



**PH Vehicle Licensing**

**Introduction of new VOSA IVA inspection scheme**

From the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009, Vehicle & Operator Services Agency (VOSA) introduced a new Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) inspection scheme which will eventually replace the Single Vehicle Approval (SVA) inspection sometime between 2011 and 2012. The new IVA inspection will be a UK National approval scheme for 'M1 Type Approved' passenger vehicles.

The change will **not** affect the current Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) licensing criteria. However, vehicles that require an additional inspection in order to satisfy the London PHV licensing requirements will continue to be directed to VOSA for either a Voluntary **SVA** inspection or the new Voluntary **IVA** inspection.

Vehicles that have already undergone an SVA inspection will **not** be affected by the change provided evidence can be produced to show that an SVA inspection had been carried out. The PCO will continue to accept the SVA certificate or a statement within the Vehicle Registration Certificate (V5c) confirming that a SVA has been certified.

To obtain either a Voluntary 'standard' SVA application form or a Voluntary 'Basic' IVA application form, you will need to contact VOSA directly. VOSA will be happy to provide guidance before specifying which of the inspection types is required. Once the vehicle has passed the VOSA inspection, the certificate must be presented as evidence at the licensing inspection.

More information about the new IVA inspection scheme can be obtained from any of the VOSA testing stations or from their website at [www.vosa.gov.uk](http://www.vosa.gov.uk)

Further information about the private hire vehicle regulations, the licensing criteria or information regarding the new IVA inspection scheme can be obtained by contacting the PHV Contract Management Team on **020 7126 1806** or alternatively from the TfL website at [www.tfl.gov.uk/pco](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/pco)

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