



HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE CONDITIONS

- 1) The licensed vehicle may display an internal sign visible from outside the vehicle indicating the name and telephone number of any Company to which the vehicle is affiliated, in a form approved by the Council.
- 2) The licensed vehicle shall not display any other signs or notices except those detailed above or approved by the Council.
- 3) The seating capacity of a licensed vehicle shall be determined as follows:-
 - a) where separate seats for each person are provided, one person shall be counted for each separate seat provided.
 - b) where the vehicle is fitted with continuous seats, one person shall be counted for each completed length of 400mm measured in a straight line lengthwise over the centre of the seat. The centre of the seat shall be determined as half the distance from the forward most point of the front edge of the seat to the rear edge of the seat. Where the seat is fitted with arms for the purpose of separating the seating spaces and such arms are so constructed that they can be folded back or otherwise put out of use, such seat shall be measured as if it were not fitted with such arms.
 - c) All licensed vehicles shall comply with the following minimum standards of internal space:-
 - i) the distance from the rear seat-back to the rearmost part of the seat in front of that seat or other partition shall not be less than 610mm.
 - ii) the distance from the foremost front edge of the rear seat to the rearmost part of the seat in front of that seat or other partition shall not be less than 200mm for the purpose of carrying passengers.
- 4) The licensed vehicle must be of a suitable type and be in good condition which should meet with the approval of the Taxi Licensing Officer and vehicle examiner. The vehicle must be maintained in such a condition as would satisfy the current M.O.T. vehicle safety and exhaust emission standards as prescribed by the Department for Transport.
- 5) The licensed vehicle shall not be a licensed Hackney Carriage or Private Hire vehicle of any other Council.

- 6) No taximeter shall be used unless it has first been tested and approved by the Council.
- 7) The licensed proprietor shall immediately notify the Council of the name and address of any other proprietor or person concerned in the keeping, employing or letting for hire of the licensed vehicle.
- 8) Upon a change of proprietor, the Council shall be notified within 14 days of such change by the licensed proprietor (which expression includes both Companies and Partnerships).
- 9) The Council's Taxi Licensing Officer shall be notified within 72 hours of the following: -
 - a) any accident or incident affecting the safety, performance or appearance of the licensed vehicle or the comfort or convenience of passengers.
 - b) any alteration in the design or construction of the vehicle which may affect its general condition or suitability for use as a Hackney Carriage
- 10) The licensed proprietor of a Hackney Carriage shall permit the inspection of all documents relating to the licensed vehicle at all reasonable times and by prior arrangement by the Officers of the Council.
- 11) Only one two way radio may be operational at any one time and this shall be an approved radio used exclusively for the Hackney Carriage or Private Hire trade and properly licensed. The radio should be securely fixed to the vehicle.
- 12) Licensed vehicles exceeding five years old on the day of licensing (calculated from the date of first registration), will be subject to two vehicle inspections in any 12 month period. One inspection shall be the initial grant or annual inspection conducted by the Council, the second inspection will take place approximately six months from the date of the initial grant or annual inspection at a date determined by the Council and can be completed by:-
 - a) presenting the vehicle for inspection by the Council's vehicle examiner within a time scale determined by the Councilor
 - b) successfully completing a M.O.T. test within a time scale determined by the Council
- 13) Licensed vehicles must display a sign or signs in a prominent position visible to all passengers reminding them of their legal requirement to wear a seatbelt.

- 14) a) All Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences currently issued with an accessible taxi condition (No's. 121 to 140 inclusive) are subject to the following condition:-

"This licence is only valid for vehicles which satisfy the City of York Council definition of wheelchair accessible vehicles".

- b) All Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences from number 159 onwards are subject to the following condition:-

"This licence is only valid for wheelchair accessible vehicles. Such vehicles must have wheelchair access from the nearside of the vehicle, i.e. be side loading".

- 15) Every vehicle shall display a licence plate, supplied by the Council, externally on the rear of the vehicle. The licence plate issued by the Council should be securely fixed to the rear of the vehicle so that it is clearly visible. The licence plate will remain the property of the Council and must be returned to the Council immediately upon a change of vehicle or when requested upon the suspension, revocation or expiry of a vehicle licence.

A "temporary" plate shall be affixed to the inside of the rear window so not to obscure the visibility of the driver.

- 16) Licensed vehicles must display a sign, supplied by the Council, inside the vehicle in a visible position to passengers, displaying the Council's details and the plate number of the vehicle. The sign will remain the property of the Council and must be returned to the Council when requested upon the suspension, revocation or expiry of a vehicle licence.

- 17) Seat belts must be available for each passenger that the vehicle is licensed to carry. Exemption will be granted where the proprietor can prove to the satisfaction of the Taxi Licensing Officer that it is technically impossible to provide a seat belt to comply with type approval.

- 18) The roof sign of the licensed vehicle shall be connected to the taximeter so that:

- (i) when the taximeter is recording a fare the roof sign shall not be illuminated, and
- (ii) when the taximeter is switched on but is not recording a fare the roof sign shall be illuminated, and
- (iii) when the taximeter is switched off (i.e. when the licensed vehicle is not plying for hire) the roof sign shall not be illuminated.

- 19) The licensed vehicle shall have a minimum engine capacity of 1250cc except for vehicles fitted with an engine rated with a Euro 4 (or better) emission standard.
- 20) i) All licensed vehicles shall be fitted with windscreen glass that has a light transmittance of 75% and
ii) All other window glass shall have a light transmittance of not less than 70% except those parts of the rear window or any side windows adjacent to the luggage space in any estate-type vehicle which can be of any manufacturer's tint providing it is not opaque.
iii) Any self applied material shall satisfy the requirements of i) and ii) above if it has been approved by the Council.
iv) Neither i), ii) or iii) above shall apply to tinted glass fitted by the manufacturer in respect to vehicles currently licensed by this Council.
- 21) The licensed vehicle will be supplied with the official coat of arms decal which must be displayed at all times on each front door panel.
- 22) The licensed vehicle shall have a luggage space, separate from the passenger compartment, which is capable of holding, at a minimum, two suitcases (a large one measuring 720mm x 460mm x 280mm and a medium one measuring 660mm x 430mm x 280mm) and a folded wheelchair (not at the same time). This condition shall not apply to vehicles already licensed by the Council.
- 23) The licensed vehicle shall not be equipped with any CCTV system unless approved by the Council.
- 24) Where the licensed vehicle is so constructed or adapted as to be a wheelchair accessible vehicle it shall only be driven by a licensed driver who has:
- a) Completed and passed the Driving Standards Agency wheelchair exercise or equivalent, and
 - b) Completed and passed the City of York Council Disability Awareness Training Course (Taxi) or equivalent.