Should the vehicle entry age requirement be revised to 8 years from date of first registration?

Higher mileage cars are more unreliable

Up to 8 yrs allows a much more affordable selection of vehicles to drivers as well as opens doors to better vehicles more suited instead of so many small vehicles

It makes more sense and gives more people the chance to own their own taxi.

It will make it possible for operators to purchase more suitable vehicles ie larger giving better access for the customers

As above

As above

Brings down the cost of replacing taxi vehicles

Better cars.

Na

Some passengers don't appreciate the value of vehicles and the damage that occurs when some get in out outside of the vehicles .also I'd rather have an older car that has been looked after knowing that this is my livelihood and I will keep it maintained the best I can Minimum of 8 years.

It baffles me how you'd accept a 3yr old car, been a write off with 300,000 miles

But you won't accept a 7yr old car with 30,000 miles 1 owner etc...

More affordable to purchase car of up to 8 years of age

As above. This proposal, is advantageous, to both the trade and public.

I feel vehicle technology has improved massively since the 5 year registration was introduced. These days a 5 year old vehicle is classed as quite new providing it has been maintained and kept in good condition. An 8 year old vehicle, again provided it has been maintained, has a satisfactory Mot in place and is in good condition would service it's users the same.

I've never really understood the first plating policy as after plating I don't believe there's an age restriction anyway.

yes, that is going to big benefit for the drivers

As above

It should stay at 5 that way the cars have a better change of being more roadworthy and sage for the public

Cars are more than capable of being taxi 8 years old at plating...

It gives the license holder greater choice when purchasing a vehicle better quality vehicles for the same or less money than cars within the 5 year limit

Vehicle prices are over the top and will have more chance of affordable vehicles

Too many older worn-out taxis currently driving around in Caerphilly County. It lowers standards and not improve them.

As above

As above

So we can afford to buy high end vehicles

I drive a vauxhall and I would love too buy a higher end car because I spend most of my time in it and it's nicer for the customers to get into a quality vehicle with plenty of room and so on

as i have said the pricing of cars is expensive but by changing the age the cars become a bit more affordable

I think 8 years increases the scope for buses you can purchase however it still keeps them to a certain standard

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I personally think the age policy should be changed to 10 years with all licenced vehicles required to undergo 6 month MOTs.

This would enable us to buy more affordable vehicles.

Same as above.

Cost and ability to start from scratch or expand.

More vehicles available for the money

Help us the buy cheap vehicles and still just as good

As Above

See previous answer

As above

Cheaper costs

It's not only mechanical but the interiors (seats doors etc) will be worn and could only take one poor experience to put a customer of using a currently quality service in a market that is already recessing due to unfair competition like subsidised services such as bus and rail.

Answer as above

More financially available for people

At the moment it's 5 year old car then 2 mots at 10 years. Will the 10 year mot also be extended. If not you will be still having 2 mots at 10 years.

8 YEARS WOULD GIVE A BETTER FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE FOR DRIVERS/TAXI OWNERS, THERE ARE EXCELLENT LOW MILEAGE CARS FOR SALE OVER THE 5 YEAR RULE

Rising costs of vehicles and running costs etc

As above

As previously stated in previous questions also I would like to add after the 10 year licence period of older cars where that they must undergo two test per year would that increase to thirteen years as new licenses jump to eight years.

I believe an 8-year-old vehicle is more than adequate for use as a taxi.

Same as sbove

vehicle would be more dependable

Because it's cheaper to buy a roadworthy car

6yesrs

Potentially a higher standard of vehicle could be the outcome.

We already have entry requirements for disabled vehicles up to 8 years this would bring everything in line and would then be fair opportunity to all and would be an even keel and playing field.

If a car can still be a taxi after 10 years then why is there a restriction on the initial registration? If a car is road worthy after years of taxiing then a later registration will make no difference except to make it more affordable for drivers to update their cars to more efficient and environmentally friendly vehicles.

it will increase service quality due to more cars will be registered rather than only few companies doing because they know no many people or taxi licenses can afford new vehicles.

I personally think that the age restrictions on a taxi should be pushed to 8 years instead of 5 to make it easier for people to buy a car.

Eight years is a reasonable age for a taxi to be licensed.

Eight years is substantial.

Yes

Vehicles under 5 year old are expensive and un affordable

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As above
Cost of newer vehicles not easily affordable.
more drivers can afford to buy vehicles
As above
As above

As listed above it will flood the industry and standards will certainly drop I've invested in 3 nearly new vehicles this year and although expensive it gives me a sense of pride to run modern well maintained vehicles with a view to changing mine every 4 years

New taxi driver or navigate ones that have to buy a new vehicle can better afford initial costs. Bring down overheads for both company and customers

People can get jobs

Normal life span for REGULARLY SERVICED cars is 200-250000 miles. I would suggest that there must be a very high percentage of taxis well past 150,000. I do not agree with the proposals and see them as counter productive.

More affordable taxis

Cost of vehicles can be expensive and this enables taxi drivers to purchase vehicles that are slightly older but sometimes better quality at a cheaper price

it should be at least 6 years because there is quite a difference in price between a year 5 and year 6 vehicle. This makes it more affordable to buy

As above

As above, it is more viable for existing and new businesses

Is more choice of cars

I think it would be a good idea as would give us more breathing space and people could afford newer vehicles vehicles up to 15 years old are being sold on with plates as they can't afford to buy newer vehicles with 8 years I think it would bring down the amount of a lot older vehicles on the road me for eg my minibus is 11 years old but with up to 8 years I can replace that next year with a 7 year old vehicle and Probably change And I think most operators would dispose of vehicle at ten then to save on cost on having 6 monthly checks even though I find the the 6 monthly checks a fab idea as the miles these vehicles do in all weather's it keeps the vehicle in check older vehides tend to need repairs more

n/a no answer

I don't think it should be changed