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Taxis verse Uber

I have been an owner of Taxis licences for almost 37 years. And in that time have seen many changes over the years.

DRIVERS

Taxi Drivers have always had to be licenced not just a car licence but a Taxi licence known as a Hire Drivers Licence, to obtain a Hire Drivers Licence drivers must undergo a weeks training in location, dealing with the public and how to operate as a professional driver. Before the licence is approved the Driver has a police check done on his background this is both criminal and drivers licence.

Taxi carry at times disable people, children and women in their cars and it is their **safety** that is **paramount**.

OWNERS

The owners of the taxi must check that the driver is so licenced and does so on a weekly basis failing to do this check results in penalties from the Department of Transport.

The owners must have a Service Licence for each licence that they hold as well as an operator's Accreditation Licence where the Department checks the background of the owner. The owners pay a yearly fee for these licences.

CARS

Taxis are metered which means that the dept of Transport has total control of the fares being charged.

The cars must be **well maintained** with a **6month machinery inspection** performed at the Department of transport station.

The Taxis are fitted with **GPS tracking** so that the company can know where the taxi is at all times if there is an issue.

The cars cannot be more than 6 years own from date of manufacture unless they are luxury cars in which case that have a life span of 8yrs. But from experience the cars are only good for 3yrs due to the amount of klm that they travel.

The Department of Transport does conduct audits of taxi owners so that they comply with the strict regulations that are in place so as to protect the general public.

The cars must have commercial registration with ctp insurance this cost is between \$6,000 and \$7,000 per year.

Uber drivers don't receive any training proper checks are not carried out and vehicles don't have to undergo the machinery inspections that taxi have to.

So Uber is illegal and what is the Government doing to enforce these strict but very necessary restriction nothing. The Government needs to set up and take control of the situation and ban these Uber drivers from operating for the safety of the public.