



## **Vehicle Licences**

### **Terms & Conditions of Licence**

As part of the online application process you will be asked to confirm that you have read and understood all of the terms and conditions that apply to all vehicle proprietors.

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1. The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 57 provides that if any person knowingly or recklessly omits any material, particularly in giving information to the Council, he will be guilty of an offence for which the maximum penalty on summary conviction is £1,000.
2. The Council will not grant a licence for your vehicle unless they are satisfied that the vehicle is fully insured for the purpose and complies with the requirements of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1972 (compulsory insurance or security against third-party risks).
3. If your application is successful, the Council will issue you with a plate for your vehicle. This plate must be exhibited in the manner described in the Private Hire Condition Booklet. Any person who uses, or permits to be used, a private hire vehicle in contravention of this requirement will be guilty of an offence for which the maximum penalty on summary conviction is £1,000. If your licence is revoked, expires, or if it is suspended in the circumstances mentioned in note 11 below, the Council may by notice require you to return the plate to them within 7 days. Any proprietor who fails without reasonable excuse to

comply with the terms of this notice will be guilty of an offence for which the maximum penalty on summary conviction is £1,000 and a daily fine of £10. In addition, any authorised officer of the Council or police constable will be entitled to remove and retain the plate from the vehicle.

4. You cannot use or permit your vehicle to be used as a private hire vehicle until your application has been approved and you are in possession of the licence and plate. If you knowingly contravene this requirement you will be guilty of an offence for which the maximum penalty on summary conviction is £1,000.
5. The Council will not grant a licence for your vehicle unless they are satisfied that its design and appearance would not lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a Hackney Carriage. If your application is successful conditions may be attached to your licence requiring or prohibiting the display of signs on or from the vehicle to which the licence relates.
6. If the application is successful you may be required by the Council to present the vehicle for inspection and testing prior to the licence renewal date. This will be at a time and place as reasonably specified by the Council. This requirement may be imposed by the Council on up to 3 separate occasions a year.
7. In addition any authorised Officer of the Council, or Police Officer, will have the power, at all reasonable times, to inspect and test the vehicle to ascertain its fitness. If the Officer concerned should not be satisfied, you may be required to make the vehicle available for further inspection. This notice may be made in writing giving reasonable time and specified location. The Officer may suspend the licence until such time as they are satisfied with the condition of the vehicle. If they are not satisfied before the expiry of 2 months, the licence will be deemed to have been revoked.

8. Whilst your application is being considered, the Council may require you by notice, to state in writing within a specified period, the address of every place the vehicle is kept when not in use. You may then be required to afford to the Council such facilities as may be reasonably necessary to enable them to inspect and test the vehicle in that location. This requirement may also be imposed during the currency of the licence, if it is granted.
9. In compliance with the Private Hire Vehicle Conditions, every vehicle must be provided with a fire extinguisher, first aid kit and roof sign as defined in the Private Hire Conditions Booklet.