

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for new inspection frequency policy – prepared for Authorised Inspection Centres (AICs) and LTA call centres

(a) Policy changes

1. What are the changes in the periodic inspection regime for taxis and chauffeured private hire cars?

From 1 January 2025, all taxis below the age of three years old will be required to undergo annual periodic inspections instead of the previous 6-monthly frequency.

From 1 January 2025, all chauffeured private hire cars (Z10/Z11/Z16/Z17) above the age of 10 years old will be required to undergo 6-monthly periodic inspections instead of the previous annual frequency.

2. Why is there a change in periodic inspection regime for taxis less than 3 years old and chauffeured private hire cars more than 10 years old?

In view of the road worthiness and high maintenance standards of taxis below the age of 3 years old, this reduction in the periodic inspection is intended to minimize operational downtime for these taxis.

For chauffeured private hire cars (cPHCs), the increase in inspection frequency for PHCs above the age of 10 years old is intended to improve the road worthiness of these PHCs.

3. When will these changes be implemented?

The revised inspection frequency for taxis less than 3 years old and chauffeured private hire cars (cPHCs) more than 10 years old will be implemented with effect from 1 Jan 2025.

4. How will I be notified if the revised inspection frequency policy affects me?

Affected vehicle owners will receive a notification letter from LTA to inform you of the inspection frequency change for your vehicle. You will also receive a notice of inspection from LTA three months before your revised periodic inspection due date.

5. I am the owner of a registered chauffeured private hire car. My road tax is currently renewed on a yearly basis. With the change in inspection frequency for chauffeured private hire cars from once a year to once every 6 months, how will my road tax and periodic inspection date be affected?

We will allow vehicle owners to finish the current 12-monthly road tax, before transiting them to the 6-monthly road tax and inspection regime. You will receive a notice of inspection from LTA three months before your periodic inspection is due.

6. What is the number of vehicles that would be impacted by the revised inspection frequency?

As of 1 Dec 2024, there are 2,728 taxis less than 3 years old and 3,788 chauffeured private hire cars (cPHCs) more than 10 years old. The policy changes would result in an estimated increase of ~1,000 inspections per year when implemented.

(b) Converting into chauffeured private hire car scheme

- 7. If I convert my car more than 10 years old to a chauffeured private hire car, and did an inward conversion inspection, how will my next periodic inspection date be updated under the new inspection regime?**

The next periodic inspection due date will depend on the vehicle's current road tax validity at the time of conversion. Typically, the periodic inspection will be due between 6 and 15 months after the conversion. Thereafter, the periodic inspection will be scheduled every 6-monthly. You will receive a notice of inspection from LTA three months before your periodic inspection is due. To check your next periodic inspection due date, you can visit the OneMotoring website or use the OneMotoring mobile app.

(c) Converting out of chauffeured private hire car scheme

- 8. If I convert my chauffeured private hire car more than 10 years old to a car, how will my next periodic inspection date be updated?**

The next periodic inspection due date will depend on the current road tax validity during conversion. Typically, the periodic inspection will be due between 9 to 15 months after the conversion. Thereafter, the periodic inspection will be scheduled annually. You will receive a notice of inspection from LTA three months before your periodic inspection is due. To check your next periodic inspection due date, you can visit the OneMotoring website or use the OneMotoring mobile app.