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DfT Automated Passenger Services Consultation Closes...

The Department for Transport (DfT) has closed its '*Automated Passenger Services (APS) Permitting Scheme Consultation*'. It sought views on a statutory instrument, to be introduced under the *Automated Vehicles (AV) Act 2024*, governing the deployment of commercial self-driving schemes. A Government response is awaited...

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21st September 2025

Exchequer Considers VAT Imposition on Fares...

The Chancellor, reportedly, is considering imposing Value-Added Tax (VAT) on taxi and private hire fares. This coincides with the now-closed HMRC '*Consultation on the VAT Treatment of Private Hire Vehicles*' from 2024 (on which a Government response is still awaited) and the Supreme Court decision in *DELTA Merseyside Ltd et al v Uber Britannia Ltd [2025] UKSC 31*. It is expected, if pursued, to be announced in the budget on 26th November 2025...

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Public Office (Accountability) Bill Introduced...

The House of Commons (HC) has completed its first reading of the '*Public Office (Accountability) Bill*'. It is sponsored by the Ministry of Justice and, amongst others, seeks to impose duties on authorities. Such duties, which also cover officials, include acting with candour, transparency and frankness. A date for

the second reading is awaited...

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8th September 2025

HC Licensing of Taxis & Private Hire Vehicles Inquiry...

The House of Commons' (HC) Transport Committee closes call for written evidence in its '*Licensing of Taxis & Private Hire Vehicles*' Inquiry. The Committee is charged with examining the effectiveness of the current licensing framework against authority powers, regional differences, ride-hailing platforms and cross-border activities. It will now move to hearing oral submissions on 15th October 2025...

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2nd September 2025

TfL Introduces SERU for Taxi Drivers...

Transport for London (TfL) has issued '*Introduction of the Safety, Equality & Regulatory Understanding Assessment for Taxi Drivers*' Notice 06/26. The new requirement, which implements DfT recommendations within the '*Statutory Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Standards*' (2020), applies to both licence-holders and new applicants. It took effect on 1st October 2025...

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- > [House of Commons Education Committee publishes its '*Solving The SEND Crisis*' report \(18th September 2025\)...](#)
- > [Mayor of London questioned in London Assembly over Transport for London licence issuing delays and the streamlining of processes \(11th September 2025\)...](#)
- > [Secretary of State for Transport responds to House of Commons questions on the time taken to process private hire vehicle licences \(10th September 2025\)...](#)
- > [Transport for London opens '*Pedicabs in London: Detailed Licensing Requirements*' consultation \(9th September 2025\)...](#)
- > [Secretary to the Treasury responds to House of Commons questions on potential imposition of VAT on private hire fares \(8th September 2025\)...](#)
- > [Mayors' call for *English Devolution & Community Empowerment Bill* amendment prohibiting out-of-area work \(4th September 2025\)...](#)

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