars which shound have there own category we should not be put in with taxis or hackneys with the 10 year old limit of double testing as the cost of replacing these cars are much more expensive and we dont do a 10th of mileage
Agree	I agree with the draft of 11 years. However what about the cars that have been changed already? Will they get credit of taxi licence ? 6 months? I changed my car, but have not been able to use it due to the virus as my wife is type 2 diabetic so I can not risk bringing home the virus. Tha
Agree	Because of the covid-19 pandemic
Agree	Blank
Agree	I am unable at present to replace my vehicle as things stand,the extra year would definitely be a massive stress removed and allow me to continue working.At my age i wouldn't be able to find alternative work easily,m y girlfriend is on disability ,daughter and grandson live her with housing crises.
Agree	Because of covid 19 taxi drivers could be off the road for a long time,sometimes with a very reduced income.So with the one year extension rule I think its very fair.
Agree	Economy will be in a very bad way for a couple of years after the pandemic and the taxi business will not pick up for a very long time.
Agree	Due to hard situation and current global pandemic, those are the correct messures to take.
Agree	It whould be great for the moment the way the down turn is gone
Agree	We all know drivers are feeling the pain of not working,and it would be a just way to treat drivers whose vehicles are coming to the end of there lives.

Agree	I think the rule should be put up to 15 years on all cars. Very tough few years ahead.
Agree	Blank
Disagree	The 1 year extension should be for all cars
Agree	This was a really a concern for me as I am likely to be out of employment for the next 4 months. Having to fork out €10000 euros was a big ask. I commend you on your decision to give some alleviation to suitable drivers. Unlike the credit unions the banks & building society's. sincerely yours Alan
Disagree	rules should applied to all taxi.
Agree	As due to Covid-19 disrupted everything of our daily lifestyle as well as the economic backput of every taxi driver is certain. So this one year relaxation will help the badly affected drivers who's licenses are expiring will give them extra time to save and buy new vehicles. Very generous of NTA ?
Agree	Yes agree with draft regulation as after the pandemic it'll take 12 months minimum for the economy to recover. It'll be very difficult for drivers looking for finance and will bring severe pressure to families up and down the country. I would go as far as suggesting an extra year be applied to all
Agree	It is good idea for this uncertain time. Thank you
Disagree	I think it should be given to all taxi as it will take a very long time to get back to normal when this pandemic ends. Finances will be very tight for a long time
Agree	I imagine the country is going to face into a tough recession so I feel we need to take as much pressure off drivers as possible so long as cars are safe and reliable.
Disagree	I think the 10 year rule has been good for the taxi industry. I think it is reasonable to expect taxis to be under 10 years old. It has helped to keep standards a bit higher. Regards
Agree	I agree
Agree	I agree because the economy may not be so great after the pandemic. It will help taxi owners to get to feet.
Agree	It will take 12 months or more to get back to any sort of economic stability and taxis are more susceptible to fluctuations. Limousines , Hackney's and private bus companies aren't under this obligation so taxis shouldn't be either
Agree	Because we don't know the final outcome for this pandemic this year, and we're stuck indoors.
Agree	The vehicle which i am driving expires in July 2020. According to the current situation to buy a new vehicle is not possible because of the financial crisis. If it is extended till December 2020 Will get some time to sort out the current situation.
Agree	Because of the current situation with the covid 19 pandemic all my renal dialysis patients have to be isolated therefore I have to purchase a additional WAV. Thanks I already have sent on the full technical report by email. J holmes
Agree	I agree but it came to late for me as i sold my taxi cos i only had till may 15 and did not think there was any point in keeping it a perfect car would have done another 5 yrs easy but now i must get screwed over for a loan for a new one cos no banks will finance a new for me cos of 2008 so thanks
Agree	Because of the extraordinary circumstances relating to Covid 19 pandemic.
Agree	Due to the covid-19 pandemic and the loss of business I would not be in a position to renew my vehicle this year and would therefore have to let my licence expire.
Disagree	An extension should be granted to 11 years or odometer reading of less than 250,000 kms at the time of licence renewal.
Agree	Whilst I agree with the amendment, I feel that 1 year is insufficient and unfair to drivers that have early 2021 licence renewal ,A 2 year extension would be better to allow drivers to reevaluate their financial position, due to lost working time
Agree	I think it is fair as drivers will be down a lot of money and unable to upgrade their vehicles

Agree	Extenuating circumstances due to covid 19 outbreak
Agree	I personally own a 10 yr old taxi, the license of which is due to expire 15th May 2020. With the economic uncertainty, buying me a further 12 months to operate would give me much peace of mind.
Agree	Blank
Agree	I disagree with the date if your car was over the limit in March because they had plenty of time to get new car before this outbreak of corona should be only while this outbreak caused nct Centers to close why 1 year do the NTA know something we don't
Agree	It's fare at this time, would it be possible to extend the same to all drivers who have not worked over this 12 week period add time onto licence. Rgds Robbie
Agree	I think taxi business has been severely hampered by covid19 hence it will be difficult to make ends meet in terms of sales. I therefore concur for it to be extended for 1 year.
Disagree	The one year extra should be for all standard and wheelchair taxis and hackneys that are 9 years from 1/1/2020. What about taxi/hackneys that will be at the end of taxi use from January or February etc 2021. The economic effects of this once in a lifetime event will not end on 31 of December 2020.
Disagree	Anyone that was due to change vehicle should have money put by for the changeover.this will only benefit multiple plate holders/renting plates/cars who are making a small fortune. The fleet should be kept modern and clean
Agree	I agree as i would need to take well over 6 months after this pandemic to make sure everything is under control and normal by then. I.am a family of 5 and just myself earning so hard road ahead
Agree	1. For the purpose of alleviating financial hardship to operators who do/will not have the means to replace their vehicles as a result of the current pandemic and its subsequent economic fallout. 2. To maintain availability of service to key workers and necessary public travel only.
Agree	Hi this is good as with the emergency we are in I have one question about the 2 meter social distances how can this be achieved in a taxi we need more clarification on this I myself have stop working as I found it was not achievable and I want to protect my family like anyone else can u clarify this
Disagree	Drivers should retirement at 65 like all other drivers
Agree	As I am not working now due to the covid 19 terrible circumstance I will not be using my taxi to work only to go to the local supermarket until the situation is back to normal // To whom it concerns I totally agree with the draft as drivers are been off the road and no income due to current crisis but should it not be extended to all licenses for vehicles due to expire in the next couple of years or the whole fleet on nta register as all experencing financial difficulties
Agree	Nobody knows how long this virus is going to last,Also they could be a major recession afterwards which would do untold damage to our trade.
Disagree	I don't think cars over 10 years should be on the road no matter what's going and it's up to NTA and drivers to do best to keep it that way
Agree	He reason is obvious.
Agree	Blank
Agree	I agree because it makes sense.
Agree	It is a very good initiative to help those affected by the age limit of their vehicles. There are no more jobs to cope with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Most offices are closed. All activities are paralysed by this virus. Everybody is afraid to come out. Well done to you for putting this amendment
Agree	Agree, I think all taxis should be the same,with no difference in years,should be all equal, either 11or16 for all of the fleet.spsv tests for new drivers should also be halted, as industry is flooded,no rank space to operate
Agree	Blank

Disagree	My submissions have been sent direct to the Minister for Transport, Shane Ross, regarding this Draft Regulation. Yours Sincerely
Agree	I feel in this emergency situation and the uncertain times following then it places a huge financial strain on drivers of the vehicles in question to replace these cars almost immediately on resumption of trading. Allowing a 1 year extension to licences to let these cars work on is a fair exception
Agree	If you extend the renewal window outside of the 9 year rule, all other drivers should have the same amount of extra time applied to their licence also when their cars reach their 10th birthday. As all of the other drivers have lost earnings also and should be given leeway to compensate for lost time
Agree	I think it is an excellent idea given the exceptional circumstances and the doubtless knock on effect that it is bound to have on the economy. Furthermore I think that it would be only fair to increase the age limits of non wheelchair accessible vehicles to the same as wheelchair accessible vehicle.
Disagree	First of all I'm disgusted that the NTA can tell taxi drivers it's ok to carry a passenger (s) in their cabs when the government and the HSE is telling everyone to practice safe distance ,2 metres apart. How can a driver do this? The driver has a high risk of catching the virus. Shame on you .
Disagree	Blank
Agree	Very good move , first time ever in favour of SPSV vehicles owners 100 percent agreed at this hard times
Agree	Very Professional responsibility at this crisis time Agreed and fully support to the guys who are unable to manage
Agree	Very good and very cooperative move
Agree	Hi I am Rajiv Rajiv Diwan my license no is N1274 from last more than 2 weeks I am at home not working how can i get as I am new driver I paid €1000 insurance and plate rent...
Agree	Due to current and extraordinary difficult times for everyone I have no problems with this amendment ,we have to have common sense and understanding
Agree	I agree cos i think is fair enough for the industry to allow extra year so the operator will have more time to get money or finance to buy a younger one for replacement. Thanking the industry for a wonderful suggestion.
Agree	I agree with the draft regulation. The age rule should be scrapped altogether, it's a terrible burden on people with perfectly fine vehicles who look after them, the nct is there to ascertain their road worthiness, and why does the same rules not apply to a bus, both public service vehicles, regards, ton
Agree	This is very good I will even suggested 12 years for this car. it help driver to get value for money for all this car and more time to save money for another good car. Best regards Luqman Kareem
Agree	I feel that the age limit should be raised as clearly there is enough requirements already in place. If there should be limits, it should be in miles and or condition. Perfect lower mile clean cars are being taken off the road because of age limit which is ridiculous. please review my licence expiry. 39055
Agree	It's only fair.
Agree	I think it will take massive pressure of drivers. You probably could have extended date for another eight weeks as those drivers were probably going to use the next three months saving for the pass out and meter installation etc. But well done

Agree	I feel I would not have time to renew my license And my life would be in danger. Thank you very much. William Kevlin.
Agree	Due to me having underlying medical issues and the virus being in the public domain I have been advised to limit my contact with people. By not having an income for some time I am now not in a position to pay for a new vehicle. If and when things get back to normal and I will be able to work again.
Agree	It will help for Taxi drivers who are in hard situation. I'm Ok with car Lexus GS 300 could work till 2024 - should much longer. Age 10 years is fair only for cars dealers!!!!
Agree	Makes sense in the presence economic environment.
Agree	Financial.
Disagree	Some of the vehicle have been left unattended to in term of fixing the area that needs attention. They believes that the vehicles will be off the roads in few months, I have seen a taxi with broken lights, wings out of place and rough generally.Let them go for emergency NCT before permission.
Agree	Yes I totally agree with this one off amendment, as my vehicle is finished November, but with current situation I cannot raise funds or get a loan due to the nature of our business.
Agree	I think a fairer way giving the period we are in is that any car which is due to be replaced this year or early next year should have their licence extended by one year i.e.my car due replacement January 4th2021 licence expires September 29th so extend licence by one year
Agree	Blank
Disagree	Extension for entire industry // It should be for all cars in the industry regardless of age or year for renewal
Agree	I agree totally with this proposal. As we are in uncertain times now and in the immediate future. Nobody knows how society will react when this pandemic passes. Well done .
Disagree	I think this new regulation should be extended up to 31st December 2021. The reason being that it will be very difficult to recover from loses incurred during this pandemic by 31st December 2020. Thanks
Agree	During these times of crisis it's very nice goodwill gesture by the NTA to accommodate drivers that fall within this time limit.
Agree	I think it would be only fair to extend it as some driver s would of been off the road and not earning an income
Agree	It has to be done , exceptional circumstances,drivers are suffering extreme hardship.
Disagree	The negative economic impact from COVID 19 will go on for much longer than December 31 2020.My taxi plate expires in March 2021.2020 has been a disaster so far.Why should I be at a disadvantage because of some arbitrary cut off point.I will be leaving the taxi industry.It should be extended to all.
Agree	Many drivers will be under serious preassure should they have to update their vehicle during these unprecedented times,not having to change this year would be a major relief to those.I will no directly benefit from this proposed but I think it is still a great idea. Regards Pat Kiely
Disagree	They have had their cars 15 years. The new regulations should apply to all vehicles regardless to be fair to drivers . It is a huge struggle to stay in this business with very little profit, without some new incentives it will never attract new drivers. it is a business dying on its feet slaughtered
Agree	My car was due for change in may but i have changed it already but i still support this recomendation as anything that helps people in these strange times should be supported and i think it is a great idea

Agree	I agree,I think there are more cars under the 9 year rule are in a better condition than anything younger cars.during this pandemic and the way things are going we need every little help we can get being a taxi driver and less expense to us. Tony
Agree	I am a single vehicle operator I think all licensed holders should be allowed a years grace on renewal from time of expired licence to stop the backlog that's going to happen because we don't know when the test centers will be open
Disagree	If your giving it to 10 year old vicheals you must extend it to the entire fleet of taxis that would be a fair way to do it
Agree	Definitely agree with 1 year extension and would look for 2 years
Agree	Because of stay home stay safe, we can't work to make money to change our about to expire cars no bank or credit union will borrow us money at this moment to buy a new car and even if you have the money where are you going to get car from when everywhere is lockdown no unnecessary movement. thanks
Agree	It's fine,only for a short period.
Agree	I agree with the regulation but it should be changed to include all cars for 1 year . We are all suffering from this pandemic and I know of some drivers due to change car in the next year who are going to struggle to do that. Rgds CRAIG MORRISSEY—F6632
Agree	The reason NTA demand a SPSV must be younger than 10 years old is ridiculous. My car "10 years old on 14 May" has a 5 score NCAP safety rating and 7 airbags,"which many new SPSV don't". Where is the logic in that rule/law ?? My car's environmental features aslo meet or exceed new SPSV. 100% crazy.
Disagree	Here's my 300 letter reply. Commendable that this is been regulated for I argue that once a vehicle passes its NCT and suitability test then regardless of age it should be granted a license. I suspect post virus will still see thousands leave the industry unable to work. Car repayment is a big bill
Agree	No doubt the outbreak of COVID-19 has affected all SPSV operators in the industry. The economic impact is enormous and it is not certain when normalcy will return. In view of this global pandemic, I think it is logical to agree with the draft regulation; bearing in mind the circumstances .
Agree	For the reason above.
Agree	An 11 year old car, let alone 16 is insanity.. All taxis should be wheelchair accessible as standard. A 3 month extension(Like EU/UK) to vehicle licence renewal, at the present time during this crisis, should be introduced immediately. Current draft extremely unfair/inequitable. Very Frustrating :(
Disagree	I would like the NTA to extend this emergency measures to all the vehicles not only which are coming to end of the life this year. Due to covid 19, Income will take a toll so it will be difficult for drivers to buy newer cars even next year.Thanks
Disagree	I applaud the endeavour to do something helpful but by using arbitrary dates to determine eligibility you create 2 types of license and this to me is a flaw. All license's should be made 11 year license's. The 2 tier approach has caused nothing but trouble in this country in the recent past Thanks
Agree	The 10 year rule was brought in against the wishes of the industry initially if I recall correctly with little or no consultation. The rule as far as I know does not apply to any to any other industry semi state body or state body. An spsv vehicle should be licensed if it can pass the states own tes
Agree	Its only fair to extend this due to the situation we are now faced with thank you
Agree	Medical emergency good decision unfortunately I'm cocooned I have asthma other than that I'd be helping with hse calls

Agree	The economical strain put on our industry is huge and on top that we have to replace our vehicle that is not being used because of the 9 year rule creating a further financial burden on us. So if the NTA agrees to this draft it will help us a lot
Agree	I think all vehicles should be eligible for a licence until 15 years with nct. The fleet had beautiful mercs lexus years ago of that age. The cost of a 5yr old merc for 5 years is too expensive. The cost of a 10 yr old merc for 5 years is reasonable. Thanks and best of luck.
Agree	Blank
Agree	It is very important to the public to have taxis on the road
Agree	To relieve the pressure on anybody already struggling Trying times for everyone
Agree	We don't know how long taxi drivers will be out of work, and the industry will need all back to work when needed, the Financial burden on some drivers in relation to vehicle licenses will help immediately when back.
Agree	Soud be 12 year's not 11
Disagree	In the name of God cut out the bull. Any car capable of passing a suitability test and an nct is more than capable of being a taxi. + you allow limos to operate at any age with blacked out windows to hide from the public. Why? One law for the rich! NEWSFLASH! Crims and drug dealers love this law.
Agree	It could take 5 years to get back to February's figures. Be ready for this. Good thinking on the above article. Thank you and stay safe.
Agree	Exceptional circumstances.
Disagree	I think it would be unfair for the people whose licences will expiry after 31 December. In my opinion 11 years should be made for all licences.
Disagree	I disagree with this proposal as any driver who's vehicle is coming close to end of use as a psv should have already made provisions to change the vehicle After all it's not as if they don't have notice that the vehicle is becoming too old for use breaking this rule is a bit hipacritical
Agree	Blank
Agree	It will take pressure off owners and operators of such vehicles At the moment garage's are closed so it would be difficult to secure a replacement vehicle. It may or may not be possible for owners to secure finance at the moment with reduced income.
Agree	I think is good because the economic situation. Thanks
Agree	Blank
Agree	I disagreed with in the sense that it only captures a selected group because we are all being affected by Covid-19. I think the best thing is give 11 years to all then it is fair to all.
Agree	Prior to lockdown taxi industry was barely making a living with astronomical overheads etc the nct oversee the reliability of All road worthy vehicles, as should be the same for taxi fleet, taxi fleet are maintained to a good standard
Agree	The draft is good my taxi is up for renewal on the 24/05/2020 what do I do thanking you
Disagree	All new and existing taxi licence should be for 12 years once the vehicle passes its NCT and SGS, replacing the car after 9 years is ridiculous and unnecessary waste, plus the extra expense on driver No other Transport company have this 9 year rule, Dublin Bus, Bus Eir, Irish rail, Aer Lingus act.
Agree	Do it on regular basis
Agree	Thank God I was just getting back on my feet after being ill for 3 months and am at high risk of covid and worried about buying a new car my car is 15 years old many thanks
Agree	I think in the current climate it is an unrealistic financial expectation to put on taxi drivers a time when they have no earnings.....

Disagree	The standard of taxis has improved in recent years, in my opinion 10 years is already too old for a taxi, Garda cars are removed after 5 years due to high mileage and safety.
Disagree	10 years is enough time to get another vehicle on the road so I do not agree with the extension
Agree	I think this is very fair. My taxis license ends in June and the fact that I can not at the moment pay off my loan means it will be very difficult to get loan approval for a newer car before June which means I'll be out off work which is very very worrisome. The extra year will be a lifesaver for me
Agree	My vehicle reg ie 11 C 336. My current license expires in Sep 20. My wife is frontline healthcare worker so I haven't worked since March 10th and don't know when I will work again so I'm losing most of this year. My car is in perfect condition and I hope the legislation comes in to give me a
Agree	Reasonable and considerate to propose such a regulation. However based on economic projection and length of time recovery will take I believe it will more appropriate to be far reaching and make it a general one year extension for all vehicles. Logical to expect and plan for difficult days ahead.
Agree	This is a worldwide pandemic and taxi drivers are at a big loss since this started its only right it should be looked at and 12 years would be a proper year for the cars 9 year rule is too short for what cars we can afford at least now in the times we are in as a planet only to get worse.HOPE NOT ?
Agree	Half the country is out of work because of the Corona virus so self employed people should be given the time to get back to normal as soon as they can
Agree	I think it would be fair to everyone as nobody seems to know when this will end and what kind of industry we will go back too.
Agree	Blank
Disagree	In regards to the maximum age limit of vehicles it should be extended to 12 years for everyone and not just those who's license might expire before December 31 2020.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Yes i agree with extending the licence for a year it only fare with all thats going on cant do a days work it to dangerous you don't know u are picking up and this law should have never came in on the 15 year rule some of the cars are in great condition there is still plenty of life left in them
Agree	It will give everyone a chance to get back on their feet in these tough times and get money together in the coming year to change there car instead of now when very few taxis are working.
Agree	As I have lost all my income.this will give me breathing space to get back to mormal
Agree	Think the time should be extended indefinitely once it passes nct suitability Thank ..
Agree	If a taxi is not git for purpose today as soon as it hits 10 years. Now then how will it be fit just because of covid 19. Better to put in place a grant to buy a new greener vehicle for the hole industry
Agree	I agreed because most drivers like me can't meet up for another vehicle.
Disagree	I had to change my car because of the birthday rule and all the rental in the market get a reprieve it's not a 1 way street unfair to us taxi drivers who had to
Agree	Blank
Agree	I can't get a loan because I got screwed over in the resession Its impossible to get a head in taxiing because ur always working to fix something pay someone back or fixing something eles The rule should be extended to 12 years for owners not rental taxis.my insurance is up don't no how am pay that

Agree	I don't believe taxi drivers will be able to financially purchase new vehicles if these vehicles pass nct and suitability tests they should be able to operate a taxi service we are heading into very difficult times and if necessary should be extended
Agree	Please reconsider the 10 year rule for saloon taxis even an extra two year to make it twelve years would be of great help to drivers. The future looks bleak even when the current covid19 restrictions are lifted the economy could take a much longer time to recover.
Agree	Financial
Disagree	I don't think it's fair to the rest of the compliant drivers
Disagree	On the grounds of Health and safety I strongly disagree with the proposal
Agree	I believe that having regard to the current circumstances, the Draft Regulation should be implemented. Increasing the time period to 11 years would be extremely beneficial to all taxi and hackney drivers as the majority of us will be out of work for the next few months.
Disagree	Every ISPSV licence should be extended to 12 years ! We are very affected by this pandemic , bankers will be very greedy to loans.....
Disagree	Will decrease the comfort and security of passengers. A 10 years old taxi its having huge mileage compared with a private car, huge mileage meaning huge usage inside and even structural on parts that cant be seen on NCT. Another problem will be the co2 emissions, huge for a 10 years old car
Agree	Because of the uncertainty of the time scale for the Covid19 pandemic to cease and then the period of economic recession to follow.
Agree	Blank
Agree	The covid pandemic will have an enormous negative impact on the industry. I suggest that one year be added to all currently licensed vehicles. Not only to the vehicles mentioned in the above draft.
Agree	I also feel if anything it should be extended for 2yrs
Disagree	Maximum Permissible Age should be greater than 9 years specially in this uncertain time for all of us we should allow drivers to keep their cars for more than 9 years
Agree	Dear sir /Madam, I would like to suggest licence for taxi standard plate should be 12 years because of current covid19.
Agree	Nobody should lose their business because of the crisis
Agree	It would be near impossible to replace a vehicle in the current worldwide uncertainty that we find ourselves in.
Agree	Yes I think it will help taxi drivers that cant afford another car in these hard times
Agree	Yes I agree with this
Disagree	All operators should be given a 1 year extension for their current car. As with the last change of regulation some owners will receive an unfair advantage over others. For example I had to replace a 09 while others had extra years in older cars.Regulations should not benefit the few based on timing.
Agree	Reason for my answer is this would allow drivers so more breathing space and not be under as much pressure financially to change cars.in my estimation should be 12 years for saloon cars.
Agree	I do not agree with the 1 year extension. It should be extended out to three years. The standard of taxis is excellent with all the servicing, nct and annual licensing tests. Taxi decals should be removed also as is a theft, safety and child protection issue when my wife is driving and fares jumpin
Agree	I agree with the Draft Legislation in Principle, however, to be fair to all Taxi Drivers, the Draft Regulation, should apply to ALL TAXIS ie. Extending the time period by One year regardless of Age, especially, as ALL TAXI OPERATORS ARE EFFECTED With the kindness of regards John Kelly
Agree	The industry needs these protective measures at this time.
Agree	Thank you for consideration in this crucial time , I am so thankful to NTA and regulatory.

Agree	I am happy with regulation 31
Agree	The Covid 19 Pandemic Crisis has put A Lot of Difficulty Nationally in The Taxi Industry. I agree with the Draft Regulation because it allows A Fair Process for a person and gives extra time for A Standard SPSV Licence to be Transferred to New Vehicle.
Agree	Yes I agree and I think it should go to 12 years if a car is mechanically sound and kept clean and passes the nct test and the suitability test well it's ok . I also think taxi drivers won't be able to afford to change there car and will have to change their job. Regards Patrick Cahill
Agree	Yes I agree should extend to 11yrs and 16yrs in some cases , also I've always thought 10yrs for taxi/hackney depending on condition of car very unfair as many 10yr old SPSV car/mpv are in perfect condition
Agree	Hi I agree but in my opinion each year as the taxi does its Nct until it reaches the required age limited that there is no need to do the suitability test if the car has not changed from year to year that the N C T will be accepted
Agree	I agree with the draft regulation to enable prospective qualified drivers have enough time to scoop enough fund for the purpose of purchasing a younger vehicle since 1)The economy will be be low and harder. 2)Replacement of fossil vehicles but dearer.
Agree	Good approach under the prevailing circumstances.
Agree	My vehicle license (41752) expires 10/5/20 which is also its 10th birthday and in the present circumstances I certainly won't be able to lodge enough cash to my cred union to qualify my application for a car loan in August which means I'll be out of business. Hopefully this through quickly, how long?
Disagree	I think a lot of car are in very good condition at ten years and so if there good enough to pass all tests they should be allowed to continue and fall well then so be it not everyone is in financial position to change cars. I also wish to disconnect for the period of covid virus as I suffer copd.
Disagree	It would be fair if all taxis got 11-year rule
Disagree	The safety of customers is paramount and as such cant be compromised by older vehicles
Agree	Not earning now we could be out for months and months could be the rest of the year
Disagree	We are all losing time on our cars, irrespective of year. Only fair way to do it is add another year to all cars.
Agree	Must give one extra year
Agree	I consider taxis and small vehicles to be of major importance in everyday life, especially for people with no access to their own car and Also at times when a person doesn't have their own car. It is an essential service and presently very few taxis on the road or available,
Agree	Blank
Disagree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	It's about the only good thing that you have done in the last few years. You have given no direction to us that have been operating as psv drivers all our lives. The industry has been bogged down with rules and regulations ignoring the most important people, the genuine operators.
Agree	It is very helpfull to taxi drivers who vehicle has passed 10 year age limit so that they can get back to the track during this bad time.
Agree	I ceased trading as a taxi driver on 17-3-2020 due to bacterial infection and not to pass it on to customers. I feel it is not responsible if i was infected with covid-19 and not know for 14 days I could create clusters through out Ireland,this situation will put me in financial difficulties
Disagree	Very unfair to other drivers
Agree	Blank

Agree	I think it is only right that this draft regulation goes through as its unreasonable to put more financial pressure on people during this uncertain time and makes sense to give the extra time for the world to get back to some sort of normality.
Disagree	You don't have a duty of care to cars that are currently under the 15 year rule. I have one year left on my SPSV Car Life, and need to be able to operate for the remaining 12 Months, making it a 16 Year Rule, due to restrictions placed upon me by the Covid-19 Pandemic.
Agree	Hi, yes I agree with the first sensible decision in years. It's a shame it took the covid pandemic to make a sensible decision. Maybe a few more good decisions might stop the demise of the industry. Family run business since 1959. Never seen morale so low & future so bleak beacuse of stupid rules.
Agree	Blank
Agree	I refer to the proposed emergency measure as a result of covid 19 and respectfully request my taxi 10ke17747 will remain eligible to continue in iperation by considering extending the maximum permissable age fir my taxi by one year. This will take a lot of stress away for me. keep safe to all .
Agree	I agree with this . This is only a good thing to happen as a lot of taxi drivers are under pressure or just don't have the money to go out and get a car in the current situation
Agree	I do not agree with the changes. I don't think they are giving drivers any realistic chance at all. Do you really expect us to be in a position to upgrade vehicles after months of very little or no income at all depleted savings. Also we are all having big problems with our insurance companies.
Agree	But still believe the regulation to be unfair. All vehicles servicing the public should be based on condition whilst operating not on Vehicles age. WHY ARE TAXIS TREATED DIFFERENTLY TO OTHER FORMS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT ? No age limits should be imposed cars NPHTA .
Agree	I agree that it should be extended because of the situation we are now in but I think it should be extended for 2 years instead of 1 because we do not know how long it will go on for or what it will be like workwise when it is over
Agree	Given the Gravity of the situation we all find ourselves in with regard to Covid 19 it is impossible to renew licenses or purchase new vehicles and have them fitted out unfortunately. So I agree with the Draft Regulation.Kind Regards Jason Byrne
Agree	Blank
Agree	Drivers will find it hard to get car loans as business is down because of covid 19
Agree	Under the current situation it is only fair to extend the deadline.
Agree	I have not worked in over 3 weeks.I paid over 2300 euro for insurance in March plus nearly 1000 maintenance.paying last year's income tax by direct debit weekly.wpuld need to raise 8000 euro for a new car before September. Thank you very much.
Disagree	I suggest extension to all SPSV licences that were active when govnmnt advised public to restrict movement based on health grounds. Length of extension would be equal for all SPSV active at the point of those recommendations. This would mean no licence is short-changed. It's also easier to implement
Agree	It's will be a good idea to extend this opportunity to all license holder because we're in it together. Like myself my car life time end by 03/01/21.on the current regulations am only lost out by three days. Please look into this. Thanks
Agree	As a taxi driver I agreed with this proposed measure because of the post COVID-19 psychological and social effects on both drivers and Irish society

	Hi there, I'm operating cab company one of SPSV vehicle license will expire this year should i fill any kind form for renewal license? Thanks Bupinder Khera
Agree	Insurance payment for direct debit
Agree	my cars last date is Jan next, I would have been trying to upgrade around Oct/Nov this year,I am out of work since march 16th and no date in sight of returning this will affect me trying to secure any loan to stay in the industry as a Hackney driver, I would greatly appreciate an extension thanks
Agree	I really appreciate this, it is great cooperation this time.
Agree	Blank
Agree	I don't agree with a extra year what's goog goose is goog gander making rules and bending them to suit you again a joke the age limit should be all same taxis bus train tram but no only taxis a joke as always its all money money like nct then a joke sgs as nct test could do both money again to?????
Agree	Should be extended for full year. Im due to replace car in feb 2021, and was saving every week towards buying new car. Now have no way of earning or saving.Eating into my savings now. Dont know how i can now afford replacement car next year as i dont know how long this present crisis will go on. ?
Agree	I agree with this and this it will only be fair giving the current economic circumstances and the potential impact on the economy not only for the duration of the crises but over the next year or so. Thank you for your hard work in the NTA at this time.
Disagree	I THINK THE 10 year rule SHOULD be edxt ended to 12years for all taxis ALL drivers will suffer the same losses for the economy will take years to recover
Agree	Blank
Agree	I agree,I also would sugest a temporary suspension of the rule of passing the NCT twice a year on vehicles 10 years old. Thanks.
Agree	It will help with the recovery in the business but what about the NCT being closed my taxi is due in May but has been cancelled what can I do about that?. Regards Thomas Garton.
Agree	But should apply to more taxis not only ones due to expire this year it's unfair on other drivers who are also out of work due to this and there taxi is due for end of service next year
Agree	I am an SPSV driver and I feel the regulation is great. It will relieve the pressure oo those who are due to renew their licences in the midst of the Corona crisis and will also enhance isolation.
Agree	Need to add lots time due to covid 19.Dont forget those of us that just passed out our cars for March April as we will also lose time. Don't forget us.80Per cent of us not working at all no work.i work with swift taxis in limk and I'm sure The Boys r kept busy with the HSE contract.I am removed
Agree	Due to the economic cost of upgrading vehicles and the uncertain economic condition going forward due to covid19 worldwide pandemic i also beleive its only fair that expired vehicle licences that are lapsed 12 months or more during this period should be given an extension Thanks and Regards
Agree	Blank
Agree	I live and work in a rural town and am not sure when if work will get back to normal I am driving a 2011 car so an extra year would take a huge worry off myself and my family
Disagree	Final date of operation for my vehicle 20 January 2021, license expiry date 18 October 2020 in order for me to stay within the 11 year rule I have to looking to buy around august 2020 , the way things are at the moment it is going to be extremely hard to get finance,
Disagree	I don't agree with this draft as it only helps some people and why should vans that should be in hammond lane be extended for 16 years from start age some of them are in a disgraceful condition there are way better saloon cars as taxis but they are forced to be taken off the system and replaced

Agree	My vehicle is due to be changed this year in July. The draft legislation will allow me and others in my position to continue to work, and to be able to complete a vehicle change when business picks up without putting too much financial strain on drivers who are especially effected by Cov 19 pandemic
Disagree	Not fair on other drivers
Agree	I. Fro be. My. One. Toyota. Prius. I. See other people. With. Taxie the put. Up moremiles. Thank in one month than ido in22. Months. A mass. Difference. With. A -2 year old. Avantes. And. Top Orr range. Mercedes. I traveled about. Worked. Many pcunteried. I never saw. Aminester. Off. Transport. J
Agree	When. Good. Car. Is 10. Years
Agree	It would be a great help if licence was extended for 1year at such a difficult time for every business due to Covid 19.I am due to change my car in May and after making some enquiries about finance for change of my car Banks are not very keen on approving loan due to their concerns about economy
Agree	My reason for agreeing with this draft regulation is because there is going to be a lot hardship it the next few months because of covid-19.. as a matter of fact I think the age of a vehicle should increase to 12 years . Many drivers will not be able to afford new cars next year myself included..
Agree	I agree with the arrangement but it would be good if the rules could be made flexible for drivers (at all times) who are not able to work because they have to undergo treatments for cancer etc. Sick drivers shouldn't have to pay penalty money to pick up licences or change cars when heath returns.
Agree	My car/ taxi is in perfect condition , to be used for a taxi , we are not going to get a loan to up grade after covert -19 is all over ,
Agree	Only fair to give many taxi drivers a chance to recover from this worldwide virus and also alot of the ten year old cars are in excellent condition in comparison with the older 15 year rule cars ..you only have to look at the sgs fail statistics.
Agree	Resonable due to Covid conditions
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	The reason for my answer is not far fetched due to the fact of what is happening all over the world right now (The Corona Virus Pandemic). This will go a long mile to give us peace of mind knowing the SPSV got our back. From the bottom of my heart i say a very big THANK YOU for this kind gesture.
Disagree	My license expires April 2021 in order to get a loan I need to prove how Much earned for the previous two years I will not have earned enough to justify the money I need to buy a suitable car.would it not be better for everyone to do what they did in Wales and give everyone six months
Agree	Agree because of covid 19.because of this business will get down and all drivers need some time to pick up business.this regulation help lots to drivers whose spsv vehicle expiring soon
Agree	I agreed with the draft resolution BUT I think every license holder should be given a year extension as the pandemic affects everybody,some license expires in January just few days after Dec.31st and it won't be fair to such people, but a year extension to all is very fair and accommodating. Thanks
Agree	Due to the economic impact on those who were affected
Agree	It makes sense
Agree	Anything that makes it easier for people to get through this exceptional time. Anthony Mooney.
Agree	I agree as long as it ends 31st of December 2020 and COVID-19 is gone...
Agree	The one year extension should apply to all vehicle because we all suffer the impact of Covid 19 and will also suffer the aftermath consequences and economic downturn caused by Covid 19. Thanks.

Agree	The financial hardship this has caused with social outlets being closed to the public has shut down driver's incomes over night. The priority has to be food and shelter and not funnelling money into a new car. It will take time for taxi drivers like everyone else to bounce back.
Disagree	I lost my plate 20665 due 2 financial pressure and legislation that was changed when it suits yous youchange legislation
Agree	Hi my cars spsv is up on 4th of Jan 2021 and because of the virus it will leave me in a financial situation that I won't be able to replace it so making me unemployed that I don't want to be
Agree	Extend the vehicle licence till 12th birthday my car has 2 be changed in March 2020
Disagree	Please consider me whose vehicle operating end date is 28 january 2021 with 10 year rule. At the moment i have financial difficulty in meeting everyday expenses due to ongoing covid-19 and could be forced out of my job if i need to change my vehicle by this date. Please could you extend this Rule
Agree	I am out of work one month already so its going to take me a good while just to get back on an even keel living on €350 a week and bills are coming in. This would be a big help for me and give me some breathing space.
Disagree	Existing drivers trying to pay for cars NO HELP so why extend life on cars for a small number that are not working any way if some driver goes off sick due to a illness will you extend the car licence for them answer is NO so this is a very easy decision.it will have no impact on industry -cars
Agree	The banks will have difficulties to judge the application for a loan to buy a new car.
Agree	Inome loss during COVID-19 pandemic. Business has gone bad this year compared to previous years while the cost of running business is on the rise every day. One more year on the road might bring in relief to boost income and continue to run business.
Agree	It gives me a window to look for a new car
Agree	I agree with the regulation because it's going to take time for things to get back to normal, and it'll be too much for drivers that had been out of work to get new car to use for business but with a year extra they can get things going within that year and get another car for business stress free
Agree	Boecos did not work for 3 months
Agree	Blank
Agree	However personally my taxi is due to be off the road in February 2021 so there for do I get any leeway or extended time as I am off the road now due to Covid 19. Be great to hear from you regarding any advice you may have.
Agree	My vehicle licence expires on 4th july 2020 and it will be 15 yrs old i am also over 70 so i could be in lockdown for a while i cannot do normal business like purchase a vehicle or any ofthe normal things to get a car up and running it would help in my situation
Agree	Drivers have been majorly setback financially and most are unable to replace their cars once they pass 10 years due to Covid. Their savings have been diminished. The proposal is right. I hope it's embraced. It's fair and necessary
Agree	This is truly required. We are a taxi rental company. We have 10+ cars to replace by the year end. This is looking unlikely now due to reduced income and a massive market downturn. We like all struggle to keep doors open supporting the few drivers who remain working. Please extend all cars by 12m.
Agree	Yes, we need time to get finances in order and this year will be extremely hard to make a living.
Agree	Future income over the coming months is unknown but will obviously be greatly reduced. Having to purchase a different vehicle to replace the current one in these financially uncertain times would be overly burdensome.
Disagree	The standard of taxis in the country is being brought down by this action
Agree	I have been unable to work due to the virus

Agree	I agree with this amendment. The recession that will come due to Covid19 pandemic, will result in lower numbers of tourists and customer's requiring taxi drivers. Thus, it will be difficult to manage expenses as a taxi driver. If it is possible extend the age of the vehicle to 13 years minimum.
Agree	This is just common sense being shown. Well done.
Agree	I am totally agree very hard time coming time emendment to regulations 31 of the taxi regulation 2015 age of cars 13 years
Agree	I would like to suggest that due to current Covid-19 situation kindly make of SPSV Taxi Vehicle age change permanently for up-to 12-13 years. As predicted the Taxi business will be definitely effected by the upcoming recession This step will be very helpul in these times of crisis to the taxi driver
Agree	Blank
Agree	We can't work at least three to six months
Agree	Blank
Disagree	I have 182 car have to pay €500 a month their no help for me, I am pre deregulation driver nobody helped me, €100,000 gone to €5000 overnight now can't even sell it. Hard times for everybody. Thanks DH
Agree	I agree with the amendment. Due to current situation age limits should be 13 or more. Regards
Agree	I am agree with this amendment. But i will much appreciate it when NTA allow us to the maximum permissible age of the vehicle to 15 years. Many Thanks
Agree	Very difficult times, trying to save money is next to impossible, our trying to get a loan the same applies
Agree	I agree,my hackney is up for renewal On the 28th of may 2020,so does that mean I can keep my hackney for another year, many thanks Thomas OMalley
Disagree	The whole thing is a big joke and needs a major overhaul including the suitably test and nct it should be handed back to the Garda who are the only ones who would be capable of running it properly and fairly
Disagree	Grateful that the national transport authority has given this subject a positive consideration,but I think it should be extended till at least end of next year. After the corona pandemic eased, it is most likely to be followed by economic recession that will worsen peoples financial conditions.
Agree	It's only fair in this epidemic as most of us had to stop working as a result ion my case I'm living with my 88 year old father
Agree	Zero Income
Agree	I think this is a very good idea especially in our present situation
Agree	I agree with the draft regulation. However,in order to reduce the number of non-renewals and to avoid decimation of the current SPSV fleet due to economic hardship I respectfully suggest that all presently licensed vehicles should be allowed operate for 15 years as opposed to the suggested 11 years
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	all taxi cars getting 5 years to 15 years old = 1 year extension automatically to all taxi cars
Agree	Blank

Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	this virus will not dissapear short term , these affects will be felt for the next 2 years. also due to taxi nct 60 day & taxi licence renewal window should be extended 90 days. if you taxi car is nct 90 days coming up to taxi plated renewal it should be allowed for the next 9 months .
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	1 year extension automatically to all taxi cars
Agree	1 year extension to all taxi cars
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	taxi nct 60 day & taxi licencing renewal window should be extended 90 days.
Disagree	Any 'losses' that are incurred by taxi operators associated with the current crisis will be carried forward unilaterally. Perhaps consider extending the vehicle end-of-life date to 11 years for all currently licenced vehicles thereby granting all operators an equal benefit.
Agree	All Taxis should get a year extension because they will be out of commission for the best part of year there fore taxi owner will not have the money to replace the car I would be obliged if you would give it consideration William Garde
Disagree	My license is going to being expire in January 2021
Agree	Blank
Agree	1 year extension automatically to all taxi cars .
Agree	Blank
Agree	taxi nct 60 day & taxi licencing renewal window should be extended 90 days
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	1 year extension 1 year extension to all taxi cars .
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	extension automatically to all taxi cars
Disagree	1 year extension automatically to all taxi cars , equality for all taxis owners no discrimination please unlike WAV age rule & 10 year taxi age rule is discriminatory
Disagree	no to the above proposal unless 1 year extension given to all taxi cars , equality for all taxis owners no discrimination please unlike WAV age rule 15 year & 10 year taxi age rule is discriminatory
Disagree	no to the above proposal unless 1 year extension given to all taxi cars , equality for all taxis owners
Disagree	no to the above proposal unless 1 year extension given to all taxis , equality for all owners
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Disagree	no to the above proposal unless 1 year extension given to all taxi owners
Disagree	no to the above proposal unless 1 year extended to every taxi in operation 11 years for all taxis
Agree	It would take a lot pressure of drivers in this difficult Time
Agree	As because I can not work for 3 to 4 months Its very hard survive at the moment even for food and accommodation How can we buy a new car Please bring this rule for covid19 Thank you Shifan
Agree	Everyone is losing money day by day.
Agree	I agree with this draft as my car was due to be changed in June and due to not being able to work at the moment because of the pandemic, I simply cannot afford to change it at this time.
Agree	Redacted
Agree	My own taxi licence is expiring 30 September 2020 . Because of current covid19 situation I was worried that I may not be able to buy new car . Hopefully this draft regulations will go ahead.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Cause I think there is very good cars been put of the road and are fit to do this job
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Agree	I think that the economic situation in the country will have adverse effect on the market.
Agree	As we all aware about the covid 19 this pandemic has ruined the financial condition of everyone. This results people have no money to purchase a new car. As per my understanding the taxi drivers should get an extension for atleast a year after this all finished.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Very welcome good gesture to the industry bcs a lot of we taxi owners and driver's are still struggling to go along with the system before the covid 19 outbreak but with this government gesture it gives a good relief to everyone a big thanks to the government Thanks Dele
Agree	As from the 27 March it's impossible for me to work as 2metres social distancing is not compatible with a taxi driver so if I can be taking down of driver check till further notice thank you
Agree	The cost of replacing a vehicle will prove difficult. Not just this year but also next and possibly beyond. The age restrictions should be lifted for all as long as valid NCT and other standards are met.
Agree	Agree because covid-19 situation and lost of business income not in position to purchase new vehicle. thanks
Agree	Blank
Agree	Yes it should 11 years as we hit a crisis..I would not be able to change my car next year. It is only fair to give grace. Money I had put bye for a car next year..is been eating into..I will submit this to all TD s in Dail.yours christopher Daly
Agree	Blank
Agree	It make practical and economic sense given the current national crisis
Agree	I think it's great idea to extend the vehicle age u till 11 years due to Covid19 breakdown
Agree	I think this is great idea to extend maximum vehicle age due to Covid19

Agree	A change in the rule, to allow cars due for replacement this year to continue in service for another year would be of great benefit to drivers in this unprecedented financial crisis and time of uncertainty and would alleviate the worry and stress being experienced by affected drivers.
Agree	Yes I agree with the draft regulation because after the pandemic it'll take 12months at least for the economy to recover It will be very difficult to get finance an could result in families coming under severe financial pressures I would go as far as I suggesting the extra year to be applied to all
Agree	I think it's fair as during this pandemic, I'm sure most taxi drivers have lost at least half a year of work
Agree	Good idea to make it 11 years for taxis
Agree	I agree
Agree	I agree.
Agree	I stop workings 12.march because i have 2 kids at home 3 year old and 9 years old. Do i need to inform national transport ataraty that i not working? I cant log in in my driver link show that incorrect details. Please let me know if i have to do anything i getting covid 19 emergency money because
Agree	While thanking the management of NTA for their gesture. Please i'll suggest the extending the maximum permissible age requirements by one year(1 year)for licences with expired date from 12 March, 2020 to 12 MARCH 2021. PLEASE CONSIDER 12 MARCH 2020 TO 12 MARCH 2021 BY ONE YEAR EXTENTION. Thanks
Agree	Based on the current situation in the country which has affected financial income.
Agree	As I'm off the road since early March because of age and underline conditions and expect to be off for the next couple of months ,my car will be up on the 6th of January 2021 ,I wish to apply for the Extra year please Many thanks Finbarr Twohig 0876810992
Agree	It would be great to extend the age of cars to two years . The impact of covid19 on business is hard.It takes time before things come back to normal.
Agree	Blank
Agree	T24477 expires oct 20. My taxi recently been licenced. Any help the state can help is appreciated. NTA in my opinion are been very fair it gives us a chance to kick off again and hopefully leave the virus behind us. Kind regards Bernard Cummins f9069
Agree	My license is ending on 6 of july car age will be 10 years old with not earning and money I will not be in position to renew
Agree	Blank
Agree	Blank
Disagree	My vehicle licence expires on the 13th of June which is one day after the deadline and my end of life usage for my car expires in January 2021 so I miss out on getting any benefits from either change suggested. The changes should apply to all taxis as we are all suffering the same hardships.
Agree	As an owner of an 11D taxi that is in great working condition and in the light of the current pandemic events I agree on the draft proposal. Thanks and regards, Lucas Bittencourt

Agree	No income during Covid pandemic puts drivers under a lot of financial pressure. Extending operation of their vehicles will help to deal with it.
Agree	It would be difficult to afford a replacement newer vehicle considering the current economic situation.
Agree	I agree with the Draft. But I think it should be extended for every driver in the industry. Not just a small few. Give every driver a chance to get back on there feet. A lot of drivers will find it very hard to sort there life out when this is all over. Treat everyone the same.
Agree	I agree as incomes will be down also we have cars in hackney fleet that if can pass nct and suitability test then they are good enough to be on the road it is condition of car not the year that's why 10 year rule should be gone and I am in this business 27 years kind regards Darren
Agree	Blank
Agree	Due to loss of income as a result of the pandemic many drivers are now in great financial trouble and won't get access to loans until they can work properly again. Family homes may also be at risk.keeping the car for one more year will give them a chance to stay in business.let them work on please
Disagree	When I purchased my licence 41120 it could be held on retention for five years . You have changed that to 1 year. Now I can get a NCT . I was booked in and Applus closed down NCT centre due to covid 19 . My licence will be now over the year before I'm able to get an NCT on new vehicle
Agree	Yes I agree there should be an extension. Otherwise drivers may be unable to provide for their families because they can't access car loans to renew vehicles. People need to work in order to keep their homes for themselves and their families. Belinda slator
Agree	If I car passes it's NCT then the age shouldn't matter. Pretty obviously, really.
Agree	If a car is roadworthy, according to the NCT, who gives a monkeys how old it is?
Agree	Due to Loss of income , drivers cannot change their cars as they are in great difficulty with mortgage etc
Agree	Blank
Agree	It's very important that this goes through because of the extreme circumstances that people are due to the Covid 19 situation. They can't earn to cover the cost of a newer vehicle. Livelihoods and homes will be in jeopardy otherwise.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Due to loss of income
Agree	Peoples incomes and lives are at stake. Due to loss of income, drivers who would have had to change their car May be in great difficulty and homes are at risk.
Agree	Makes sense
Agree	Due to loss of income, drivers who do this may end up in greater financial difficulty, putting there homes at risk.
Disagree	I disagree on the basis that my licence to operate my vehicle ends on 17 of January 2021. I have not worked for the last five week and do not intend to do so for the foreseeable future due to the Covid 19 situation. Therefore I'm of the opinion that my situation is not being taken into consideration
Agree	taxi drivers need to have a safety screen between them and the passengers, the NTA need to find out where these can be sourced, and have some type of grant from the government,so we can get back to work, and ourselves and the passengers are safe. yours Derek lennon:
Agree	I cannot look at new cars at the moment . I cant afford to buy at the moment due to lockdown and personal matters
Agree	Because of the covid19 stay at home order, majority of us is not working including myself who is car expired on the 8 of July 2020, I can't see how I will be able to raise the money to change my car when I am not working with no fault of my own.

Agree	Blank
Agree	Due to loss of income, drivers who would have changed their car may be in great difficulty to the point where their homes are at risk.
Agree	Drivers need to be able to keep their income to pay for basic essentials to live lose of income would about to not being able to care for oneself or family
Agree	Due to the virus families have suffered loss of income, drivers who would have changed their car may be in great difficulty to the point where their homes are at risk. Please help our families, Thank you.
Agree	COVID-19 has been the cause of loss of income , drivers who would have changed their car are not able to do so currently as a result their homes could be at risk .
Agree	due to loss of income, drivers who would have changed their car may be in great difficulty to the point where their homes are at risk
Agree	Please extend the requirement by one year. With the burden of covid-19 on income, Our good friend was saving to upgrade their car but is now is major difficulty to pay basic bills, let alone gather the rest of the funds to replace the car. Please give an extra year as a concession to get rectified.
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Agree	I currently operate one of said 763 vehicles which reaches its permissible age requirement on 12/08/20, The current crisis is making the purchase of a replacement vehicle this year impossible, it's causing a lot of anxiety and stress. A temporary amendment to regulation 31 would be greatly welcomed
Agree	No money
Agree	A driver who had been putting funds aside to acquire a replacement car for this year is likely now drawing on those funds for current living expenses (food, mortgage etc) due to lack of earnings.
Disagree	I think all should be of the same years of 16 since even cars of 2006 are still operating as taxi. Why should there be segregation for the same type of taxi? // The truth is some vehicle as even of 2006 but still in use. That tells us that the 11 years limit as proposed is still too small as considering the current situation that nobody even knows when the virus will be over. Many drivers are at home receiving €350 a week with family. Years should be more
Agree	Good morning the draft regulation is very good in this difficult time we are all going through is really a big help. Thanks
Agree	The 9 year rule has to be removed entirely
Agree	Blank
Agree	In the current environment it is impossible for SPSV operators to make any forward planning in relation to their business. Change vehicles and arrange for PSV and Suitability Tests. An extension for one year on 10 year old vehicles is both wise and necessary.
Agree	My spsv licence was due to expire on 31 may 2020 and i needed to change my vehicle..although my licence has been extended by 3 months..it will be impossible for me to get finance in next few months because i have no income atm I need 1 year extension to my vehicle life so i can work and get finance
Agree	COVID19
Disagree	Because I believe that all vehicles working life should be extended by a minimum of three months as in my case I am unable to work because I am in the at risk category through no fault of mine, and my car reaches its expiry in March 2021 and I have no way of making up my loss of earnings.
Agree	Blank

Disagree	I with many other taxi drivers (whose licences will expire into "2021" due to age of vehicle coming to end) will need the extension afforded to us also. the extension will be needed until end of 2021 at least. I will need the extension in order to return to work and remain in the workforce. William. // My licence expires on 10th Jan 2021 which means I will need to change my vehicle before the end of this year. I shall need financial assistance to do this and an extension afforded to me so I can remain in the workforce. Extending time period will be appreciated wholeheartedly. Thank You. WILLIAM.
Agree	I will be greatfull to you if can extend my SPSV on my present car because I can't afford to change my car at the moment. I am going through some financial problems, My Car Reg 10 D 21527 My SPSV License number is 26173. My PSV License number is J 1562 Expiry Date 10/4/2015. Thanks (it's a request)
Agree	The consensus among the scientific community is that a vaccine is 12-18 months away i think all licenses should be extended by at least 2 years. the economic hardships that oovid-19 will bring will extend far beyond that and the taxi business will be hard hit. Thank you.
Disagree	Unfair to people who have upgraded their vehicles because of rules and have loans on vehicles what do they get nothing
Agree	I agree with the draft regulation as it will protect jobs going forward.
Agree	My car is over 12 years next year " so is 12 d 25277 " this mean I will get a extended for one year on ? Please let me no " Manny thanks
Agree	The reason for my answer is because of what's going on in country now covid-19 pandemic that lead to economic circumstances disaster.
Agree	Due to a lot of time off the road - there has been no business and no income for an extended period of time
Disagree	Owner drivers should be able to secure funding for a new or replacement vehicle, this legislation would favour the hire fleet of taxis
Disagree	I believe that all licence holders should be given an extension for at least as long as the Covid-19 lockdown is on. All drivers will suffer in the aftermath of this - business will be very poor for many months after this, drivers saving for a new car in next 2/3/4 years will be severely affected.
Agree	Yes
Agree	From Ken Cashman, badge number L4447. That all seems very fair to me.
Agree	I totally agree with the draft Regulation. for as a taxi driver close to 30 years, a lot is changing in our industry, taxi drivers are finding it hard to finance cars to keep themselves employed, only putting themselves into debt. and little or no help from anyone,
Agree	Given the current circumstances, we support the pragmatic approach taken by the NTA to extend the maximum permissible age requirements.
Agree	it makes sense in the current climate
Agree	there will be a resscission regarding covid 19
Agree	This Pandemic will be an absolute for the taxi and all public transport services so it makes sense to extend the age usefulness of these taxi vehicles
Agree	because of the hardship covid 19 is likely to cause
Agree	because of the likely worldwide resscisson caused by covid19
Agree	Covid19 national and worldwide pandemic

Agree	A lot of cars of 10 years old are in excellent condition. Surely nct and Suitability confirms that.
Agree	At this difficult time with covid 19 I think it' will be very difficult for drivers to avail of finance to purchase a new vehicle
Agree	I agree with the Draft Regulation, reasons for my agreement with the current situation of covid 19 it is very difficult to get a loan to buy a new car I think this should be extended for another year to give people the chance to get back on their feet. Regards Patrick kelly
Disagree	Hi. I believe the taxi industry is going to suffer big time. When restrictions are eased the nightlife will not recover until late 2021. Income and finance for newer vechiles is going to be a big issue for a number of years. Renewal age should be extended to 11 years until 31/12/21. Regards.
Disagree	My car reaches ten years Old on the 12/01/2021 so I'm going to be excluded from this. It needs to be extended for longer most cars are bought in January February and March
Agree	I expect the economic fallout of the pandemic to last longer than 12-24 months so i feel the age rule should be extended to 13 years at a minimum and ideally to 15.
Agree	we are in uncertain times. its going to be a difficult year for most with not working and making a living so the finacial pressure for a self employed taxi driver this year is enormous if there car is road worthy i dont see why rules cant be changed
Agree	if the taxi is road worthy and due to unforeseen circumstances i think a new rules should be applied
Agree	My vehicle is registered in 2011 and glad if the industry will have mercy on me because of this Corona virus to extend my expired date as am due for renewal on the 30th of march before the closed down the Nct, and I was thinking to work to save money for my new vehicle before February next year
Agree	some provision should be made so tamper proof discs dont have to removed.maybe a legal form to be signed to say my taxi has not operated for six weeks.this could easily be checked by anybody with the authority to do so.
Agree	It's the right thing to do.
Agree	Fair to drivers
Agree	The ten year rule is not only wrong for taxis who's licence falls due in 2020 but for all taxis. If the vehicle passes the NCT it should be acceptable.No new licences should be issued until the work for taxis has shown itself to have returned to a level where drivers can earn a reasonable income.
Agree	This is highly imperative in the context of this pandemic which has negatively impacted the taxi industry prior to the lockdown let alone when it actually began in full force which has culminated in the collapse of business presently. Recession is inevitable and this amendment will tide us over.
Agree	Hi Team, car registration 10D26675 plate 19361 expiring in June, please consider, my badge is M1524 // Vehicle licence expiring in June. Please consider thank you
Disagree	I think 3mths falls way too short in this Covid 19 pandemic. At least a1 year should be given to try and sort themselves out. Not only taximem, but all industries are in the same boat.
Disagree	Fifteen years is long time for taxi to on the road and if drivers didn't have a plan in place for replacing the car that they can't still go ahead with, then they don't add much value to the industry. What about all the drivers with big current taxi car loans. // I think Licences that were falling due for renewal since March 12 to time that motor dealers are permitted to open up again should get 3 months from the reopening of the motor dealers.Licences falling due later in the year should not get an extension. Fifteen years is a long time and is an old taxi.
Agree	Due to covid 19 pandemic I am not working so I am not making any Money. Thanks. Vikram Singh

Agree	As a full time taxi driver I, like so many others, have been severely financially affected by the Corona pandemic. My licence expires in April 2021. I believe you should consider a 1 year extension for all. Regards, Tony Desmond.
Agree	No MONEY to upgrade. All cars and minibus should have 15 years on them. If they pass test what's the problem.
Agree	Economic meltdown because of Covid19 Lockdown,
Agree	I agree because I do not accept there should be any age limit on the vehicles. If they pass the NCT and suitability tests, then the car should be deemed suitable for use as a taxi or hackney. The age limit on vehicles should be removed completely.
Agree	All motor vehicles in Ireland are subject to NCT test regardless of age if the Vehicles pass they allowed to carry up to 4 passengers. We as taxis have 2 tests NCT + SGS. Make the taxt NCT harder for older cars over 10 years older. Allow the test to exclude the car not the year. Is fare on everyone.
Disagree	Extend the age limit if Taxi's because most of us have only just have our cars paid off & not getting a break
Disagree	It's not fair on the taxis to do this when you have Dublin bus out there with buses out there that are older some of the taxis out there are in better Nick then new cars it's all down to money it's hard enough out there as it is
Agree	There's not enough help for the lone self drive taxi driver,safety the detection of elegal operators,and part time drivers,there are companies with up to 80 taxis for rent in the Dublin catchment
Agree	I agree with the draught regulations I take the taxi age limit should be increased to 15 years for all saloon taxis I think there should be a cap on the amount of taxi licences being released at the moment
Agree	The age limit should be 13 to 15 for all vehicles all of the time once the vehicle is kept in good operational order.
Agree	Blank
Agree	Preferably extend the expiry date of ALL licences by 2 years to allow for a resurgence of the covid outbreak in the near future .
Agree	Blank
Agree	The cost of running a taxi is extremely high with insurance, fuel, rental Prices at a high level and it is extremely unfair to put added pressure on drivers to buy a new car in this current climate.
Agree	At the moment I'm not using my taxi as a public service because of my insurance and covid 19
Agree	Get rid of the age rule cause its a bit contradictory the way the car isn't fit to carry passengers for a taxi but is fit enough to carry a family with kids in it after u sell it.a 6 mths visibility or suitability test would be a good idea after 6 months on a 10 year old car buses/coaches dont have
Agree	I think the 10 year should be extended to 12 years from the first day the car was registered.This covid 19 and the effect on the economy will last for years .An extra two years could make all the difference... thanks.. 16241.
Disagree	Should extended longer than 1 year in this pandemic which will hit the taxi business for a couple of years and will not be the same income in the business infefintly!!
Agree	As an exceptional,once off measure,to ensure a sustainable service fleet,in economic recovery,I agree with this draft regulation.There will be considerable hardship on operators as this pandemic finishes,with a recessed economic climate ,and this would be a very welcome provision to help sustain the

Agree	In my opinion this course of action is what i would agree with, it makes sense that if this virus carries on, drivers will lose alot of income. I would also like to see older drivers being allowed to surrender their plates for a set amount as it makes no sense that people who are unwell to go back.
Agree	To help self employed in the industry to keep their jobs in these unprecedented times.
Agree	I think it should be applied to all taxis in light of the cf the Current circumstances
Agree	I agree with the draft
Disagree	Unfair advantage to 763 operators