

PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT

The Public Service Vehicles (Accessible Information) (Prescribed Operator Exemptions and Modifications) Regulations 2024

Made - - - -

30th September 2024

Coming into force - -

1st October 2024

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 181B(3)(b), (4) and (5) and 207(4)(b) of the Equality Act 2010 (“the 2010 Act”)(a).

In accordance with section 181B(8) of the 2010 Act, the Secretary of State has consulted with the Welsh Ministers and the Scottish Ministers.

Citation, commencement, extent and expiry

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Accessible Information) (Prescribed Operator Exemptions and Modifications) Regulations 2024 and come into force on 1st October 2024.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

(3) These Regulations cease to have effect at the end of 31st July 2026.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the 2023 Regulations” means the Public Service Vehicles (Accessible Information) Regulations 2023(b);

“local service” has the meaning given in section 2 of the Transport Act 1985(c).

Prescribed operators

3. These Regulations apply in relation to those operators listed in the Schedule by reference to their operator licence number, referred to in these Regulations as “prescribed operators”.

Exemptions from the 2023 Regulations

4.—(1) The provisions of the 2023 Regulations listed in paragraph (3) do not apply to the public service vehicle of a prescribed operator where each of the conditions in paragraph (2) are met.

(2) The conditions are met if—

(a) the public service vehicle is—

(a) 2010 c. 15; section 181B was inserted by the Bus Services Act 2017 (c. 21), section 17(1). Section 181B(7) provides that regulations made under section 181B that apply only to public service vehicles of a prescribed operator are not required to be made by statutory instrument. See section 181D(1) for the definition of “public service vehicle” and section 212(1) for the definition of “prescribed”.

(b) S.I. 2023/715 (“the 2023 Regulations”).

(c) 1985 c. 67.

- (i) a vehicle designed and constructed for the carriage of seated passengers only which is of category M2 or M3, as defined in Article 4 of Regulation 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles^(a),
 - (ii) in use for a local service provided under an agreement entered into, where a railway service has been temporarily interrupted, with the person who usually provides the railway service or with a person acting for or on behalf of the person who usually provides the railway service, and
 - (b) the prescribed operator is not in receipt of a grant under the Bus Operator Accessible Information Regulation Support Grant^(b) scheme.
- (3) The provisions of the 2023 Regulations referred to in paragraph (1) are—
- (a) regulation 8(2) (route termination information: preceding alert);
 - (b) regulation 10(2)(b) (diversion information: preceding alert);
 - (c) regulation 11(2)(b) and (5)(b) (information about hail and ride services: preceding alert);
 - (d) regulation 13(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) (requirements regarding audio information);
 - (e) regulation 14 (requirements regarding visual information).

Modifications to the 2023 Regulations

5. Where each of the conditions in regulation 4(2) are met, regulations 6(2), 9(2) and 11(5)(a) of the 2023 Regulations apply to the public service vehicle of a prescribed operator with the following modifications—

- (a) regulation 6(2) is to be read as if the reference to “regulations 12 to 14” were a reference to “regulation 12”;
- (b) regulation 9(2) is to be read as if sub-paragraph (b) were substituted by the following—
 - “(b) in sufficient time to enable passengers to leave the vehicle at the scheduled stopping place referred to in paragraph (1).”;
- (c) regulation 11(5)(a) is to be read as if paragraph (ii) were substituted by the following—
 - “(ii) in sufficient time to enable passengers to leave the vehicle at the first scheduled stopping place following the end of the hail and ride service.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

30th September 2024

Simon Lightwood
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

(a) EUR 2018/858, amended by S.I. 2022/1273; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.
 (b) The Bus Operator Accessible Information Regulation Support Grant supports smaller operators to provide audible and visible information consistent with the 2023 Regulations. Further information is available at: <https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/bus-operator-accessible-information-regulation-support-grant-extended-1>.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

Prescribed operators

	Operator licence number
1	PB0000387
2	PB0000595
3	PB0001398
4	PB0001701
5	PB0001727
6	PB0001932
7	PB0002035
8	PB0002301
9	PB0002379
10	PB0002381
11	PB0002425
12	PB0002454
13	PB0002613
14	PB0002632
15	PB0002633
16	PB0003072
17	PB0003076
18	PB0003590
19	PB0003707
20	PB0003710
21	PB0004169
22	PB0004202
23	PB0004318
24	PB0004329
25	PB1026789
26	PB1049268
27	PB1053163
28	PB1069542
29	PB1075166
30	PB1081341
31	PB1084997
32	PB1087973
33	PB1091804
34	PB1092058
35	PB1093518
36	PB1104137

	Operator licence number
37	PB1105461
38	PB1107575
39	PB1110587
40	PB1120595
41	PB1121731
42	PB1123315
43	PB1123601
44	PB1123667
45	PB1125487
46	PB1129926
47	PB1133147
48	PB1136140
49	PB1137278
50	PB1140706
51	PB1141510
52	PB1142876
53	PB1143052
54	PB1144547
55	PB1144958
56	PB2008999
57	PB2009025
58	PB2013495
59	PB2017365
60	PB2020200
61	PB2022798
62	PB2024186
63	PB2024660
64	PB2025366
65	PB2025388
66	PB2025629
67	PB2028577
68	PB2042419
69	PB2045898
70	PB2055190
71	PB2058752
72	PB2059773
73	PB2060918
74	PB2062043
75	PB2062823
76	PB2070655
77	PB2073200
78	PB2075334

	Operator licence number
79	PC0000109
80	PC0001086
81	PC0001439
82	PC0001866
83	PC0001870
84	PC0002922
85	PC0003422
86	PC0003522
87	PC0004217
88	PC0004218
89	PC0004875
90	PC0005338
91	PC1007771
92	PC1008487
93	PC1016644
94	PC1021803
95	PC1023780
96	PC1034075
97	PC1039614
98	PC1058788
99	PC1079559
100	PC1084897
101	PC1087377
102	PC1087927
103	PC1088617
104	PC1090231
105	PC1092340
106	PC1094191
107	PC1098787
108	PC1120654
109	PC1124528
110	PC1128921
111	PC1133454
112	PC1134699
113	PC1137244
114	PC1143935
115	PC1144041
116	PC1145939
117	PC1146551
118	PC1147153
119	PC1147641
120	PC2000788

	Operator licence number
121	PC2001962
122	PC2003506
123	PC2011897
124	PC2012003
125	PC2013544
126	PC2014932
127	PC2015928
128	PC2018827
129	PC2023602
130	PC2024724
131	PC2026365
132	PC2026592
133	PC2029014
134	PC2032474
135	PC2037891
136	PC2049209
137	PC2050693
138	PC2050891
139	PC2058042
140	PC2061489
141	PC2064263
142	PC2066996
143	PC2069531
144	PC2069579
145	PC2070017
146	PC2071326
147	PC2071456
148	PC2071612
149	PC2072264
150	PC2073379
151	PD0000059
152	PD0000184
153	PD0000226
154	PD0000419
155	PD0000479
156	PD0001255
157	PD0001619
158	PD0001719
159	PD0001888
160	PD1007019
161	PD1007019
162	PD1015642

	Operator licence number
163	PD1020869
164	PD1028393
165	PD1036769
166	PD1064508
167	PD1081913
168	PD1092093
169	PD1093425
170	PD1115593
171	PD1117482
172	PD1118175
173	PD1121321
174	PD1126532
175	PD1128125
176	PD1129826
177	PD1131743
178	PD1135593
179	PD1138369
180	PD1142703
181	PD1147704
182	PD2000825
183	PD2002054
184	PD2002527
185	PD2004024
186	PD2008915
187	PD2009939
188	PD2009999
189	PD2012100
190	PD2015567
191	PD2016974
192	PD2018595
193	PD2019596
194	PD2021404
195	PD2029010
196	PD2035192
197	PD2039304
198	PD2044286
199	PD2045936
200	PD2054300
201	PD2055956
202	PD2065802
203	PD2067117
204	PD2070615

	Operator licence number
205	PD2071773
206	PF0000035
207	PF0000087
208	PF0000089
209	PF0000097
210	PF0000152
211	PF0000205
212	PF0000458
213	PF0000508
214	PF0000705
215	PF0001223
216	PF0001353
217	PF0001524
218	PF0001553
219	PF0001633
220	PF0001947
221	PF0001961
222	PF0002053
223	PF0002158
224	PF0002280
225	PF0002454
226	PF0005046
227	PF0006095
228	PF0006132
229	PF0007024
230	PF0007028
231	PF0007048
232	PF0007062
233	PF0007080
234	PF0007085
235	PF0007089
236	PF1003444
237	PF1013559
238	PF1018256
239	PF1022133
240	PF1024617
241	PF1030687
242	PF1036148
243	PF1037815
244	PF1049326
245	PF1056524
246	PF1057829

	Operator licence number
247	PF1058979
248	PF1066137
249	PF1077694
250	PF1080941
251	PF1088540
252	PF1090194
253	PF1094649
254	PF1098485
255	PF1102351
256	PF1103487
257	PF1105231
258	PF1111885
259	PF1118394
260	PF1118503
261	PF1119867
262	PF1121128
263	PF1122675
264	PF1122792
265	PF1123454
266	PF1123987
267	PF1124678
268	PF1125458
269	PF1126730
270	PF1128546
271	PF1129235
272	PF1129415
273	PF1130637
274	PF1133667
275	PF1136854
276	PF1140258
277	PF1142840
278	PF2000853
279	PF2004826
280	PF2005120
281	PF2006033
282	PF2006130
283	PF2008285
284	PF2008827
285	PF2009436
286	PF2009488
287	PF2009728
288	PF2012481

	Operator licence number
289	PF2014523
290	PF2017521
291	PF2019582
292	PF2020134
293	PF2023719
294	PF2024545
295	PF2027123
296	PF2027208
297	PF2035520
298	PF2036315
299	PF2039354
300	PF2040302
301	PF2041375
302	PF2044627
303	PF2046482
304	PF2046711
305	PF2050550
306	PF2053250
307	PF2057170
308	PF2057538
309	PF2059213
310	PF2065765
311	PF2066718
312	PF2068007
313	PF2070732
314	PF2072074
315	PG0001374
316	PG0004765
317	PG0005881
318	PG0006630
319	PG0007044
320	PG0007208
321	PG0007414
322	PG0007573
323	PG1036688
324	PG1043352
325	PG1047060
326	PG1057567
327	PG1059685
328	PG1060966
329	PG1079161
330	PG1079413

	Operator licence number
331	PG1089880
332	PG1099080
333	PG1101572
334	PG1102028
335	PG1123459
336	PG1127013
337	PG1141350
338	PG1144009
339	PG2004715
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361	PH0006159
362	PH0006364
363	PH0006457
364	PH0006793
365	PH0006999
366	PH0007007
367	PH0007049
368	PH0007101
369	PH0007112
370	PH0007122
371	PH0007279
372	PH1010097

	Operator licence number
373	PH1011572
374	PH1015848
375	PH1026770
376	PH1044398
377	PH1056534
378	PH1065314
379	PH1067388
380	PH1068084
381	PH1073984
382	PH1077645
383	PH1081198
384	PH1084449
385	PH1085974
386	PH1088109
387	PH1091335
388	PH1094020
389	PH1095537
390	PH1098224
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407	PH1145484
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413	PH2015826
414	PH2025442

	Operator licence number
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416	PH2029546
417	PH2032565
418	PH2042686
419	PH2042969
420	PH2042972
421	PH2049927
422	PH2051855
423	PH2056607
424	PH2058637
425	PH2058842
426	PH2061419
427	PH2063564
428	PH2065423
429	PH2070371
430	PK0000115
431	PK0001670
432	PK0001815
433	PK0001922
434	PK0002377
435	PK0002389
436	PK0002703
437	PK0003138
438	PK0003344
439	PK0003436
440	PK0003556
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447	PK1064859
448	PK1102275
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450	PK1104712
451	PK1109969
452	PK1111749
453	PK1118946
454	PK1119618
455	PK1121222
456	PK1131577

	Operator licence number
457	PK1135862
458	PK1135965
459	PK1137937
460	PK1142053
461	PK1145709
462	PK1147727
463	PK1148558
464	PK2000354
465	PK2002847
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475	PK2017447
476	PK2031995
477	PK2038704
478	PK2039529
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480	PK2047858
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482	PK2061471
483	PK2062800
484	PK2069573
485	PK2071481
486	PK2072075
487	PM0000133
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489	PM0001586
490	PM0002277
491	PM0002724
492	PM0003019
493	PM0003023
494	PM1000007
495	PM1001506
496	PM1008058
497	PM1012789
498	PM1022975

	Operator licence number
499	PM1032689
500	PM1033727
501	PM1036025
502	PM1038898
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504	PM1040390
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506	PM1057313
507	PM1060979
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513	PM1100341
514	PM1103348
515	PM1105431
516	PM1107228
517	PM1107358
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519	PM1119494
520	PM1126342
521	PM1126921
522	PM1128330
523	PM1135750
524	PM1138307
525	PM1140428
526	PM1140809
527	PM1145335
528	PM1146115
529	PM2001440
530	PM2005061
531	PM2009898
532	PM2014327
533	PM2014737
534	PM2016873
535	PM2017509
536	PM2019353
537	PM2024694
538	PM2026172
539	PM2026607
540	PM2033412

	Operator licence number
541	PM2037743
542	PM2062728
543	PM2064907
544	PM2065552
545	PM2071163
546	PM2074771

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations create an exemption from specific provisions of the Public Service Vehicles (Accessible Information) Regulations 2023 (S.I 2023/715) (“the 2023 Regulations”) for the public service vehicle of a prescribed operator when certain conditions are met. These Regulations also modify other provisions of the 2023 Regulations for those within scope of these Regulations.

Regulation 1 makes provision relating to citation, commencement, extent and expiry. The Regulations come into force on 1 October 2024 and expire at the end of 31 July 2026. The Regulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

Regulation 2 provides definitions for the purposes of these Regulations.

Regulation 3 introduces the Schedule which lists the operators to which these Regulations apply, referred to as “prescribed operators”.

Regulation 4 sets out the conditions which must be met in order for the public service vehicle of a prescribed operator to be exempt for the provisions of the 2023 Regulations which are set out in this regulation. These are that the public service vehicle is a coach, which is in use to provide rail replacement services and that the operator is not in receipt of a grant under the Bus Operator Accessible Information Regulation Support Grant scheme.

Regulation 5 provides modifications to the 2023 Regulations to ensure the provisions of the 2023 Regulations which still apply can operate correctly.

The Schedule lists the prescribed operators by reference to their operator licence number. The operators’ name and other information can be found by searching the operator licence number at: <https://www.vehicle-operator-licensing.service.gov.uk/search/find-lorry-bus-operators>.

A hard copy of these Regulations can be obtained free of charge on request from the Department for Transport, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR, email: AIRExemptions@dft.gov.uk or telephone: (+44)300 330 3000.