



## Removal of Mid-Year Inspections for Taxis: Change of Licence Fee and Notification of refunds

### Introduction

- 1 PCO Notice 37/08 announced the decision to remove the requirement for taxis to undergo a mid-year inspection as a condition of licensing with effect from 6 November 2008. Further to that Notice, this Notice informs taxi owners about:
  - (a) the new licence fee as a consequence of the decision to remove mid-year inspections; and
  - (b) the arrangements for making a partial refund to those taxi owners who have paid the annual licensing fee of £178 but are no longer required to present their vehicle for a mid-year inspection.

### Change of licence fee

- 2 As a consequence of the decision to remove mid-year inspections with effect from 6 November 2008, the new annual taxi licence fee will be **£160**.
- 3 The new licence fee of £160 will be charged to all owners booking a licensing inspection appointment on or after Monday 19 January 2009.

### Refunds

- 4 A refund of **£18** will be made to all vehicle owners who paid a licence fee of £178 and who, since 6 November 2008, have not been required to present their vehicle for a mid-year inspection.
- 5 The PCO will process automatically all those cases where owners are entitled to a refund. In other words, there is no requirement for vehicle owners to apply to the PCO for a refund. We will aim to complete the refund process within a period of 6 weeks from the date of this Notice. Vehicle owners are, therefore, requested not to contact the PCO until **after** that 6 week period has elapsed, and only in those cases where they consider that they are entitled to, but have not received, a refund.
- 6 Any taxi owner who paid a full licence fee of £178, and was required to present their vehicle for a mid-year inspection **on or before** 5 November 2008, in accordance with paragraph 14(o) of the London Cab Order 1934, but **failed** to comply with that requirement, is not entitled to receive a refund.

**Further information about this Notice**

- 7 For clarification about the content of this Notice or any other related enquiries, please call the **PCO Contract management Team on 020 7126 1638** or email **[pco\\_taxicontract@pco.org.uk](mailto:pco_taxicontract@pco.org.uk)**

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