

Proposed amendments to the existing hackney carriage and private hire vehicle specification

Section	Policy/Vehicle Specification	Proposal	Justification for amendments
3.8.1/6.2.1	The vehicle shall have no exterior visible signs of previous significant accident damage	Replace with "The vehicle shall have no exterior visible signs of previous significant damage" ie deep scratches	To clarify that is it not only road traffic collisions, but the significance of the damage itself, however it was caused.
3.10.1/6.4.1	The minimum leg room available to any passenger shall be 200mm. The measurements will be taken from the base of the seat to the centre of the rear of the seat in front when the front seat is at its full, rearwards extension. Where there is no seat in front the measurement will be taken from the base of the seat to the nearest obstruction in front.	Remove the specification	In practical terms the existing leg room requirement would mean that a large proportion of existing licensed vehicles would be removed from the road. All licensed vehicles must be "type approved" therefore each type approved vehicle has been deemed as fit for purpose to carry the number of passengers as detailed on the vehicle registration documents ("V5").
3.10.2/6.4.2	The internal headroom from the seat cushion to the lowest part of the roof in a vertical line shall be a minimum of 920 mm	Remove this specification	As above ,all licensed vehicles must be "type approved"
3.12.1/6.6.1	Vehicles shall have a passenger seat capacity of not less than 4 persons and not more than 8 persons	Replace with: Vehicles shall have a passenger seat capacity as specified within the V5 registration documents, but not less than 4 persons and not more than 8 persons.	For clarity purposes
3.12.4/6.6.4	Each seat shall not be less than 406 mm in width	Remove this specification	As above, all licensed vehicles must be "type approved".
3.12.5/6.6.5	Where bench seats are provided, then the seat shall provide a minimum	Remove this specification	As above, all licensed vehicles must be "type approved".

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	of 406mm seating space for each passenger i.e. a rear bench seat shall not be less than 1218 mm in order to accommodate 3 passengers		
3.13.2/6.7.2	Vehicle windows shall have visual transmission to ensure that the interior of the vehicle is clearly visible from the outside of the vehicle at all times. All vehicles shall be fitted with windscreen glass that has a light transmittance of 75% and all other window glass shall have a light transmittance of not less than 70% EXCEPT those parts of the rear window or any side window adjacent to the luggage space in any estate-type vehicle which can be of any tint fitted at manufacture providing it is not opaque	Remove the specification	As above, all licensed vehicles must be "type approved".
3.13.3/6.7.3	No vehicle shall be fitted with any form of additional means to darken or tint the glass on any part of the vehicle	Add " other than fitted by manufacturer or in compliance with the current regulations"	For clarity purposes