

REGULATIONS 1972, No. 17*

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Regulations under the *Motor Vehicles Ordinance* 1949 as amended

I, FREDERICK CHARLES CHANEY, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, having received the advice of the Administrator's Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Motor Vehicles Ordinance* 1949 as amended.

Dated this eighteenth day of September, 1972.

F. CHANEY
Administrator

AMENDMENTS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE (MOTOR HIRE CAR) REGULATIONS†

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice published in the *Gazette*.‡ Commencement

2. Regulation 4 of the Motor Vehicle (Motor Hire Car) Regulations is repealed and the following regulation inserted in its stead:— Parts

"4. These Regulations are divided into Parts, as follows:—

Part I. —Preliminary (Regulations 1-5).

Part II. —Drivers of Hire Cars.

Division 1.—Licensing of Drivers (Regulations 6-12).

Division 2.—Conduct &c. of Drivers of Public or Private Hire Cars (Regulations 13-24B).

Part III. —Fares.

Division 1.—Private Hire Cars and Public Hire Cars to which Taximeters not fitted (Regulations 25-32).

Division 2.—Public Hire Cars to which Taximeters required to be fitted (Regulations 32A-32J).

Part IIIA.—Taximeters (Regulations 32K-32Q).

Part IIIB.—Use of Signs (Regulations 32K-32U).

Part IV. —Miscellaneous (Regulations 33-45)."

* Notified in the *Northern Territory Government Gazette* on 27 September, 1972.

† Regulations 1953, Nos. 4 and 14.

‡ The date fixed was 1 November 1972 (see *Northern Territory Government Gazette* No. 41 of 11 October 1972, page 368).

Interpretation	<p>3. Regulation 5 of the Motor Vehicle (Motor Hire Car) Regulations is amended by inserting after the definition of "public stand" the following definition:—</p> <p>" 'taximeter area' means each of the following areas:—</p> <p>(a) the area described in the <i>Darwin Lands Acquisition Act 1945</i>;</p> <p>(b) the area of the town of Alice Springs, being the town of Alice Springs within the meaning of the <i>Alice Springs Administration Ordinance 1937</i> as amended;</p> <p>(c) an area notified by the Administrator by instrument in writing published in the <i>Gazette</i>;"</p>
Requirements as to cleanliness, &c.	<p>4. Regulations 14 of the Motor Vehicle (Motor Hire Car) Regulations is amended by omitting paragraph (a) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—</p> <p>"(c) be clean and tidy and wear respectable clothes, including shoes;"</p>
On request driver to carry passengers in accordance with licence	<p>5. Regulation 22 of the Motor Vehicle (Motor Hire Car) Regulations is amended by omitting sub-regulation (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-regulation:—</p> <p>"(2.) In ascertaining for the purposes of the last preceding sub-regulation the number of passengers, there shall not be taken into account—</p> <p>(a) a child apparently under five years of age; or</p> <p>(b) if there are three or more children apparently over five years and under twelve years of age, every third such child."</p>
Operation of taximeter	<p>6. After regulation 24 of the Motor Vehicle (Motor Hire Car) Regulations, the following regulations are inserted in Part II.:—</p> <p>"24A. Except in the case of a hiring for a journey wholly outside a taximeter area, the driver of a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted—</p> <p>(a) shall, unless the car is already hired or the hiring is for a journey to a specified place to convey the hirer or his luggage other goods from that place, as soon as the car is hired and no sooner, set the taximeter in motion;</p> <p>(b) shall, during a hiring and until it terminates, keep the taximeter in operation and not cause or permit it to be stopped so far as it lies within his power; and</p> <p>(c) shall, immediately upon the termination of the hiring, stop the taximeter.</p>
Travel by shortest practicable route	<p>"24B. In conveying a person who has hired a public hire car, the driver of the car shall travel by the shortest practicable route to the place specified by the person unless the person requests that the vehicle be driven by another route."</p>
Heading to Division 1 of Part III.	<p>7. After the heading to Part III. of the Motor Vehicle (Motor Hire Car) Regulations the following heading is inserted:—</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Division 1.—Private Hire Cars and Public Hire Cars to which Taximeters not Fitted"</i>.</p>

8. Regulations 25 of the Motor Vehicle (Motor Hire Car) Regulations is repealed and the following regulations inserted in its stead:—

"25. In this Division, a reference to a public hire car shall be read as a reference to a public hire car to which a taximeter is not fitted. Interpretation

"25A. The maximum fare chargeable for the hiring of a public hire car under this Division is the sum of— Fares

(a) a hiring charge of Thirty cents;

(b) an amount—

(i) if the place where the hirer entered the car is within the boundaries of a town—equal to the sum of an amount calculated at the rate of Twenty cents per mile for travel by the car between that place and his place of destination by the car and an amount calculated at the rate of Twenty cents per mile for the return of the car to the place where the hirer entered the car; or

(ii) if the place where the hirer entered the car is outside the boundaries of a town—Forty cents per mile for travel from that place to his place of destination by the car; and

(c) if applicable, the amounts that would be chargeable under sub-regulations (5.), (6.) and (8.) of regulation 32A of these Regulations if the car were fitted with a taximeter."

9. After regulation 26 of the Motor Vehicle (Motor Hire Car) Regulations the following regulation is inserted:—

"26A. Before a journey by a private hire car is commenced, the owner or driver shall notify the hirer of the amount of the fare for the hiring, including any charge for the conveyance of luggage or goods and the fare for the hiring shall be that amount or such lesser amount as may be agreed between the hirer and the owner or driver." Agreement in respect of private hire car fares

10. The Motor Vehicle (Motor Hire Car) Regulations are amended by adding at the end of Part III. the following Division:—

"Division 2.—Public Hire Cars to which Taximeter required to be Fitted.

"32A—(1.) Where a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted is required to travel on a journey wholly within a taximeter area, the maximum fare for a hiring of the car is the sum of— Fares

(a) the amount of the hiring (or 'flag-fall') charge;

(b) an amount calculated in accordance with the rate of mileage charge for the journey; and

(c) if applicable, the amounts chargeable under sub-regulations (5.), (6.) and (8.) of this regulation.

"(2.) The hiring (or 'flag-fall') charge is Thirty cents.

"(3.) The mileage charge for a journey is at the rate of Thirty cents for each mile travelled by a passenger in the public hire car.

"(4.) Where a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted is required to travel on a journey partly outside a taximeter area, the maximum fare for a hiring of the car is the sum of—

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- (a) an amount calculated at the rate of Twenty cents per mile for travel by the car between the place where the hirer entered the car and his place of destination by the car;
- (b) an amount calculated at the rate of Twenty cents per mile for travel by the car between that place of destination and the place where either the hirer had entered the car or the public stand that is nearest to the place where he had entered the car, whichever place is closer to the place of destination;
- (c) where any travel by the car between the places specified in either of the last two preceding paragraphs is over a road surface that is not prepared with cement or concrete or is not sealed with bitumen or other sealing substance—an amount in respect of travel over any such road surface calculated at the rate of Five cents per mile; and
- (d) if applicable, the amounts chargeable under sub-regulations (5.), (6.) and (8.) of this regulation.

“(5.) Where a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted is required to wait for a period before, during or after the end of, a journey, an amount calculated at the rate of Thirty cents for each period of six minutes of waiting may be charged.

“(6.) Where a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted carries the luggage or other goods of the hirer, the driver may charge the hirer in respect of that carriage—

- (a) if the hirer travels with his luggage or goods and the driver, at the request of the hirer, carries any of the luggage or goods in the luggage compartment of the car—an additional amount of Ten cents; or
- (b) if the hirer does not travel with his luggage or goods—such additional amount as is agreed with the hirer.

“(7.) Where a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted is hired—

- (a) to travel to a place where a wedding is to take place, to wait while the wedding takes place and, after the wedding, to travel in accordance with the directions of the hirer; or
- (b) to travel to a place where a funeral service is to be performed, to wait during the service and, after the service, to travel in accordance with the directions of the hirer

the fare that may be charged is such amount as is agreed with the hirer, being an amount not exceeding an amount calculated at the rates of Ten dollars for the first hour or fractional part of one hour and Seventy-five cents for each subsequent period of fifteen minutes and any fractional part of such a period.

“(8.) Where a radio-telephone is used to inform the driver of the public hire car of the hiring, an amount of Ten cents may be charged as a booking fee.

Display of rates

“32B.—(1.) Subject to the succeeding provisions of this regulation, a person shall not drive, or be in charge of, a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted unless—

- (a) the words ‘Flag Fall’ preceded by symbols representing the amount of the hiring charge specified in sub-regulation (2.) of the last preceding regulation; and

(b) the words 'per mile' preceded by symbols representing the rate of mileage charge specified in sub-regulation (3.) of the last preceding regulation, are exhibited, in one-inch gilt block letters on a black background, on the windscreen of the car.

"(2.) Subject to the succeeding provisions of this regulation, a person shall not drive, or be in charge of, a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted unless —

- (a) the words 'Flag Fall' preceded by symbols representing the amount of the hiring charge specified in sub-regulation (2.) of the last preceding regulation;
- (b) the words 'per mile' preceded by symbols representing the rate of mileage charge specified in sub-regulation (3.) of the last preceding regulation; and
- (c) the words 'radio booking fee' followed by symbols representing the fee specified in sub-regulation (8.) of the last preceding regulation,

are exhibited, in one-inch gilt block letters on a black background, on the rear window of the car as near as practicable to the lower edge of that window.

"(3.) A person shall not drive, or be in charge of, a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted unless—

- (a) the words 'Flag Fall', preceded by symbols representing the amount of the charge specified in sub-regulation (2.) of the last preceding regulation; and
- (b) immediately under those words and symbols the words 'per mile' preceded by symbols representing the rate of mileage charge at which the taximeter is regulated to register,

are exhibited, on the face of the taximeter inside the glass, in letters and figures that are as large as practicable and are easily legible by a hirer.

"(4.) The words and symbols required by this regulation to be exhibited on the windscreen and rear window of a public hire car shall not be exhibited on anything affixed to the windscreen or rear window and shall be placed directly on the windscreen and rear window by means of paint or similar means.

"(5.) A person shall not drive, or be in charge of, a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted—

- (a) while a reference to the hiring (or 'flag-fall') charge, rate of mileage charge or booking fee specified in the last preceding regulation is exhibited in, on or about the public hire car elsewhere or otherwise than as prescribed by this Division; or
- (b) while a reference to any other rate of fare or charge for the hiring of the public hire car is exhibited in, on or about the public hire car.

"32c. Where the hiring of a public hire car is for a journey within a taximeter area, the driver of a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted shall, before requesting or receiving payment in respect of a hiring—

- (a) cause the amount recorded on the taximeter to be displayed so that it may be read easily by the hirer;

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- (b) if necessary for that purpose, cause the face of the taximeter to be illuminated; and
- (c) state the amount of any extra charge for luggage or other goods.

Journey to
picking up place

"32D.—(1.) Where a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted travels to a specified place to convey a hirer or his luggage or other goods from that place, the driver shall—

- (a) on arrival at the specified place, give reasonable notice to the hirer personally of the arrival of the car; and
- (b) set the taximeter in motion—
 - (i) as soon as practicable after the giving of the notice; or
 - (ii) at a time appointed for the arrival of the car at the specified place, whichever is the later.

"(2.) For the purposes of this Division, a journey by a hired public hire car shall be regarded as commencing when the taximeter is set in motion as provided by the last preceding sub-regulation.

"(3.) Where a person, acting on his own or another person's behalf, requests the driver of a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted to travel to a specified place to convey, with or without the hirer, his luggage or other goods from that place to another specified place—

- (a) if the request is made when the car is on a public street and is available for hire and the person making the request agrees travel in the car to the first-mentioned specified place—the driver shall immediately comply with the request; and
- (b) if, when the car arrives at the first-mentioned specified place, the hirer fails to complete the hiring—the person who requested the driver to travel to that place shall, on demand made by the driver, pay to him an amount equivalent to the prescribed fare in respect of the journey by the car to that place.

Driver waiting
or requested to
return later

"32E.—(1.) Where the hirer of a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted requests the driver of the public hire car to wait while the hirer leaves the car, the driver shall wait for the period agreed upon with the hirer or, if no period is agreed upon, for a period not exceeding fifteen minutes.

"(2.) Upon arriving at the place where he is required by the hirer to wait, the driver of a public hire car may refuse to wait unless he is paid the fare to that place or the charge for waiting, or both.

"(3.) Where the hirer of a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted leaves the car without instructing the driver of the car to wait, the driver of the car is not entitled to charge for waiting in respect of a period longer than thirty minutes after the hirer leaves the car unless the driver has ascertained that the hirer intended him to wait for the longer period.

"(4.) Where—

- (a) the driver of a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted is discharged from a hiring; and

(b) is requested to return later with the car to the place of discharge for a further hiring,

he may claim the fare to the time of discharge and need not accept a further hiring.

“(5.) Nothing in this regulation requires the driver of a public hire car to wait at a place in contravention of a law relating to the standing or waiting of motor vehicles.

“32F.—(1.) Where there is in force an exemption under regulation 32K of these Regulations, the holder of a licence to drive the public hire car shall cause a fare card issued by the Registrar in respect of the public hire car to be displayed in a position in the car in which it can be read easily by a hirer of, or a passenger in, the car. Use of fare card where taximeter not working or not fitted

“(2.) Where the exemption expires or is revoked by the Registrar, the person to whom the fare card was issued shall, forthwith, surrender the card to the Registrar.

“(3.) Where—

(a) a public hire car is conveying a person who has hired the car; and

(b) the taximeter with which the car is fitted ceases operating during the journey otherwise than by being stopped by a person,

the prescribed fare for the journey shall be calculated by reference to the mileage of the journey as shown by, or ascertained from, the reading of the speedometer of the car.”.

“32G. The driver or person in charge of a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted or exempted under regulation 32K of the Regulations or any other person shall not demand or accept separate fares from passengers for any one hiring or for any one journey if there are two or more persons travelling.

“32H.—(1.) The hirer of a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted or which is exempted under 32K of these Regulations shall, on demand by the driver on the termination of a hiring, pay the fare charged in accordance with this Division or such lesser amount as may be agreed upon. Payment of fares

“(2.) The driver shall not demand a greater fare than the maximum fare chargeable in accordance with this Division.

“32J.—(1.) The Registrar may, by notice in writing served on the owner or driver of a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted or which is exempted under regulation 35K of these Regulations, require the owner or driver to furnish him, within the period specified in the notice, full and correct information of the fares charged for travel in the car. Information as to fares

“(2.) An owner or driver on which such a notice has been served shall not, without reasonable excuse, fail or refuse to furnish the information as so required.”.

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11. After Part III. of the Motor Vehicle (Motor Hire Car) Regulations, the following Parts are inserted:—

"PART IIIA.—TAXIMETERS

Requirements
and exemption

"32K.—(1.) Subject to this Part, a person shall not drive, or be in charge of, a public hire car on a public street in a taximeter area for the purpose of conveying passengers or luggage or other goods unless—

- (a) there is fitted to the public hire car in the manner prescribed by the Schedule to these Regulations a taximeter of a type approved by the Registrar and with respect to which the requirements of that Schedule are satisfied; and
- (b) the taximeter, including each part of its controlling mechanism, is in good working order and condition; and
- (c) the taximeter is so adjusted that, when set in motion, it will register the amounts prescribed by regulation 32A of these Regulations in respect of hiring, mileage and waiting.

"(2.) If the Registrar is satisfied that the holder of a public hire car licence is not able temporarily to comply with all or any of the provisions of the last preceding sub-regulation owing to unforeseen circumstances affecting the operation of the taximeter, the Registrar may, by instrument in writing, exempt the holder from compliance with such of those provisions as he specifies in the instrument, for such period as he considers reasonable and so specifies, and subject to such conditions as he considers necessary and so specifies, to ensure compliance with the specified provisions at the expiration of that period.

"(3.) It is a defence to a prosecution for a failure to comply with a provision of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation that—

- (a) the Registrar had exempted the accused person under the last preceding sub-regulation from compliance with that provision and that exemption was in force at the time of the alleged offence; and
- (b) the accused person had, at that time, complied with the conditions specified in the instrument of exemption.

Use of fare
conversion card

"32L.—(1.) Where—

- (a) a change is made in the hiring (or 'flag-fall') charge, rate of mileage charge or charge for waiting that is prescribed by regulation 32A of these Regulations; and
- (b) it appears to the Registrar that the holder of a public hire car licence cannot within a reasonable time have his taximeter adjusted so as to register the new charge or rate,

the Registrar shall prepare and issue to the holder of the licence a conversion card.

"(2.) Where the amount payable in respect of a hiring is at a new charge or rate that includes a fraction of a cent, the Registrar shall, in preparing a conversion card—

- (a) if the fraction does not exceed one-half of a cent—reduce the amount payable by the amount of the fraction; or

(b) if the fraction exceeds one-half of a cent—increase the amount payable by treating the fraction as one cent.

“(3.) The holder of a public hire car licence to whom a conversion card is issued shall cause the card to be displayed in a position in the car in which it can be read easily by a hirer of, or a passenger in, the car.

“(4.) When the taximeter fitted to the public hire car is adjusted to register the new charge or rate, the holder of the public hire car licence shall return the conversion card to the Registrar.

“(5.) In this regulation, ‘conversion card’ means in relation to the taximeter fitted to a public hire car, a card showing the amount payable, by reference to the amount registered by the taximeter, in respect of a hiring of the car, as the hiring (or ‘flag-fall’) charge, rate of mileage charge or charge for waiting.

“32M. The holder of a public hire car licence in respect of a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted shall—

Maintenance of taximeter

(a) keep the taximeter in good order and condition and, for the purpose, have the taximeter tested by a testing officer as often as necessary but at least once every twelve months;

(b) where, owing to an alteration in the car, including its equipment, or for another reason, the taximeter is not registering correctly or other wise is out of order—

(i) immediately notify the Registrar; and

(ii) until the taximeter is suitably adjusted and the car is produced to the Registrar for a test of the taximeter, take adequate precautions to prevent the car from standing or being driven on a public street in a taximeter area for the purpose of conveying passengers or luggage or other goods; and

(c) where the taximeter so fitted is not the taximeter originally tested by a testing officer or where, for any reason, the seal affixed as required by the Schedule to these Regulations is broken—

(i) immediately notify the Registrar; and

(ii) until the car is produced to the Registrar for a test of the taximeter and a testing officer seals the taximeter, take adequate precautions to prevent the car from standing or being driven on a public street in a taximeter area for the purpose of conveying passengers or luggage or other goods.

“32N.—(1.) The Registrar may, by notice in writing served on the holder of a public hire car licence in respect of a public hire car to which a taximeter is fitted, require the holder to produce the car for the inspection and testing of the taximeter by an officer at such a place and within such a period as are specified in the notice.

Inspection of taximeter

(2.) Where as a result of an inspection and test of a taximeter under the last preceding sub-regulation, the testing officer is of the opinion that the taximeter does not satisfy a requirement of these Regulations, the Registrar may suspend the licence until—

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- (a) a taximeter satisfying the requirements of these Regulations is fitted to the car; and
- (b) the seal of the testing officer as required by the Schedule to these Regulations is affixed to the taximeter.

Interference
with taximeter

32P. A person shall not interfere with, or cause or permit another person to interfere with, the taximeter, or its mechanism, fitted to a public hire car so as to prevent the proper working of the taximeter.

Fees for testing
taximeter, &c.

32Q. Before the examination and testing of a taximeter, there is payable to the Registrar a fee of One dollar and, before the re-sealing of a taximeter, there is payable to the Registrar a fee of Fifty cents.

"PART IIIB.—USE OF SIGNS

"Vacant" sign

32R.—(1.) A person driving, or in charge of, a public hire car in a public street in a taximeter area, being a car available for hire, shall display in accordance with the next succeeding sub-regulation a rectangular sign, not exceeding nine inches by three inches in dimensions, bearing the word 'VACANT' in plain block letters at least two inches in height and of proportionate breadth, in clear contrast with the background.

"(2.) The sign specified in the last preceding sub-regulation shall—

(a) unless otherwise approved by the Registrar, be displayed—

(i) as near as practicable to the bottom of the windscreen of the car; or

(ii) as near as practicable to the centre of the front edge of the roof or hood of the car; and

(b) be illuminated between sunset and sunrise.

"(3.) The driver of a public hire car shall not display on the taximeter a word, letter, device or other sign that states or implies that it is available for hire other than—

(a) the sign displayed in accordance with the preceding provisions of this regulation; and

(b) the prescribed word or words on the flag of the taximeter.

"(4.) A person driving, or in charge of a private hire car, shall not display, so that it can be read by a person outside the car, a word, letter, device or other sign that—

(a) refers to the rate for the hiring of the car; and

(b) in any way states or implies that the car is available for hire.

Covering of
sign when
vehicle not for
hire

32S. Where a public hire car is not available for hire, the driver, or person in charge of the car, shall cause—

(a) the sign bearing the word 'VACANT'; and

(b) the prescribed word or words on the flag of the taximeter, to be covered or otherwise obscured so as not to be visible from outside the car.

Sign on roof

32T.—(1.) The holder of a public hire car licence may affix to the top of the roof or hood of the public hire car a sign bearing the word 'TAXI' and no other word, letter, symbol or figure.

"(2.) Where a sign affixed to a public hire car in accordance with the last preceding sub-regulation is capable of being illuminated at night, a person shall not drive, or be in charge of, the car unless the light illuminating the sign is switched on when the car is available for hire.

"(3.) Where a sign is capable of being illuminated at night, the colour of the illumination shall not be red, blue or amber.

"32U. A person shall not display a word, letter, sign or label on or near to the windscreen or other window of a public hire car—

Display of
unauthorized
signs

- (a) without the permission of the Registrar; or
- (b) unless permitted or required to do so in accordance with these Regulations."

12. Regulation 44 of the Motor Vehicle (Motor Hire Car) Regulations **Offences**

is amended by omitting the words "Ten pounds" and inserting in their stead the words "One hundred dollars".

13. The Motor Vehicle (Motor Hire Car) Regulations are amended by adding at the end thereof the following Schedule:—

THE SCHEDULE

Schedule

Regulation 32k

REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO TAXIMETERS

1. On the face of the taximeter—
 - (a) there shall be an indication slot where the amounts to be registered by the taximeter are clearly displayed; and
 - (b) there shall be shown, immediately above the indication slot, the word "FARE" in letters as large as possible so as to be easily legible by a hirer.
2. The taximeter shall have a flag—
 - (a) made of metal or other suitable durable material;
 - (b) so constructed that, after each hiring when the flag is being raised, the indicators of the fare return to zero or a disc or shutter obscures the initial fare;
 - (c) with the word "VACANT" or the words "FOR HIRE" painted on, or affixed to, the flag, being a word or words at least two inches high and easily legible at a reasonable distance; and
 - (d) so fitted that, when the public hire car is not available for hire, the word or words specified in the last preceding paragraph can be covered or otherwise obscured as required by regulation 32s of these Regulations,
3. Each side of the taximeter shall have suitable holes or lugs so that a wire can be passed through and sealed or the taximeter shall be fitted with other means approved by the Registrar so as to seal effectively the case containing the working parts of the taximeter.

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4. Where the gear-box for the distance travelled is not enclosed in the main part of the taximeter, the case of the gear-box shall be so constructed that it may be sealed in a similar manner.

5. The body of the taximeter shall have a space three inches square, or a plate near the machine of the taximeter, suitable for the stencilling by or on behalf of the Registrar of—

- (a) the measurement of the diameter or circumference of the wheel by which the taximeter is to be driven; and
- (b) the result of the test of the action of the wheel and its accuracy.

6. The taximeter shall be fitted—

- (a) on the near side of the public hire car with its face towards the interior of the car; or
- (b) in such other position or manner as the Registrar approves.

7. If required by the Registrar, the taximeter shall, before being fitted to the public hire car, be sent to the Registrar and tested for accuracy of mileage and timing.

8. After being fitted to the public hire car the taximeter shall be tested by actual use of the taximeter.

9. Where a taximeter is, after testing, found to be satisfactory, it shall bear the seal of a testing officer so affixed that the internal part of the taximeter cannot be reached without the seal being broken.
