

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

### Lists of Accessible Taxis under S167 Equality Act 2010



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<p>Please advise if you have produced, or currently intend to produce, a list of wheelchair accessible:</p> <p>Taxis, and</p> <p>Private hire vehicles</p> <p>under the powers set out in S167 of the Equality Act 2010.</p>	<p>The Council does not currently produce a list of wheelchair accessible taxis and private hire vehicles under the powers set out in S167 of the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>The Council does currently produce and maintain a list outside of this legislation, and will continue to do so.</p> <p>This list is available online at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.southampton.gov.uk/Images/WCA_vehicles_201603_tcm63-364840.pdf">http://www.southampton.gov.uk/Images/WCA_vehicles_201603_tcm63-364840.pdf</a></p>
<p>Please identify how many a) taxi and b) PHV drivers have applied for medical / physical impairment exemption under S166 of the Equality Act 2010 since S166 was commenced. If you've created a list under S167, please identify how many of the exemptions were in place before S167 and how many have been put in since.</p>	<p>Nil have been applied for to date</p>
<p>Please state whether you voluntarily compiled a list of accessible taxis and private hire vehicles following the Department for Transport's guidance of 15th September 2010, which stated, in relation to section 167, "although the list of designated vehicles will have no actual effect in law until the duties are commenced, we would urge licensing authorities to start maintaining a list as soon as possible for the purpose of liaising with the trade and issuing exemption certificates".</p>	<p>The Council does currently produce and maintain a list outside of the Equality Act 2010, which is available online at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.southampton.gov.uk/Images/WCA_vehicles_201603_tcm63-364840.pdf">http://www.southampton.gov.uk/Images/WCA_vehicles_201603_tcm63-364840.pdf</a></p>
<p>If you did produce such a voluntary list, please indicate when you did so, and provide the current list.</p>	<p>The Council has been publishing this list since 2009, and a copy is available online at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.southampton.gov.uk/Images/WCA_vehicles_201603_tcm63-364840.pdf">http://www.southampton.gov.uk/Images/WCA_vehicles_201603_tcm63-364840.pdf</a></p> <p>Should you require a hard copy of the list, or a copy of the list in a different format, please</p>

	advise.
If you have produced a list of wheelchair accessible taxis and/or private hire vehicles under S167, or are going to, please tell me the following.	<p>The Council does not produce a list of wheelchair accessible taxis and/or private hire vehicles under S167.</p> <p>A report is being prepared to be submitted to the Council's Licensing Committee for the approval to adopt a S167 list.</p> <p>If agreed, the S167 list will be published. There is no fixed date for the Licensing Committee to consider the report, however, but it is hoped this will take place shortly.</p>
The date the list was instated or by which you intend to do so.	This information is not held by the Council, as it is yet to be determined.
The accessibility requirements of a taxi for it to appear on the list	This information is not held by the Council, as it is yet to be determined.
How you intend to enforce drivers' compliance with S165.	This information is not held by the Council, as it is yet to be determined.
The list.	<p>The Council does not currently produce a list of wheelchair accessible taxis and private hire vehicles under the powers set out in S167 of the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>The Council does currently produce and maintain a list outside of this legislation, and will continue to do so.</p> <p>This list is available online at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.southampton.gov.uk/Images/WCA_vehicles_201603_tcm63-364840.pdf">http://www.southampton.gov.uk/Images/WCA_vehicles_201603_tcm63-364840.pdf</a></p>

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