



Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 34

Regulation of private hire vehicle operators in London

4 Obligations of London operators.

- (1) The holder of a London PHV operator's licence (in this Act referred to as a "London PHV operator") shall not in London accept a private hire booking other than at an operating centre specified in his licence.
- (2) A London PHV operator shall secure that any vehicle which is provided by him for carrying out a private hire booking accepted by him in London is—
 - (a) a vehicle for which a London PHV licence is in force driven by a person holding a London PHV driver's licence; or
 - (b) a London cab driven by a person holding a London cab driver's licence.
- (3) A London PHV operator shall—
 - (a) display a copy of his licence at each operating centre specified in the licence;
 - (b) keep at each specified operating centre a record in the prescribed form of the private hire bookings accepted by him there;
 - (c) before the commencement of each journey booked at a specified operating centre, enter in the record kept under paragraph (b) the prescribed particulars of the booking;
 - [^{F1}(d) keep at the specified operating centre or, where more than one operating centre is specified, at one of the operating centres such records as may be prescribed of particulars of the private hire vehicles and drivers which are available to him for carrying out bookings accepted by him at that or, as the case may be, each centre;
 - (da) where more than one operating centre is specified—
 - (i) give notice to the licensing authority, and
 - (ii) display at each specified operating centre a notice, stating the address of the operating centre at which the records are kept under paragraph (d);]

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- (e) at the request of a constable or authorised officer, produce for inspection any record required by this section to be kept.
- (4) If a London PHV operator ceases to use an operating centre specified in his licence he shall preserve any record he was required by this section to keep there for such period as may be prescribed.
- (5) A London PHV operator who contravenes any provision of this section is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (6) It is a defence in proceedings for an offence under this section for an operator to show that he exercised all due diligence to avoid committing such an offence.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 4(3)(d)(da) substituted for s. 4(3)(d) (coming into force in accordance with ss. 1(2), 3 of the amending Act) by [Transport for London Act 2008 \(c. i\), s. 25](#)
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 4 partly in force; s. 4 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 40(2) ; s. 4(1)(3)(4) in force at 22.1.2001 by [S.I. 2000/3144, art. 2](#); s. 4(5)(6) in force at 22.10.2001 by [S.I. 2000/3144, art. 3](#)
- I2** S. 4(2) in force at 8.6.2004 by [S.I. 2004/241, art. 2\(2\)](#)

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