

**L.N. 164 of 2025**

**Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment)  
Regulation 2025**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics under section 7(1)  
and (1A) of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374))

**1. Commencement**

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), this Regulation comes into operation on 11 September 2025.
- (2) Section 3 comes into operation on 1 April 2026.
- (3) The following provisions come into operation on the day on which section 6 of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2025 comes into operation—
  - (a) section 4 (in so far as it relates to the new regulations 49B, 49C, 49D and 49F);
  - (b) section 5.

**2. Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations amended**

The Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. D) are amended as set out in sections 3, 4 and 5.

**3. Regulation 47A added**

After regulation 47—

**Add**

**“47A. Taxi drivers to allow payment of taxi fares by electronic payment means**

- (1) The driver of a taxi must allow taxi fares to be paid by—
  - (a) at least one QR code payment means; and
  - (b) at least one electronic payment means that is not a QR code payment means.
- (2) A person who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes subregulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 2 and to imprisonment for 6 months.
- (3) In this regulation—

***QR code payment means*** (二維碼繳費媒介) means an electronic payment means by which a payment is initiated by scanning a Quick Response (QR) code that enables the payer to authorize the transfer of funds to the payee’s account.”.

**4. Part VIA added**

After Part VI—

**Add**

**“Part VIA**

**Journey Data of Taxis**

**49B. Interpretation of Part VIA**

In this Part—

***approved journey recording system*** (認可行車記錄系統) has the meaning given by regulation 78E of Cap. 374A;

**authorized person** (獲授權人) means a person authorized under regulation 49F;

**Cap. 374A** (《第374A章》) means the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. A);

**dash camera recording** (行車記錄器錄影), in relation to a taxi, means a video recording without audio described in regulation 78D(2)(b) of Cap. 374A that is made by the approved journey recording system of the taxi;

**designated information system** (指定資訊系統) means the information system designated under regulation 49E(1);

**in-vehicle recording** (車上錄影), in relation to a taxi, means a video recording with audio described in regulation 78D(2)(a) of Cap. 374A that is made by the approved journey recording system of the taxi;

**journey data** (行車數據), in relation to a taxi, means—

- (a) an in-vehicle recording of the taxi;
- (b) a dash camera recording of the taxi; or
- (c) any location data of the taxi;

**location data** (位置數據), in relation to a taxi, means any data described in regulation 78D(2)(c) of Cap. 374A that is captured by the approved journey recording system of the taxi.

#### **49C. Retrieval and use of journey data by Commissioner**

- (1) The Commissioner may, for one or more of the purposes specified in subregulation (2)—

Section 4

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- (a) retrieve any journey data stored in a taxi's approved journey recording system by transmitting it to the designated information system;
  - (b) access, upload, download, copy, transmit or use any journey data stored in the designated information system; and
  - (c) direct an authorized person to do either or both of the acts mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b).
- (2) The purposes are—
  - (a) to facilitate an investigation into any conduct that constitutes or may constitute a traffic-related contravention under any law of Hong Kong;
  - (b) to facilitate the conduct of any proceedings brought in relation to a traffic-related contravention under any law of Hong Kong;
  - (c) to facilitate the compliance with an order of a court or magistrate;
  - (d) to facilitate the performance of any of the Commissioner's functions under any law of Hong Kong;
  - (e) to facilitate the performance of any of the functions of a public officer under any law of Hong Kong;
  - (f) to facilitate the Commissioner's compliance with a data access request under section 18 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486).
- (3) The Commissioner may, for the conduct of research, and the compilation of statistics, relevant to transport services—

- (a) retrieve any dash camera recording or location data stored in a taxi's approved journey recording system by transmitting it to the designated information system;
- (b) access, upload, download, copy, transmit or use any dash camera recording or location data stored in the designated information system; and
- (c) direct an authorized person to do either or both of the acts mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b).

#### **49D. Offences concerning in-vehicle recordings**

- (1) A person must not retrieve, access, upload, download, copy, transmit or use an in-vehicle recording of a taxi, unless the act is done—
  - (a) in accordance with the Commissioner's direction given under regulation 49C; or
  - (b) for one or more of the purposes mentioned in regulation 49C(2).
- (2) A person (*information provider*) who has obtained an in-vehicle recording of a taxi (whether under this Part or not) must not disclose any information relating to the recording to another person (*information recipient*), unless the disclosure is made for one or more of the purposes specified in subregulation (3).
- (3) The purposes are—
  - (a) to facilitate the conduct of any proceedings brought in relation to a traffic-related contravention under any law of Hong Kong;

- (b) to facilitate the compliance with an order of a court or magistrate;
  - (c) to facilitate the performance of any of the information provider's (or the information recipient's) functions under any law of Hong Kong.
- (4) A person who, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, contravenes subregulation (1) or (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 4.

**49E. Designation of information system by Commissioner**

- (1) The Commissioner may, by notice published in the Gazette, designate an information system for the purposes of this Part and Part IIIA of Cap. 374A.
- (2) A notice published under subregulation (1) is not subsidiary legislation.
- (3) In this regulation—

*information system* (資訊系統) has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Cap. 553).

**49F. Authorization for the purposes of this Part**

The Commissioner may, in writing, authorize a person for the purposes of this Part.”.

**5. Regulation 52A added**

Part VII, after regulation 52—

**Add**

**“52A. Notices relating to in-vehicle recordings to be displayed in taxis**

- (1) There must be displayed in a taxi for hire, in the position specified by the Commissioner by notice published in the Gazette (***Gazette notice***), a notice—
  - (a) containing a statement indicating that there is on the taxi an approved journey recording system that makes video recordings with audio of persons in the taxi; and
  - (b) in the form specified in the Gazette notice.
- (2) If, without reasonable excuse, subregulation (1) is contravened, the registered owner and the driver of the taxi for hire each commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 1.
- (3) A Gazette notice is not subsidiary legislation.
- (4) In this regulation—

***approved journey recording system*** (認可行車記錄系統) has the meaning given by regulation 78E of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. A);

***taxi for hire*** (出租的士) means a taxi being used on a road—

- (a) to ply for hire; or
- (b) to carry passengers for hire or reward.”.

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Secretary for Transport and  
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## Explanatory Note

The Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2025 (***Cap. 374A Amendment Regulation***) requires there must be approved journey recording systems on taxis.

2. The purpose of this Regulation is to amend the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. D) (***principal Regulations***) to—
  - (a) provide for matters relating to the recordings made and data captured by approved journey recording systems (***journey data-related matters***); and
  - (b) require taxi drivers to allow taxi fares to be paid by electronic payment means (***e-payment requirement***).
3. Section 3 adds to the principal Regulations a new regulation 47A to impose the e-payment requirement. New regulation 47A comes into operation on 1 April 2026.
4. Section 4 adds to the principal Regulations a new Part VIA, which consists of new regulations 49B to 49F, to provide for journey data-related matters.
5. Section 5 adds to the principal Regulations a new regulation 52A to require notices relating to in-vehicle recordings to be displayed in taxis.
6. The new Part VIA and new regulation 52A come into operation on the day on which section 6 of the Cap. 374A Amendment Regulation comes into operation, except for new regulation 49E, which comes into operation on 11 September 2025.