



Introduction

The Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure and the Transport Commission have recognised that the Tasmanian taxi industry has been significantly impacted by the downturn in passengers due to the COVID 19 virus. In recognition of the downturn they have made available a range of assistance measures to the taxi industry. **One of these measures is to extend the maximum operating age of all taxis (including WATS) by six months if they reach their age limit between the 1st of March 2020 and the 30 September 2020.** There are approximately 28 vehicles affected by this extension.

Background

Prior to this assistance measure being put in place the maximum age of all Taxis operating in Metro area had a maximum life of 8 years and all non-metro taxis had a maximum life of 10 years.

Action required

1. When conducting a SPV Inspection on a taxi you need to check the age of the vehicle to determine if the vehicle remains eligible to be operated as a taxi.
2. The age of the taxi is calculated from the month and year recorded on the Australian identification plate (compliance plate) affixed to the vehicle.
3. If the vehicle was going to meet its normal maximum life between the **1st of March 2020 and the 30th of September 2020** then its eligibility to be operated as taxi is to be extended by six months in excess of its normal eligibility period.
4. Six monthly inspection periods for taxis remain in place.
5. Normal age limits apply to all Taxis that met the age limit prior to or after the period specified in this assistance package.

Questions?

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