



Introduction:

This bulletin provides guidance to Type 2, 3 and 4 Vehicle Examiners in relation to recent regulatory amendments that have changed the maximum entry and exit operational age limits for taxis.

Background:

Until recently there were various maximum entry and exit age limits for taxis dependant on the type of taxi (WATs, Metro or Non Metro Taxis). A recent review of *Taxi Industry Regulations 2018* resulted in amendments to the age limits.

New maximum operating age limits for all Taxis:

Entry age limits: A vehicle which has not previously been used as a taxi (all types), can begin to be used as a taxi provided:

- The vehicle was manufactured less than seven years prior to the time it is to become a taxi, and
- Meets the ANCAP five star safety rating. (**NOTE:** VEs are not required to assess if the vehicle complies with the ANCAP rating requirements, that assessment will be completed by Passenger Transport)

The ANCAP five star rating does not apply to vehicles that are intended to be used as a wheelchair accessible taxi.

Exit age limits: Taxis (all types) can be used until aged 12 years.

The 12 year period is calculated from the:

- Date on the compliance plate affixed to the vehicle, or
- Date of manufacture recorded for the vehicle in the Register of Motor Vehicles

Vehicle examiner Requirements:

Based on the above information, if a Taxi is presented for an initial or periodic SPV inspection, Vehicle Examiners are to apply the new maximum entry (7 years) and exit (12 years) age limits to the vehicle. There have been no changes to the frequency of taxi inspections, they remain the same, being, an initial inspection, and then 6 monthly inspections once the vehicle is 12 months old.

Questions?

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