

## **Explanatory Memorandum**

**(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)**

These Regulations provide that a hackney or taxi licence may be granted only in respect of a vehicle that is wheelchair accessible.

They further provide that a person who is granted a taxi or wheelchair accessible taxi licence (i.e. a new licence) after these Regulations come into operation will not be permitted to transfer that licence to another party. In addition, they provide that a taxi licence granted before these Regulations come into operation (i.e. an existing taxi licence) may be transferred from the licence-holder to another party on only one further occasion. This transfer may only be made in respect of a vehicle that is less than three years old. Subsequent changes in vehicle may be no older than the vehicle it replaces. A wheelchair accessible taxi licence granted before these Regulations come into operation is not transferable.