

Q&A: Taxicab Fleet Requirement Relief (AI-2025-02)

Q1: What is the purpose of this Administrative Issuance?

A: The Department of For-Hire Vehicles (DFHV) is suspending enforcement of the 20-vehicle minimum fleet requirement for taxicab companies and associations seeking operating authority for the 2026 calendar year. This measure supports small businesses and reflects changes in the for-hire vehicle market.

Q2: Why is DFHV providing relief from the fleet requirement?

A: The 20-vehicle minimum was established in 2014 when the taxicab industry had about 8,000 vehicles and dominated the market. Since then, market conditions have changed significantly. DFHV is considering legislative revisions to better align regulations with current realities and preserve essential services.

Q3: I already received my operating authority letter for calendar year 2026. How does this Administrative Issuance affect me?

A: If you have already received your operating authority, this change does not impact your status. However, if your authority was issued conditionally because your fleet did not meet the previous 20-vehicle minimum requirement, DFHV will issue you a revised letter. Please note that you are still required to comply with the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) requirements outlined in the issuance.

Q4: Are there any accessibility conditions for companies with fewer than 20 vehicles?

A: Yes.

- Companies with **1–8 vehicles** must have **at least 1 wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV)**.
- Companies with **9 or more vehicles** must ensure **20% of their fleet is WAVs**, rounding down to the nearest whole vehicle.

Q5: My operating authority was issued conditionally because my fleet does not meet the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) requirement. Does this Administrative Issuance change my status?

A: No. You are still required to meet the WAV requirements outlined in Q#4. Your operating authority will remain conditional until you achieve full compliance with WAV requirements.

Q6: Does this mean the fleet requirement is permanently eliminated?

A: No., not yet. This issuance provides temporary relief for calendar year 2026. DFHV is reviewing the requirement and may propose legislative changes in the future.

Q7: Who is eligible for this relief?

A: Any applicant seeking operating authority for a taxicab company or association for the 2026 calendar year will not be denied solely for failing to meet the 20-vehicle minimum fleet requirement.

Q8: When does this policy take effect?

A: The issuance is effective **December 29, 2025**, and applies to operating authority applications for the **2026 calendar year**.