



Legislation

There are a number of pieces of legislation stemming from [Part 5](#) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 relating to buses and coaches and these are listed below in chronological order. Where available electronically, links to an appropriate web site have been included below. Hard copies of all Acts of Parliament and regulations are available from [The Stationery Office](#).

Buses and Coaches

- [The Public Service Vehicle Accessibility Regulations 2000](#)
- [The Public Service Vehicles Accessibility \(Amendment\) Regulations 2000](#)
- [The Public Service Vehicles Accessibility \(Amendment\) Regulations 2002](#)
- [The Public Service Vehicles Accessibility \(Amendment\) Regulations 2003](#)
- [The Public Service Vehicles Accessibility \(Amendment\) Regulations 2004](#)

Special Authorisations

Under [Section 43](#) of the DDA 1995 the Secretary of State may authorise, by means of a special authorisation order, the use of a regulated public service vehicle which does not comply with accessibility regulations. It is important to note that a vehicle which does not meet all of the requirements of the accessibility regulations cannot be issued with an accessibility certificate.

Before a special authorisation order is issued it will normally be necessary for a full accessibility inspection to be carried out. A vehicle will have to comply fully with accessibility regulations apart from those items for which a special authorisation is granted.

[Detailed guidance](#) on applying for special authorisation orders has been produced. Manufacturers and operators are advised to read this before submitting an application for a special authorisation order.

- [Summary table of special authorisations](#) (PDF 74 Kb)

'Conduct' Regulations

- [The Public Service Vehicles \(Conduct of Drivers, Inspectors, Conductors and Passengers\) Regulations 1990](#)
- [The Public Service Vehicles \(Conduct of Drivers, Inspectors, Conductors and Passengers\)](#)

(Amendment) Regulations 2002

Related Legislation

- [The Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981](#)
- [The Public Service Vehicles \(Condition of Fitness, Equipment Use and Certification\) Regulations 1981](#)
- [Disability Discrimination Act 1995](#)
- [EC Directive 2001/85/EC](#)
- [UNECE Regulation 107.01](#)
Special provisions for vehicles used for the carriage of passengers comprising of more than eight seats in addition to the drivers seat
- [The Public Service Vehicles \(Condition of Fitness, Equipment Use and Certification\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2002](#)
- [Disability Discrimination Act 2005](#)

Regulatory Impact Assessments

A regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) is a tool used to help policy makers assess the impacts of policy options in terms of costs, benefits and risks of a proposal. The Cabinet Office has published [guidance](#) to help departments ensure that they are exercising their statutory powers in a responsible manner.

- [Proposed PSV accessibility regulations: Regulatory impact assessment](#)

An RIA on the proposals for implementing accessibility regulations for buses and coaches.

Related information on other web sites:

- [Cabinet Office Better Regulation Executive](#)
- [Her Majesty's Stationery Office](#)

For related documents, pages and internet links, see the column on the [right](#).