



Introduction:

This bulletin provides guidance to Type 2 Vehicle Examiners (VE) in relation to the following;

- Recent regulatory amendments that have changed the maximum exit operational age limits for Wheelchair Accessible Taxis (WAT) and,
- Online inspection forms error – applicable to Hire and Drive vehicles.

Removal of maximum operating age limits for WATs:

Entry age limits: Currently, vehicles that have not previously been registered as a WAT can begin to be used as such, provided the vehicle was manufactured seven years or less prior to it becoming a WAT for the first time. There has been no change to this.

Exit age limits: There is no longer maximum operating age for WATs. Previously the maximum operating age was 12 years.

Inspection program:

There has been no change to the inspection program for WATS. The inspection program is as follows. Please note the inspection program below applies to all taxis, not just WATS.

Taxis	
Vehicle age	Frequency
Less than 12 months old	Initial inspection
12 months and older	12 month interval

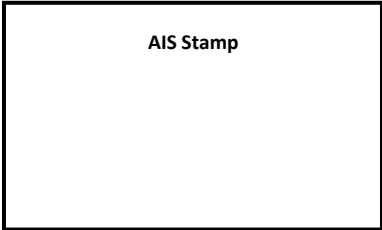
Online inspection forms error

The online Small Passenger Vehicle (SPV) inspection form is not automatically calculating the correct next inspection due date for vehicles when inspected for the purposes of Hire and Drive that are over 15 years old. Currently the online form is applying 12 months between inspections for these vehicles. This is incorrect. When a VE is inspecting these vehicles, the VE must ensure the next inspection due date is **six months** from the month in which the vehicle last passed inspection. The next inspection month and year

fields in the form can be changed manually if required. We are working on rectifying this issue and will advise when the issue has been resolved.

Questions?

Any further questions regarding this special bulletin should be directed to AIS Compliance on 03 6166 3271 or email ais@stategrowth.tas.gov.au.



VE Declaration

Vehicle Examiner No.	Date Bulletin Read & Understood	VE Signature
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I, the Proprietor of the AIS stamped in the top right corner of this document have distributed AIS SIB 10-2023 - Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Operational Age Limits to all above-mentioned Vehicle Examiners employed by this AIS. All VE's at this AIS have confirmed that they have read and fully understand the information provided.

Signed: **Name:**

Date:/...../2023

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