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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 2990**

**DISABLED PERSONS  
TRANSPORT, ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Taxis) (Carrying of Guide Dogs etc.) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>8th November 2000</i>
<i>Laid Before Parliament</i>		<i>8th November 2000</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>		
<i>for the purposes of regulation 2(1)</i>		<i>1st December 2000</i>
<i>For all other purposes</i>		<i>31st March 2001</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 37(8)(b) and (9) and 67(2) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995<sup>(1)</sup>, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

VALID FROM 31/03/2001

**Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Taxis) (Carrying of Guide Dogs etc.) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force—

- (a) for the purposes of regulation 2(1) on 1st December 2000; and
  - (b) for all other purposes on 31st March 2001.
- (2) In these Regulations “the 1995 Act” means the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.
- (3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

**Status:** Point in time view as at 01/12/2000. This version of this

Instrument contains provisions that are not valid for this point in time.

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Taxis) (Carrying of Guide Dogs etc.) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000. (See end of Document for details)

### Commencement Information

**I1** Reg. 1 in force at 31.3.2001, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(b\)](#)

### Notices of exemption

**2.—(1)** The prescribed notice of exemption for the purposes of section 37(8)(b) of the 1995 Act shall be—

- (a) in the case of a driver of a taxi to whom the certificate of exemption has been issued by a licensing authority in England, the notice set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations; and
- (b) in the case of a driver of a taxi to whom the certificate of exemption has been issued by a licensing authority in Wales, the notice set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

**(2)** The prescribed manner of exhibiting a notice of exemption for the purposes of section 37(8)(b) of the 1995 Act shall be by either—

- (a) affixing it in a prominent position on the dashboard of the taxi, facing upwards; or
- (b) affixing it to the windscreen of the taxi, facing outwards.

### Commencement Information

**I2** Reg. 2(1) in force at 1.12.2000, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(a\)](#)

**I3** Reg. 2(2) in force at 31.3.2001, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(b\)](#)

VALID FROM 31/03/2001

### Categories of dog

**3.—(1)** An assistance dog is prescribed as a category of dog for the purposes of section 37(9) of the 1995 Act.

**(2)** “An assistance dog” means a dog which—

- (a) is trained by a specified charity to assist a disabled person with a physical impairment for the purpose of section 1 of the 1995 Act which—
  - (i) consists of epilepsy; or
  - (ii) otherwise affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects; and
- (b) at the time that the disabled person whom it is assisting hires a taxi, is wearing a jacket on which is prominently inscribed the name of a specified charity.

**(3)** A “specified charity” means—

- (a) “Dogs for the Disabled” registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 700454;
- (b) “Support Dogs” registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1017237; or
- (c) “Canine Partners for Independence” registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 803680.

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**Commencement Information**

**I4** Reg. 3 in force at 31.3.2001, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(b\)](#)

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions

*Keith Hill*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of the Environment, Transport and  
the Regions

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(1)(a)

**FORM OF FRONT OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN ENGLAND**

SECTION 37 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

(Name of tax licensing authority):

Driver's name \_\_\_\_\_

License No. \_\_\_\_\_

The person named above is exempt from carrying guide dogs, hearing dogs, or assistance dogs in the taxi specified at "A" below or in a kind of taxi specified at "B" below.

A. Registration number of specified taxi: \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Kind of taxi:

- (a) taxis with fixed partition segregating the driver from the passenger compartment;
- (b) taxis without fixed partition segregating the driver from the passenger compartment.

This notice expires \_ \_ 20 \_ \_

*(Delete as appropriate)*



**Commencement Information**  
**I5** Sch. 1 Pt. 1 in force at 1.12.2000, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(a\)](#)

**FORM OF BACK OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN ENGLAND**

**WARNING**

Only the driver named overleaf may use this notice.

**Commencement Information**  
**I6** Sch. 1 Pt. 2 in force at 1.12.2000, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(a\)](#)



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**Commencement Information**

**18** Sch. 2 Pt. 2 in force at 1.12.2000, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(a\)](#)

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

Section 37 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 imposes a duty on taxi drivers to carry, without additional charge a guide dog, hearing dog and other prescribed category of dog when it accompanies the hirer. It also provides that a taxi driver may be exempted from this obligation on medical grounds. (The dates on which these provisions come into force for England and Wales are prescribed by S.I.2000/2989 (C.91) made at the same time as these Regulations.)

These Regulations, which apply to taxis licensed in England and Wales, prescribe the form of the exemption notice which must be displayed by an exempted driver and the manner of its display in the taxi.

The Regulations also prescribe as an additional category of dog to which section 37 applies certain dogs helping people with epilepsy or certain general physical disabilities.

The provisions prescribing the form of exemption notices come into force on 1st December 2000. For all other purposes the Regulations come into force on 31st March 2001.

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared and copies can be obtained from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Zone 1/18 Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1 4DR (telephone 020 7944 6100). A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.

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