



## Taxi owners reminded to keep their Vehicle Registration Certificate up to date

A small number of taxi owners are encountering issues with on-street compliance and licensing or re-licensing their vehicles at our NSL test centres due to the wrong vehicle colour being recorded on their Vehicle Registration Certificate (V5C) / log book.

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) record details given by vehicle manufacturers at first registration. It is a legal requirement to notify the DVLA of any subsequent changes to the vehicles details.

The police and other enforcement agencies rely on the DVLA record for all vehicle-related investigations. It is therefore important that the information stored on the vehicle register is accurate and up to date.

It is the DVLA's requirement that a colour change must be recorded in the following circumstances:

If your taxi has had a **full advertising body wrap**, where the predominant colour of the vehicle has been changed. In those circumstances, you must notify the DVLA by changing the main colour in section 7 of your V5C.

DVLA guidance states that you may stipulate up to two predominant colours. The use of 'multi-coloured' is no longer permitted.

If your taxi has **super-side advertisements**, where the predominant colour of the vehicle remains the same as shown on the V5C, you will not need to notify the DVLA of the change.

In order to notify the DVLA of a change of colour you should complete the relevant section of the Vehicle Registration Certificate and return it to DVLA Swansea SA99 1BA. You should receive a replacement certificate within two to four weeks.

If the predominant colour of your vehicle has changed and you have failed to comply with these requirements, your vehicle will not pass its inspection at the test centre and/or may fail an on-street compliance inspection.

For further information please visit [www.gov.uk/change-vehicle-details-registration-certificate/changes-youll-need-to-update](http://www.gov.uk/change-vehicle-details-registration-certificate/changes-youll-need-to-update).

Regards



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