

## Taxi Reform Progress as at April 2021

<b>Progress re Reform Programmes Key Objectives</b>				
<b>Ref:</b>	<b>Key objective description:</b>	<b>Progress:</b>	<b>Ministerial Decision (MD) ref:</b>	<b>MD decision date:</b>
<b>a)</b>	<b>Consolidation towards a more flexible taxi industry</b>			
i.	Taxi cab classifications and public rank access.	Completed. Regulation & Order <b>95/2016</b>	MD-T-2016-0079	12/09/2016
ii.	Taxi-cab public rank access. MD to commence the issue and conversion of circa 10 purple plates per month from 01/01/2020. This is to ensure that all taxi cabs meet the accessible standards.	In progress All previous holders of white plates have been offered the conversion to purple plates.	MD-T-2018-0032	06/04/2018
iii.	Introduction of electronic payment devices into all Taxi-Cabs.	Completed	MD-T-2018-0025	28/03/2018
iv.	Provisions for transfer of existing plates to purple.	In progress, due for completion end of April 2022.		
<b>b)</b>	<b>Advanced booking arrangements</b>			
	New taxi-cab operator Licencing report prepared.	In progress, no fixed completion date.	MD-T-2018-0027	03/04/2018
<b>c)</b>	<b>Livery and roof signs</b>			
	Livery and roof signs	In progress, no fixed completion date.		
<b>d)</b>	<b>Requirements for vehicles and associated equipment</b>			
	Changes to Taxi-cab classifications and public rank access to a designated accessible standard.	Completed	MD-T-2016-0079	12/09/2016
<b>e)</b>	<b>Tariff (Fares and charges)</b>			
i.	New tariff structure approved to move from 4 to 3 band, set new maximum fares, simplify structure and reduce additional charges.	Completed	MD-T-2017-0055	19/06/2017
ii.	Annual fare increases	Completed	MD-T-2018-0052 MD-T-2019-0038 MD-T-2020-0058	01/10/2018 19/07/2019 19/10/2020
<b>f)</b>	<b>Taximeters</b>			

i.	Establish standard fare measuring devices fitted to cabs	In progress, no fixed completion date	MD-T-2018-0019	19/03/2018
<b>g)</b>	<b>Drivers</b>			
i.	Introducing a training standards policy regarding the transportation of wheelchair passengers. All new taxi drivers to have completed the appropriate training as part of initial badge application. All existing badge holders upon issue of their purple plate.	All purple plate holders have completed the training.  The remaining drivers transferring will come under transitional provisions with a period of 6 months to complete the required training.	MD-T-2016-0035	03/05/2016
ii.	Enhanced checks to be carried out re criminal records	Policy established requiring all badge holders to complete a criminal records check (DBS) with a renewal required every 3 years to maintain badge validity.  All drivers have completed their current DBS checks.	MD-T-2016-0066	15/07/2016
iii.	Introduction of a new disciplinary arrangements, including a points-based system.	In progress, will form part of the operator licensing requirements. No fixed completion date.		