



# Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

## CHAPTER 14

### PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLES ACT 1981

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- 6 Certificate of initial fitness (or equivalent) required for use as public service vehicles.
- 7 Certifying officers and public service vehicle examiners.
- 8 Powers of, and facilities for, inspection of public service vehicles.
- 9 Power to prohibit driving of unfit public service vehicles.
- 9A Extension of sections 8 and 9 to certain passenger vehicles other than public service vehicles.
- 10 Approval of type vehicle and effect thereof.
- 11 Modification of section 6 in relation to experimental vehicles.

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- 14A Objections to application for PSV operator's licence.
- 15 Duration of licences.
- 16 Conditions attached to licences.
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*Appeals to the Secretary of State*

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- 51 Appeals to the Secretary of State.
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- 56 Records of licences.
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- 61 Exercise of regulation making powers and parliamentary control thereof.

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- 66 False statements to obtain licence etc.
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- 68 Defences available to persons charged with certain offences.
- 69 Restriction on institution in England and Wales of proceedings under Part II or III.
- 70 Duty to give information as to identity of driver in certain cases.
- 71 Evidence by certificate.
- 72 Proof in summary proceedings of identity of driver of vehicle.
- 73 Time within which summary proceedings for certain offences may be commenced.
- 74 Offences by companies.
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- 76 General power to hold inquiries.
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### *Supplementary provisions*

- 78 Power of Minister to modify or revoke restrictions in local Acts.
- 79 Vehicles excluded from regulation as private hire vehicles.
- 79A Small PSVs subject to regulation as private hire vehicles.
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- 82 General interpretation provisions.
- 83 Construction of references in other Acts etc. to public service vehicles, licensing authorities etc.
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- 1 The making of the agreement for the payment of separate...
- 2 (1) The journey must be made without previous advertisement to...
- 3 .....

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#### Part III — ALTERNATIVE CONDITIONS AFFECTING STATUS OR CLASSIFICATION

- 5 Arrangements for the bringing together of all the passengers for...
- 6 The journey must be made without previous advertisement to the...
- 7 All passengers must, in the case of a journey to...
- 8 No differentiation of fares for the journey on the basis...

#### Part IV — SUPPLEMENTARY

- 9 For the purposes of paragraphs 2 and 6 above no...

### SCHEDULE 2 — Traffic Commissioners

#### *Terms of service of traffic commissioners*

- 1 The Secretary of State may remove a traffic commissioner from...
- 2 If a traffic commissioner acquires a financial interest in a...

#### *Appointment and terms of office of deputies to traffic commissioners*

- 3 In the case of illness, incapacity or absence of a...
- 4 If the Secretary of State considers that the duties to...
- 5 A person appointed under paragraph 4 above shall be appointed...
- 6 (1) Where the office of traffic commissioner for any traffic...

#### *Staff of traffic commissioners*

- 7 Subject to the approval of the Treasury, the Secretary of...

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- 8 There shall be paid to a traffic commissioner and deputy...
- 9 The principal civil service pension scheme (within the meaning of...

### SCHEDULE 3 — Supplementary Provision as to Qualifications for PSV Operator's Licence

#### *Good repute*

- 1 (1) In determining whether an individual is of good repute,...

#### *Appropriate financial standing*

- 2 (1) Being of appropriate financial standing in relation to an...

#### *Professional competence*

- 3 References in Part II of this Act to professional competence...
- 4 Where an individual is not himself professionally competent, the requirement...
- 5 (1) Where the holder of a PSV operator's licence relies...
- 6 Subject to paragraph 10 below, an individual shall be regarded...
- 7 In paragraph 6 above "approved body" means—

#### *Persons engaged in road passenger transport before 1st January 1978*

- 8 (1) Paragraphs 9 and 10 below apply only to persons...
- 9 (1) An individual or company authorised to engage in the...
- 10 For the purpose of Part II of this Act, an...

### SCHEDULES 4, 5 — . . .

### SCHEDULE 6 — Transitional Provisions and Savings

#### *Periods of time*

- 1 Where a period of time specified in an enactment repealed...

#### *Saving for transitional provisions and savings in orders under section 70(5) and (6) of Transport Act 1980*

- 2 Where any provision of the Transport Act 1980 which is...

#### *Certificates of initial fitness*

- 3 A certificate of fitness issued in respect of a vehicle...
- 4 For the purposes of subsection (1) of section 6 of...

### SCHEDULE 7 — Consequential Amendments

#### *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 (c. 26)*

- 1 In section 4(4) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act...

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*Local Government (Omnibus Shelters and Queue Barriers) (Scotland) Act 1958 (c. 50)*

2 In section 7(1) of the Local Government (Omnibus Shelters and...

*Finance Act 1965 (c. 25)*

3 In section 92 of the Finance Act 1965, in the...  
4–8 .....

*Transport Act 1968 (c. 73)*

9 In section 59(1) of the Transport Act 1968 for the...  
10 In section 159(1) of that Act— (a) in the definition...

*Transport (London) Act 1969 (c. 35)*

11 In section 23 of the Transport (London) Act 1969—  
12–15 .....

*Road Traffic (Foreign Vehicles) Act 1972 (c. 27)*

16 In section 4(2)(b) of the Road Traffic (Foreign Vehicles) Act...  
17 In section 7(1) of that Act— (a) in the definition...  
18 In Schedule 1 to that Act for the words “Section...

*Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (c. 57)*

19 In section 63(3)(b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions)  
Act...  
20 In section 80(1) of that Act, in the definition of...

*Energy Act 1976 (c. 76)*

21 In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Energy Act...  
22 In paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to that Act for...

*Transport Act 1978 (c. 55)*

23 In section 1(2)(a) of the Transport Act 1978 for the...  
24 .....

SCHEDULE 8 — Repeals

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