

The National Transport Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 20 of the Taxi Regulation Act 2013 (No. 37 of 2013), hereby makes the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Taxi Regulation (Taxi Maximum Permissible Age) Regulations 2025.
2. In these Regulations, “Principal Regulations” means the Taxi Regulation (Small Public Service Vehicle) Regulations 2015 (S.I. No. 33 of 2015).
3. These Regulations shall come into operation on [●].
4. The Principal Regulations are amended by substituting the following for Regulation 31:
“31. (1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (8A) the maximum permissible age of a—
 - (a) standard taxi, standard hackney or local area hackney is ten years from the date of first registration of the vehicle, and*
 - (b) wheelchair accessible taxi or wheelchair accessible hackney is fifteen years from the date of first registration of the vehicle.*
(2) Subject to paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) where a vehicle is associated with a standard taxi licence or standard hackney licence first granted before 1 January 2009 and was associated with such licence on 1 January 2013, the maximum permissible age of such vehicle is fifteen years from the date of first registration of the vehicle.

(3) This Regulation does not apply to limousines.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in paragraphs (1) or (2), where a standard taxi, standard hackney, local area hackney, wheelchair accessible taxi or wheelchair accessible hackney would, by virtue of the time periods specified in paragraphs (1) or (2), have reached its maximum permissible age of ten years or fifteen years between 13 March 2020 and 31 December 2020, it shall be deemed not to have reached its maximum permissible age until a period of 60 months after the date upon which it would otherwise have reached its maximum permissible age of ten years or fifteen years by virtue of the time periods specified in paragraphs (1) or (2) without the application of this paragraph (4).

(5) Notwithstanding anything in paragraphs (1) or (2), where a standard taxi, standard hackney, local area hackney, wheelchair accessible taxi or wheelchair accessible hackney would, by virtue of the time periods specified in paragraphs (1) or (2), have reached its maximum permissible age of ten years or fifteen years between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021, it shall be deemed not to have reached its maximum permissible age until a period of 48 months after the date

upon which it would otherwise have reached its maximum permissible age of ten years or fifteen years by virtue of the time periods specified in paragraphs (1) or (2) without the application of this paragraph (5).

- (6) Notwithstanding anything in paragraphs (1) or (2), where a standard taxi, standard hackney, local area hackney, wheelchair accessible taxi or wheelchair accessible hackney would, by virtue of the time periods specified in paragraphs (1) or (2), have reached its maximum permissible age of ten years or fifteen years between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, it shall be deemed not to have reached its maximum permissible age until a period of 48 months after the date upon which it would otherwise have reached its maximum permissible age of ten years or fifteen years by virtue of the time periods specified in paragraphs (1) or (2) without the application of this paragraph (6).*
- (7) Notwithstanding anything in paragraphs (1) or (2), where a standard taxi, standard hackney, local area hackney, wheelchair accessible taxi or wheelchair accessible hackney would, by virtue of the time periods specified in paragraphs (1) or (2), have reached its maximum permissible age of ten years or fifteen years between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023 it shall be deemed not to have reached its maximum permissible age until a period of 36 months after the date upon which it would otherwise have reached its maximum permissible age of ten years or fifteen years by virtue of the time periods specified in paragraphs (1) or (2) without the application of this paragraph (7).*
- (8) Notwithstanding anything in paragraphs (1) or (2), where a standard taxi, standard hackney, local area hackney, wheelchair accessible taxi or wheelchair accessible hackney would, by virtue of the time periods specified in paragraphs (1) or (2), have reached its maximum permissible age of ten years or fifteen years between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024 it shall be deemed not to have reached its maximum permissible age until a period of 36 months after the date upon which it would otherwise have reached its maximum permissible age of ten years or fifteen years by virtue of the time periods specified in paragraphs (1) or (2) without the application of this paragraph (8).*
- (8A) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (1), where a standard taxi would, by virtue of the time period specified in the said paragraph (1), reach or have reached its maximum permissible age of ten years between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025 (whether before or after the coming into effect of the Taxi Regulation (Taxi Maximum Permissible Age) Regulations 2025), it shall be deemed not to have reached its maximum permissible age until a period of 12 months after the date upon which it would otherwise have reached its maximum permissible age of ten years by virtue of the applicable time period specified in paragraph (1) without the application of this paragraph (8A).*
- (9) For the avoidance of doubt, the intention of paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7) (8) and (8A) is to extend the maximum permissible age of the vehicles which would have reached their maximum permissible age in the periods mentioned in those paragraphs by a period of 60 months, 48 months, 48 months, 36 months, 36 months and 12 months respectively.”.*

5. The Small Public Service Vehicle (Contingency Measure – Vehicle Supply) (Maximum Permissible Age) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 588 of 2022) are revoked.

GIVEN under the Seal of the National Transport Authority,

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Chairperson, National Transport Authority.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

The principal purpose of these Regulations is to amend Regulation 31 of the Taxi Regulation (Small Public Service Vehicle) Regulations 2015 (as amended) in relation to its maximum permissible age requirements with respect to vehicles registered during 2015 that are used as taxis and which otherwise would be due to reach their maximum permissible age in 2025. The amendment extends that maximum permitted service life of such a taxi by twelve months.