



Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Arrangements for the requirement to produce IVA/SVA certification

Notice 04/10, published in February 2010, set out to clarify the intention of London Taxi & Private Hire to introduce mandatory production of a VOSA Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) inspection scheme for Special Purpose Vehicles.

Following positive and constructive discussions between London Taxi & Private Hire and key stakeholders in early May 2010 it has been agreed to postpone the introduction of the SVA/IVA inspection for PHV's modified or converted to category M1 special purpose wheelchair accessible vehicles until further notice.

The decision to postpone this introduction has been agreed between all parties to ensure further consultation can take place with all interested parties to resolve a number of concerns regarding operational, technical and safety issues raised.

All parties have the same commitment to the implementation of an inspection scheme which provides a consistent and appropriate inspection standard to ensure licensed wheelchair accessible vehicles transporting our most vulnerable customers are fit for purpose.

Special Purpose Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Licensing

As an interim measure, during this postponement period, any special purpose wheelchair accessible vehicle that has been previously licensed and / or new vehicles entering the private hire vehicle licensing scheme will **continue** to be licensed without a SVA/IVA certificate.

However, London Taxi & Private Hire reserve the right to refuse to license any vehicle with obvious poor modification / conversion standards which are deemed to be unsafe and / or not fit for purpose.

A further notice will be published to set out the long term inspection arrangements once we have identified and agreed the most appropriate way forward.

Other modified vehicles

For clarity, with the exception of the special purpose vehicles as set out above, all other modified vehicle types such as stretch limousines, KIT cars, converted vehicles, imported vehicles, etc, without relevant EC or UK vehicle type approval certification will still be required to produce an SVA/IVA certificate at the annual inspection. This is to guarantee the safety of passengers, drivers and other road users.



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