

Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Policy Consultation 2023

Final amendments to the Hackney Carriage (taxi)
and Private Hire policy

From Draft V2

Contents Drivers: Vulnerable adult and child safeguarding	Vulnerable adult, child safeguarding and disability awareness
Definitions – Driver	Add ‘whether a hackney carriage/taxi or private hire vehicle’
Definitions – Fit and Proper	Replace with ‘A person who we think has the right skills and ability assessed throughout the application process or the duration of their licence, because they meet the definition in Appendix 2’.
Definitions – Mitigating Circumstances	Remove ‘authority’
Section 1.5.2	Add ‘proprietor’ to ‘The Council has no responsibility in ensuring that the operator or driver ...’
Section 1.5.4	Add ‘operator’ to ‘In this case the driver or vehicle concerned would not be licensed and would be unable to work.’
Section 1.5.4	Add ‘As such a licence will not ordinarily be granted or renewed until all checks are received.’
Section 1.5.7	Replace paragraph with ‘The Council will consider all applications, on their own merits, once it is satisfied that the form and supporting documents have been correctly completed and received by the Council.’
Section 1.5.8	Remove ‘dual’
Section 2.5	Delete ‘These vehicles are not insured to ply for hire.’ And replace with ‘Private Hire vehicles are not insured if they are not prebooked so cannot ply for hire.’
Section 3.31	Renumbered to 3.3.1
Section 3.3.1	Replace ‘fee’ with ‘fare’ and replace ‘imposed’ with ‘charged’
Section 9.2.2	Replace ‘becomes void’ with ‘lapses’
Section 9.6	Vulnerable adult, child safeguarding and disability awareness
Section 9.6.3	Remove ‘within twelve (12) months of the introduction of this policy.’ And replace with ‘prior to the next renewal after the policy comes into effect.’
Section 9.8.7	Add ‘All costs will be met by the Applicant/Licence Holder’.
Section 9.9.1	Add ‘will be required to supply’ before ‘further documents’ and add ‘the following’ before ‘additional documents’.
Section 9.10.6	Remove ‘as a driver’ and replace with ‘as a licence holder’. Remove ‘for drivers’.
Section 10.3.1	Remove ‘provisional’.
Section 10.3.6	Remove ‘an interim vehicle inspection or’
Section 10.4.6	Change date to 1 February 2025
Section 10.17.1	Remove ‘fitted’ and replace with ‘supplied’.
Section 11.5.3	Replace ‘standard’ with ‘basic’.

Appendix A1.5.9	Delete paragraph as a repeat of paragraph A1.5.5
Appendix A1.6.6	Replace 'impeded' with 'refused'.
Appendix A1.8	Insert A1.8.3 'Existing licence holders will have their licences revoked.
Appendix A2.8	<p>Provide a definition of fit and proper for Operators to read;</p> <p>The 'fit and proper' test for an operator is adapted from the definition for drivers.</p> <p><i>Would the Officer charged with the ability to grant a licence allow their son, daughter, spouse or partner, mother, father, grandson, granddaughter, or any other person for whom they care, to book a private hire vehicle and provide address details of their home and information of when the home will be empty?</i></p>
Appendix A3.13.1	Replace 'Commercial & Licensing Manager' to 'General Purposes Committee'.
Appendix A3.13.2	Replace 'Commercial & Licensing Manager' to 'General Purposes Committee'.
Appendix A4.1.2	After third bullet point add '(see 10.6 Idling)' to the end of the sentence.
Appendix A4.3.2	Remove 'or display'.
Appendix A4.6.1	Add 'and must not charge any additional fare.' to last sentence
Appendix A5.14	Delete paragraph