



**Private Hire Operators
Amendment to the operators' licences regulations**

The Private Hire Vehicles (London) (Operators' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 came into force on 1 May 2009.

The Regulations have amended regulation 19 (Continuance of licence on death, bankruptcy etc) of the Private Hire Vehicles (London) (Operators' Licences) Regulations 2000 to reflect amendments to primary legislation made by the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

Regulation 19(1)(c) now applies in relation to a private hire vehicle (PHV) operator's licence granted in the sole name of an individual in the event of that individual becoming a "*person who lacks capacity (within the meaning of the Mental Capacity Act 2005) to carry on the activities covered by the licence*".

In these circumstances, regulation 19 allows the licensing authority to direct that the operator's licence is not terminated and that another person who is acting as the operator is treated as the licence holder for a period of up to six months.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Dowdye", enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

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