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The taxmen used Uber services randomly and said they found several irregularities: drivers did not have tax numbers, nor did they give

receipts after the ride, and they did not possess taxi licenses.

The economy ministry statement said drivers could face up to 200.000 forints (650 euros, \$717) in fines, but did not specify how many drivers were checked or fined.

The authorities vowed "to make the company operating Uber network—which drains the budget and ignores passenger safety—adhere to the rules," the ministry statement said, adding that the probe will continue.

The popular but controversial taxi app for mobile phones puts customers in touch with private [drivers](#) at prices lower than those of traditional taxis, but it is facing legal challenges and limits on its activities in the European Union.

Uber said efforts by national governments to shut it down breached EU laws on competition and the single market.

Taxi firms say Uber should be regulated the same way as [taxi](#) services.

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