



TAXI AND CHARTER VEHICLE DRIVER

The Government is proposing important changes to the legislation regulating the on-demand transport industry.



WHAT ARE THE NEW CHANGES?

New legislation will deliver a much simpler and fairer system by moving all taxi and charter drivers under a single on-demand driver authorisation. This will replace the existing driver licence extensions and be payable annually. Taxi drivers will still be the only ones permitted to source jobs through rank and hail.



WILL THERE BE ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING AN AUTHORISED DRIVER?

Yes. You will have to meet a number of requirements including:

- a National Police Certificate every five years;
- a medical assessment every five years (unless otherwise directed); and
- an annual authorisation fee.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR ME?

The new operating environment will ensure you are competing in a fair market and to keep it fair, there will be new penalties for any unauthorised drivers carrying paying passengers.



WHAT WILL IT COST TO BE AN AUTHORISED ON DEMAND DRIVER?

New fees will be introduced once the changes are finalised. These include:

- an initial application fee charged to all potential drivers;
- additional fees for regular medical assessment reports and police clearances; and
- an annual authorisation fee.



WHEN WILL THE CHANGES COME INTO EFFECT?

There will be no changes to the way you operate until the legislation is in place, which is likely to be late 2018.