

TfL Considers Pedicab Licensing and Insurance Proposals

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Transport for London (TfL) is exploring the idea of introducing licenses and mandatory insurance for pedicab drivers in the city.

TfL pointed out that pedicabs are the only form of unregulated public transport in London, which can sometimes lead to inflated fares, especially in popular tourist spots.

The Pedicabs (London) Act, passed last year, grants TfL the authority to implement rules and standards for the sector.

A public consultation is now underway, asking for opinions on proposals that would include background checks for drivers, annual licenses, and appropriate insurance coverage. The proposed regulations for pedicabs would align with those governing taxis and private hire vehicles but would be customised to suit the specific nature of pedicabs and their operating environment, according to a TfL spokesperson.

Additionally, TfL is also looking at whether regulations should address driver behaviour, such as playing loud music or creating disturbances, which could include limits on noise levels, especially during certain hours of the day.

Helen Chapman, TfL's director of licensing and regulation, commented:

"Pedicabs are the only unregulated public transport in London, affecting both road safety and the fairness of pricing for customers. We're happy to be launching this consultation."

London's walking and cycling commissioner, Will Norman, also expressed support for the proposals, noting that some drivers engage in "unsafe or antisocial behaviour and charge excessively high prices."

For insurers, the introduction of pedicab licenses and insurance requirements could open up a new market for providing coverage tailored to these vehicles. They may need to develop policies that address the unique risks associated with pedicabs, including driver conduct and fare-related disputes. Insurers will also need to stay updated on regulatory changes to ensure compliance with new licensing and insurance standards for this sector.

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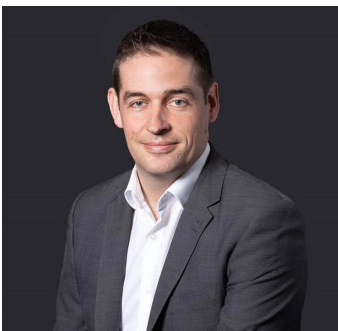


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