



Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles (Safeguarding and Road Safety) Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 14

Licensing information database

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- (1) In this Act “licensing information database” means the database operated for the purposes of this Act—
 - (a) by a person designated by the Secretary of State, or
 - (b) where no such person is designated, by, or on behalf of, the Secretary of State.
- (2) A designation under [subsection \(1\)\(a\)](#)—
 - (a) may contain conditions to which it is subject, and
 - (b) may be varied or withdrawn by the Secretary of State.
- (3) The person operating the database must ensure that—
 - (a) every licensing authority, relevant authority and the Department for Infrastructure in Northern Ireland are, subject to [subsection \(4\)](#), able to search the database, make entries in it and amend, remove and reinstate entries that it has made,
 - (b) every entry made in the database in accordance with section 2 is removed from the database at the end of the period of 11 years beginning with the day on which it is first made, and
 - (c) the information contained in the database is disclosed only for the purposes of ensuring—
 - (i) the safeguarding of passengers, and
 - (ii) road safety.
- (4) The person operating the database may charge a fee to a person specified in [subsection \(3\)\(a\)](#) in respect of the costs of the database.
- (5) A fee under [subsection \(4\)](#) may in particular be a periodic fee calculated in such manner as the person operating the database considers appropriate.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (6) But a person designated under [subsection \(1\)\(a\)](#) may only charge fees under [subsection \(4\)](#) if the Secretary of State has agreed the level of the fees to be charged.