



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 12

#### DISABLED PERSONS: TRANSPORT

#### CHAPTER 1

#### TAXIS, ETC.

### 173 Interpretation

(1) In this Chapter—

“accessibility requirements” has the meaning given in section 167(5);

“assistance dog” means—

- (a) a dog which has been trained to guide a blind person;
- (b) a dog which has been trained to assist a deaf person;
- (c) a dog which has been trained by a prescribed charity to assist a disabled person who has a disability that consists of epilepsy or otherwise affects the person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects;
- (d) a dog of a prescribed category which has been trained to assist a disabled person who has a disability (other than one falling within paragraph (c)) of a prescribed kind;

[<sup>F1</sup>“operator”, in relation to a private hire vehicle—

- (a) means a person who holds a licence under—
  - (i) section 55 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976,
  - (ii) section 3 of the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998, or
  - (iii) a provision of a local enactment equivalent to the provision mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii); and

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- (b) in section 167A, also includes a person who holds a licence under Part I of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in relation to the use of premises for the carrying on of a business which consists to any extent of the taking of bookings, by any means of communication, from members of the public for the hire of a private hire car licenced under section 10 of that Act;

“private hire vehicle”—

- (a) means a vehicle licensed under—
- (i) section 48 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976,
  - (ii) section 7 of the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998, or
  - (iii) a provision of a local enactment equivalent to the provision mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii); and
- (b) in sections 164A to 167A, also includes a private hire car licensed under section 10 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982;]

“taxi”—

- (a) means a vehicle which is licensed under section 37 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 or section 6 of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869, and
- (b) in sections 162 and [<sup>F2</sup>164A] to 167, also includes a taxi licensed under section 10 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982,

but does not include a vehicle drawn by a horse or other animal;

“taxi accessibility regulations” has the meaning given by section 160(1).

- (2) A power to make regulations under paragraph (c) or (d) of the definition of “assistance dog” in subsection (1) is exercisable by the Secretary of State.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 173(1) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 5(5)(a)**, 6(2)
- F2** Word in s. 173(1) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 5(5)(b)**, 6(2)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)