

Transport for London

Public Carriage Office



**Transport for London Act 2008
London Taxis – ‘On Street’ Unfit Notice**

Further to PCO Notice 17/08 issued on 14 July 2008 that summarised the provisions of the Act as they affect London taxis, this notice specifically deals with section 16 of this Act.

Section 16 amends section 2 of the London Hackney Carriage Act 1853 to allow TfL to serve an unfit notice on the driver as well as the proprietor of a cab found to be unfit preventing the cab being used until it is repaired.

An unfit notice means that, with immediate effect, the vehicle cannot be used for hire and reward purposes until the notice is cleared. If the vehicle is used in contravention of the notice, then the vehicle licence can be suspended.

This provision came into force on 22 July 2008.

Where serious and safety related defects are found, unfit notices will be issued directly to drivers, taking immediate effect. In other words, the vehicle is unfit for public use and the defects must be rectified before being used for hire and reward purposes. Serious defects would include tyres, steering, suspension, brakes, extensive accident damage, absence of road tax and insurance. Safety related items include: - seat belts, carriage seats insecure or damaged, rear carriage grab handles insecure or damaged, door locks inoperative.

Where only minor defects are found, an unfit notice will be issued to the licensee by post in the usual way.

Attached is a copy of the ‘on-street’ unfit notice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Stock", written in a cursive style.

Dave Stock
Head of Service Delivery

29 July 2008

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Our reference no: insert
Your licence no: insert
Date: insert

Five lines for name and address

REPORT ON CAB UNFIT FOR PUBLIC USE
VRM : insert Plate Number : insert

ISSUED TO DRIVER : insert BADGE NUMBER : insert

The above mentioned motor cab was inspected on insert date at insert time
at insert location

The vehicle is reported to be unfit for public use because of the following defects:

Defect: Taxi Inspection Manual
(section reference)

A COPY OF THIS UNFIT NOTICE WILL BE SENT TO THE LICENSEE AND YOU SHOULD INFORM THE LICENSEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED AN **ON-STREET UNFIT NOTICE**

I therefore give you notice that the said motorcab is in breach of section 2 of the London Hackney Carriage Act 1853, section 19 of the London Cab Order 1934, and the Conditions of Fitness, and **must not be used whilst it remains unfit for public use.**

Your attention is drawn to the notes on the reverse of this notice.

Type of Vehicle:
Date Licence issued:
Issuing Officer:

M Dowdye
On behalf of Transport For London,
the Licensing Authority

MAYOR OF LONDON

NOTES:

1. This vehicle **must not be used again for Public Hire** (hire and reward) until the faults on this notice are rectified by an authorised PCO/ SGS Inspection centre.
2. Telephone **SGS call centre: 0845 378 2345** to make an appointment and request a compliance inspection.
3. **This unfit notice must be presented to the inspection centre at the time of inspection of the motor cab.**
4. This inspection may extend beyond the items specified on this notice.
5. If an unfit motor cab is used for public hire the licence is liable to be suspended and the driver may face prosecution.
6. If you have any other enquires please telephone the **PCO Compliance Team: 020 7126 1980**

SGS Official Use Only

Name of SGS Inspector Date of Inspection

Please tick the ' Pass Box ' below if you have inspected the vehicle and are satisfied that the defects have been rectified.

Pass

If any of the original defects have not been rectified, please tick the ' Fail Box ' below and record the codes of the items that have not been rectified.

Fail

Other Defects

If other defect/s are found and were not in the original notice, and are **safety related**, please tick ' Other Defects ' box. Record codes of the items in the box below that have been found from the original defect/s reported.

In this box, enter the codes of the defects not rectified.