

Equality Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 15

PART 12

DISABLED PERSONS: TRANSPORT

CHAPTER 1

TAXIS, ETC.

167 Lists of wheelchair-accessible vehicles

- (1) For the purposes of section 165, a licensing authority may maintain a list of vehicles falling within subsection (2).
- (2) A vehicle falls within this subsection if—
 - (a) it is either a taxi or a private hire vehicle, and
 - (b) it conforms to such accessibility requirements as the licensing authority thinks fit
- (3) A licensing authority may, if it thinks fit, decide that a vehicle may be included on a list maintained under this section only if it is being used, or is to be used, by the holder of a special licence under that licence.
- (4) In subsection (3) "special licence" has the meaning given by section 12 of the Transport Act 1985 (use of taxis or hire cars in providing local services).
- (5) "Accessibility requirements" are requirements for securing that it is possible for disabled persons in wheelchairs—
 - (a) to get into and out of vehicles in safety, and
 - (b) to travel in vehicles in safety and reasonable comfort, either staying in their wheelchairs or not (depending on which they prefer).
- (6) The Secretary of State may issue guidance to licensing authorities as to—

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- (a) the accessibility requirements which they should apply for the purposes of this section;
- (b) any other aspect of their functions under or by virtue of this section.
- (7) A licensing authority which maintains a list under subsection (1) must have regard to any guidance issued under subsection (6).