

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976**

### **PART 11 – LICENSING OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES**

#### **STANDARD CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE ISSUE OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE**

The Driver shall not assign or in any way part with the benefit of the Licence, which is personal to the Driver.

1. The Driver shall not while driving or in charge of a Private Hire Vehicle:-
  - (a) tout or solicit on a road or other public place any person to hire or be carried for hire in any Private Hire Vehicle
  - (b) cause or procure any other person to tout or solicit on a road or other public place any on to hire or be carried for hire in any Private Hire Vehicle
  - (c) offer that vehicle for immediate hire while the Driver or that vehicle is on a road or other public place
  - (d) accept an offer for immediate hire of that vehicle while the Driver or that vehicle is on a road or other public place except where such an offer is first communicated to the Driver by telephone or by apparatus for wireless telegraphy fitted to that vehicle

In this Condition “road” means any highway and any other road to which the public has access and includes bridges over which a road passes.

2. The Driver shall not carry more passengers than allowed by his private hire or hackney vehicle licence.
3. The Driver shall at all times when driving or acting in accordance with the Driver’s licence granted to him wear the Driver’s badge issued to the Driver by the Council in such position and manner as to be plainly and distinctly visible.
4. The Driver’s badge referred to in the foregoing Condition shall remain the property of the Council, and if the Driver’s licence is not renewed, such badge shall be returned by the Driver to the Council within 7 days of a notice by the Licensing Manager or Senior Licensing Officer requesting the Driver to do so or immediately in the case of a suspension or revocation.
5. A failure to renew a Drivers licence by its expiry date will (unless there are exception circumstances supported by documentary evidence for the delay) result in the Drivers badge lapsing and a driver having to make a fresh application for a new Drivers badge.

6. The Driver shall at any time or at such intervals as the Council may reasonably require, produce a certificate in the form required by the Council, signed by the drivers own general practitioner or doctor with access to the drivers medical records to the effect that he is or continues to be physically fit to be the driver of a Hackney

Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle; whether or not such certificate is produced, the person shall, if required by the Council at any time, undergo a medical examination by a registered medical practitioner to be selected by the Council.

7. The Driver shall at any time or at such intervals as the Council may reasonably require be required to pass a driving test carried out by an authorised officer of the Council or other body approved by the Council.
8. The Driver shall at all times be clean and respectable in his dress and person, behave in a civil and orderly manner and afford all reasonable assistance with passengers' luggage and comply with all reasonable requirements of any person hiring or being conveyed in the vehicle.
9. The Driver shall, within 48 hours, notify the council in writing of an arrest and release, charge or conviction of any sexual offence, any offence involving dishonesty or violence and any motoring offence. An arrest of any of the offences within this scope will result in a review of their licence.
10. The Driver shall, within 7 days, notify the Council in writing of any change in his/her name address or phone number taking place during the period of the Licence.
11. The Driver shall not without the consent of the Hirer convey or permit to be conveyed any other person in that vehicle.
12. The driver shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of passengers entering or leaving the vehicle
13. The driver of a wheelchair accessible vehicle must ensure that any equipment associated with the carriage of wheelchair users must be in good order and ready for immediate use and that he is able to use such equipment in the correct manner.
14. The driver of a licensed vehicle shall, at the request of an authorised officer, stop the vehicle to enable a check to be made for the purpose of preventing or detecting any contravention of any statutory requirements, or of the conditions, applicable to the vehicle and its use as a licensed vehicle whether or not passengers are carried at the time. It shall not proceed until the authorised officer is satisfied that all such requirements or conditions are being observed and complied with.
15. The driver shall if required provide a written receipt for the fare paid.
16. The driver shall declare to the Council any penalty points endorsed on his licence or any courses attended in relation to driving offences.
17. The driver must carry any assistance dog or guide dog with no extra charge that is accompanying a passenger unless he is in possession of an exemption certificate.
18. The driver shall ensure that at all times when driving a licensed vehicle for

hire or reward that such a vehicle is kept in a clean and roadworthy condition.

19. The driver must ensure that his ability to drive is not impaired by working excessive hours. Guidance can be sought from the Road Transport (Working Time) Regulations 2005.

20. Drivers must cooperate with any authorised officer and / or police constable from any other licensing authority.
21. Drivers must comply with the Councils Code of Conduct on Working with Vulnerable People