Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for new inspection frequency policy

(a) Policy changes

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

From 1 Jan 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 Jan 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 (PHC), the increase in inspection frequency for PHCs above the age of 10 years old is intended to improve the road worthiness.

3. When will these changes be implemented?

The revised inspection frequency for taxis less than 3 years old and chauffeured private hire cars 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 revised inspection frequency 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 more than 10 years old. My road tax is currently renewed on a yearly basis. With the change in inspection frequency for chauffeured private hire cars more than 10 years from once a year to once every 6 months, how will my road tax and periodic inspection date be affected?

As the notice of inspection is tied to road tax validity, the revised inspection frequency will apply only after the end of your current road tax. Thereafter, you will only be allowed to renew your road tax for 6 months and the periodic inspection will be scheduled every 6 months. You will receive a notice of inspection from LTA three months before your periodic inspection is due.

(b) Converting into chauffeured private hire car scheme

6. 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. Depending on the date of conversion, the subsequent periodic inspection will be due between 6 and 15 months after the conversion. Thereafter, the periodic inspection will be scheduled every 6 months You will receive a notice of inspection from LTA 3 months before your periodic inspection is due. To check when your next periodic inspection must be completed by, you can visit the OneMotoring website or use the OneMotoring mobile app.

(c) Converting out of chauffeured private hire car scheme

7. 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.

Depending on the date of conversion, the subsequent periodic inspection will be due between 6 and 15 months after the conversion, before transitioning to an annual inspection frequency. You will receive a notice of inspection from LTA 3 months before your periodic inspection is due. To check when your next periodic inspection must be completed by, you can visit the OneMotoring website or use the OneMotoring mobile app.