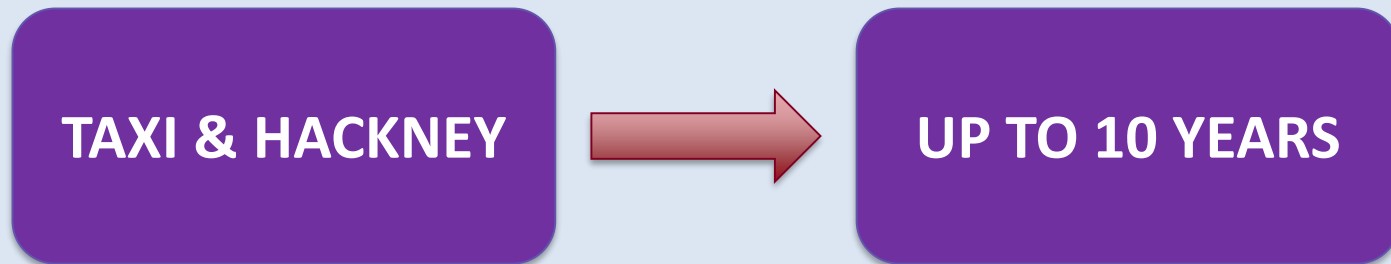


Small Public Service Vehicle: Age Rules



Taxi & Hackney (non-wheelchair accessible)

- For 'standard' (non-wheelchair accessible) taxis and hackneys the vehicle can be licensed up to the **10th anniversary** of the date of its first registration



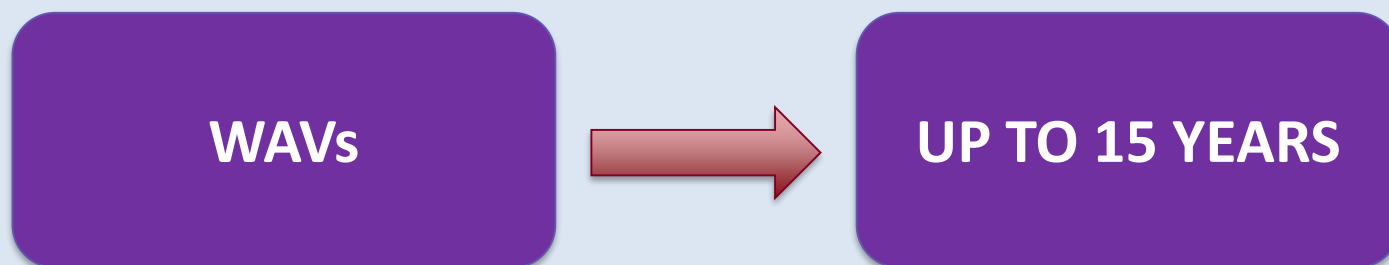
New Licence: No new standard taxi or hackney licences are being granted at present

Change of Vehicle: The proposed vehicle must not have reached the **10th anniversary** of the date of its first registration

Note: Where a vehicle licence was first granted before 1st January 2009 and the vehicle was associated with that licence on 1st January 2013, the vehicle can be licensed up to the 15th anniversary of the date of its first registration.

Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs)

- For wheelchair accessible taxis (WATs) and wheelchair accessible hackneys (WAHs) the vehicle can be licensed up to the **15th anniversary** of the date of its first registration



New Licence: The vehicle must be under 6 years at the time of passing the initial suitability inspection

Change of Vehicle: Any change of vehicle for a WAV must be:

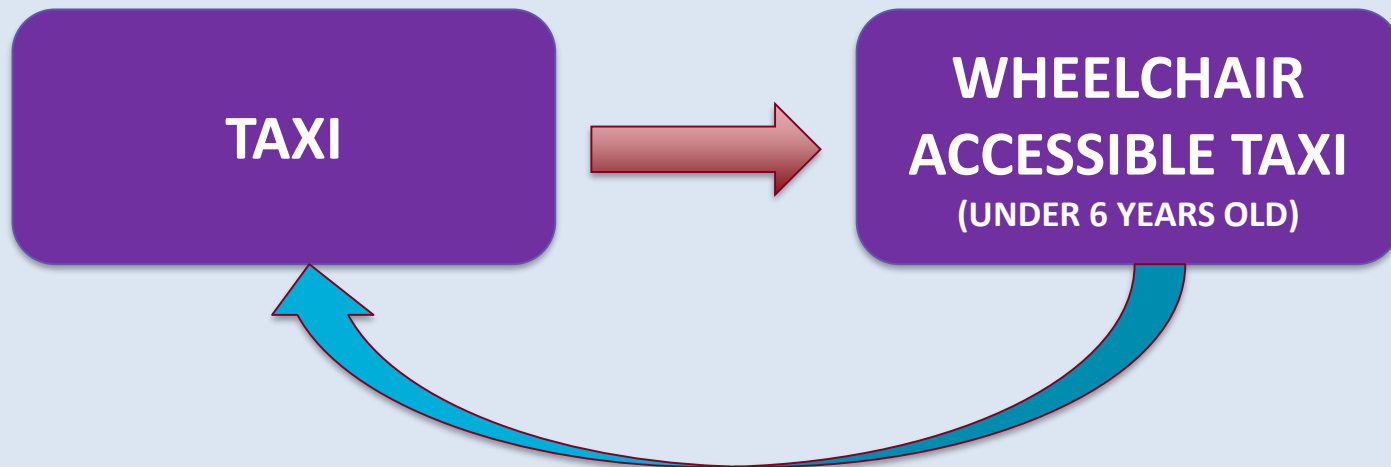
- to a vehicle ***no older than the vehicle being replaced** (“sliding scale”); and
- under 10 years of age.

Grant Funding: To qualify for Grant funding, WAVs must be **under 6 years** at the time of licensing. Applicants must also hold a valid Provisional Grant Offer.

**Sliding Scale: This applies to WAV licences granted after 31st January 2015*

Licence Exchange

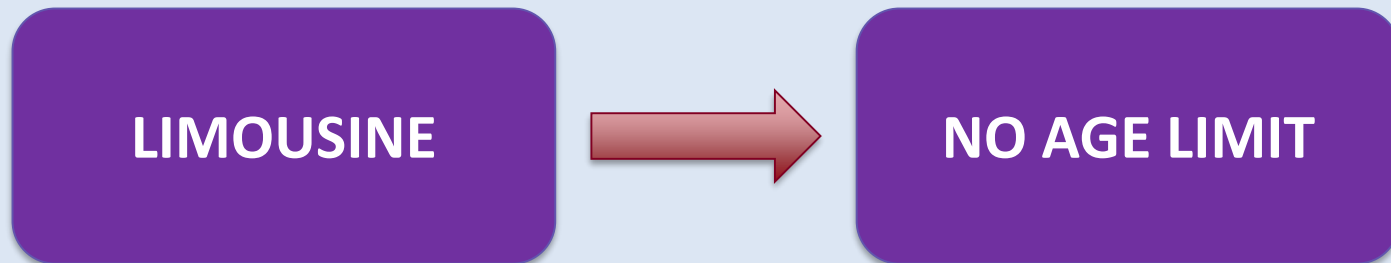
- A standard taxi licence holder may exchange that licence for a wheelchair accessible taxi licence and still have the option to change back to the original standard taxi licence in the future
- A standard taxi licence holder seeking to avail of this exchange, must have a wheelchair accessible vehicle that is **under 6 years of age** at the time of licensing and the vehicle can be licensed until the **15th anniversary** of the date of its first registration



Note: if changing back to a standard taxi licence, standard age rules apply

Limousines

- For limousines there **are no age rules**

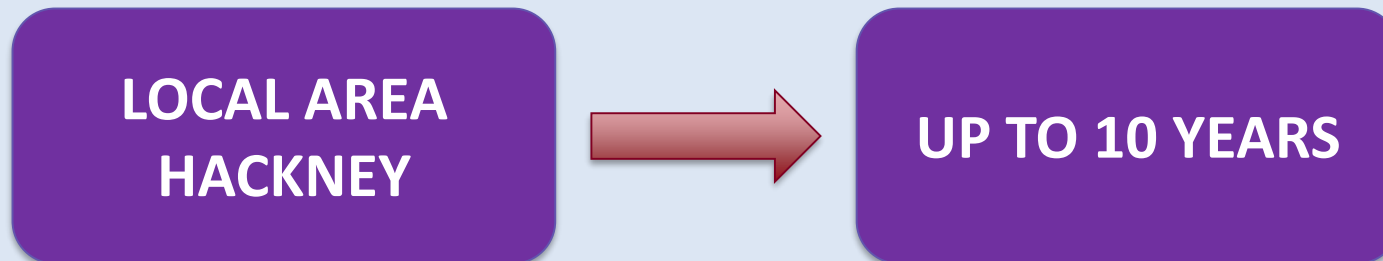


New Licence: There are no vehicle age limits for new limousine licence applications

Change of Vehicle: There are no vehicle age limits for change of vehicle

Local Area Hackneys

- For a local area hackney the vehicle can be licensed up to the **10th anniversary** of the date of its first registration



New Licence: The proposed vehicle must be **under 10 years** old at the time of licensing

Change of Vehicle: The proposed vehicle must be **under 10 years** old at the time of licensing

Time-bound Vehicle Age Regulations

Small Public Service Vehicle (Contingency Measure – Vehicle Supply) (Maximum Permissible Age) Regulations

- These regulations permit an extension to the final operation date of licensed vehicles due to reach their final date of operation/maximum permissible age between 13th March 2020 and 31st December 2024.

Original Final Operation Date	Extension (Years)	Contingency Final Operation Date
2020*	5	2025
2021	4	2025
2022	4	2026
2023	3	2026
2024	3	2027

**From 13 March 2020 when the Covid-19 pandemic began to impact the SPSV industry*

New Licence: Time-bound vehicle age rules do not apply to new licence applications

Change of Vehicle: Time-bound vehicle age rules do not apply to new licence applications

Note: These regulations only apply to vehicles in the SPSV fleet on 18th November 2022, the date the regulations were approved