

# ***Enforcement Training***

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## **Orange County Taxi Administration Program**

**Administered by the Orange County Transportation Authority**

# ***Regulating Taxicabs***

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California Government Code 53075.5 requires all cities and counties to regulate taxicabs within their respective jurisdictions to protect the public health, safety and welfare of it's citizens.

# ***Scope of Responsibility***

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OCTAP Staff performs administrative (regulatory) duties on behalf of all member agencies; including enforcement in the form of random vehicle inspections, administrative (permit) denials, revocations, suspensions, and fines.

Each Member Agency has agreed that their respective law enforcement department/safety officers would enforce the OCTAP Regulations in their area of jurisdiction through local ordinances.

# ***Your PC To Stop A Cab***

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All OCTAP permitted taxicabs must submit to random inspections by any Agency Peace Officer, Agency Code Enforcement Official or OCTAP Inspector (Reg. 7.3.1).

**Law Enforcement Officers may stop any taxicab displaying an OCTAP Vehicle Permit in the back window (left side) for a random inspection without needing any other probable cause.**

Taxicabs may drop off in Orange County without OCTAP Permits, but cannot pick-up passengers.

# ***What To Look For***

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## **OCTAP Vehicle Permit**

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## **OCTAP Driver Permit**

Slide 7. Also see the Enforcement Training Handout, page 2.

## **Vehicle Registration**

Registered as a commercial vehicle to the Taxicab Company or the permitted driver.

## **Proof of Insurance**

Must be current.

## **Taximeter**

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## **Rate Schedule – Authorized Fares**

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## **Vehicle Standards – Cab Stop Report**

Slide 18. Also see the Enforcement Training Handout, page 4.

The Enforcement Training Handout can be downloaded at [www.octap.net](http://www.octap.net)

# Vehicle Permit



-Rear window (outside) –  
left / driver's side.

-Actual size 4.5" x 5".

-Must be current / not  
expired.

2010 sticker is golden yellow.  
2011 sticker is purple.

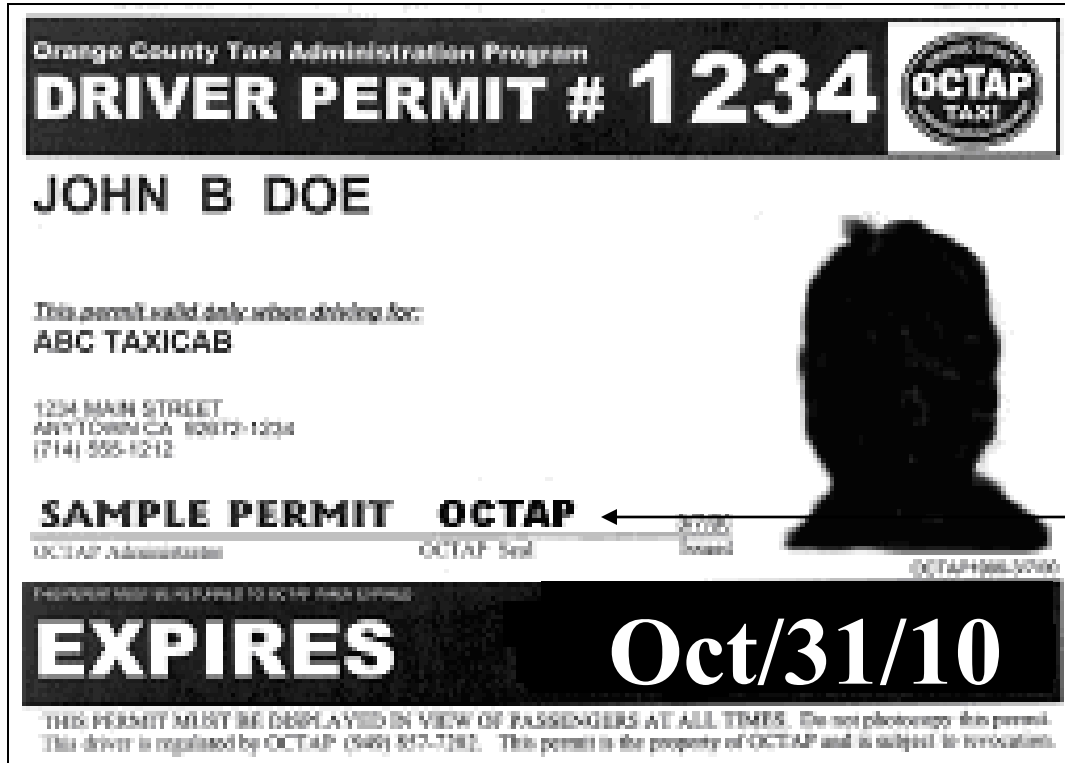


Permit No.

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# Driver Permit



-Actual size 7" x 5".

-Must be current / not expired.

-Company name on permit must match name on vehicle.  
**(OCTAP Reg Sec 6.8)**

-OCTAP Seal is holographic (to prevent reproduction)

-Must be displayed so that passengers and law Enforcement Officers can easily view the permit.

**This permit is valid through October 31, 2010**

# Meter & Meter Seals

A VALID PAPER SEAL AND LEAD SEAL(S) MUST BE PRESENT AND INTACT ON EVERY TAXIMETER AT ALL TIMES. - OCTAP Regulations, Section 8.21



For meters sealed by ORANGE COUNTY:

- Paper seal is valid for 13 months from the date shown on the paper seal.
- Lead seal(s) must have a "CS30" stamp (may appear in various formats) with year stamped on opposite side (year must match year on paper seal).

**Orange County Seal colors are:**

- 2009 – Red & White**
- 2010 – Blue & White**

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# ***Meter & Meter Seals***

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## **The taximeter shall:**

- 8.21.3. Be certified by the County Sealer of Weights and Measures with a certification date no more than 13 months old...
- 8.21.4. Be placed in the Taxicab so that the amount of fare to be charged is well lit and able to be easily read by the passenger.
- 8.21.5. Cause a Taxicab to be placed in an “Out of Service” status if:
  - the taximeter is not working, or
  - the seals are broken or missing, or
  - the date on the seal is missing or more than 13 months old, or
  - the authorized fare is not being charged.
- 8.21.6. Not charge a fare other than the authorized fare.

# ***Temporary Meter Seals***

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## **-8.21.3. Temporary Meter Seals**

- Private meter seals (paper and lead) from a certified meter shop may be used during periods of fare adjustments or when a taximeter has been repaired.
- **Temporary meter seals shall be valid for thirty (30) days only** (After 30 days, the taximeter must be sealed by the County Sealer of Weights and Measures).
- Taximeters marked with “Need to Repair” tags, or equivalent, will not be accepted.

# Meter & Meter Seals

## For meters sealed by LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

- Some taxi companies permitted to operate in Orange County are based in Los Angeles.
- Vehicles belonging to these companies will have LA County meter seals.
- Paper seal must be dated within last 12 months (only month/year is shown on L.A. seals)
- Lead seal(s) may be stamped by any private meter shop, but must be intact/not broken.
- Meter must show current Orange County Fare Schedule for trips originating in Orange County.



# ***Interior Information Card Rate Schedule***

<p><b>Taxicab Company Name Address and Telephone Number</b></p>
<p><b><u>Approved Taxi Rates</u></b> <b>\$2.95 First 1/4 Mile</b> <b>\$.65 Cents Each Additional 1/4 Mile</b> <b>\$30.00 Per Hour Wait Time</b> <b>No Extra Charge for Additional Passengers</b></p> <p><b>THIS TAXICAB IS REGULATED BY OCTAP (949) 654-8294 P.O. Box 14184, Orange, Ca. 92863-1584</b></p>

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- Must be in plain view of all passengers.
  - Actual size of information card/rate schedule must be 4" x 6".
  - Must have company's name, business address and telephone number.
  - Must have initial 1/4 mile rate, additional 1/4 per mile rate and wait time rate.
  - Must have OCTAP's address and telephone number.
- Vehicle fleet number must be directly below (or near) the info card, minimum one inch high.

# ***Taxicab Operation***

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-Section 9.1. Driver shall carry a passenger to their destination using the most direct and accessible route.

-Section 9.2. Driver shall give a receipt to the passenger when requested; and contain:

- The amount charged
- The driver's name
- The taxicab number
- The permittee name
- The date and time of issuance.

-Section 9.3. Driver shall not leave his/her Taxicab to solicit passengers.

-Section 9.4. Driver shall not charge fares higher than those authorized. Also, The driver shall activate the taximeter and keep it activated at all times while carrying passengers.

# ***Violations***

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- OCTAP Permit related violations will be cited under your agency's municipal codes.
- Vehicle related violations can be cited under vehicle codes or municipal codes.
- OCTAP administrative actions include: fines, driver permit and vehicle permit suspensions/revocations.

**For follow-up purposes, please FAX copies of citations, Cab Stop Reports, or Informational Reports to OCTAP at 714-265-4374**

# ***Permit Confiscates***

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If you remove a Vehicle Permit from the rear window (for public safety), please make a note of the four digit number on the permit and notify OCTAP.

If you confiscate a Driver Permit (for public safety), please make a note of the Driver permit Number and notify OCTAP.

These permits do not need to be sent back to the OCTAP Office (they can be destroyed by you or your agency), but we do request notification by phone, fax, or email so that we can follow-up with the driver and or company ; as well as updating our records.

# ***Permit Confiscates***

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## Reasons to remove a Vehicle Permit :

- Vehicle Permit is expired.
- Driver not in possession of Driver Permit.
- Expired or missing Vehicle Registration.
- Expired or missing Proof of Insurance.
- Vehicle Condition: bald tires, major body damage/interior damage (or condition), non-OEM window tint, inoperable parking brake, etc.
- Meter not working, not charging the authorized fare, seals broken or more than 13 months old, temporary seals more than 30 days old.

## Reasons to confiscate a Driver Permit :

- Driver Permit is expired or is a reproduced copy.
- Taxi Company on Driver Permit does not match vehicle.
- Driver is in possession of another driver's permit.
- Uncooperative.

# ***Cab Stop Report***

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Please download the Cab Stop Report that you can use as a guide to perform a random inspection.

**The Cab Stop Report can be downloaded from the OCTAP Website at [www.octap.net](http://www.octap.net).**

# ***On-site Training***

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Part of OCTAP's scope of administrative responsibilities is to offer enforcement training to all law enforcement agencies and safety officers. OCTAP staff can provide on-site enforcement training, when requested, to assist Orange County law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of the OCTAP regulations, **in the interest of public safety and welfare**. Interest and participation in the OCTAP mission by all is vital to its success. Resources are also available that can be used for enforcement training purposes.

To schedule enforcement training or to request resources, please contact the OCTAP office at 949-654-8294.

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