

**PRIVATE  
HIRE**

# **DRIVER'S LICENCE CONDITIONS**

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## **CONDITIONS FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS**

You must at all times comply with the provisions of Part 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

### **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION**

Before a driver's licence is granted the applicant must:

1. Complete and submit to the Council an application in the form prescribed by the Council along with:
  - (a) one recent passport-sized photograph
  - (b) your current driving licence
  - (c) a medical certificate from your doctor
  - (d) a completed Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure form
2. Pay the licence fee.
3. Satisfy the Council that
  - (a) you are a fit and proper person to hold a licence
  - (b) you have passed the Council's knowledge test, and
  - (c) you have, for the past twelve months, held a driver's licence (not being a provisional licence) authorising you to drive a motor car.

### **CONDITIONS OF LICENCE**

#### 1. Licence and change of address

You must not assign or in any way part with the licence which is issued to you only.

You must notify the Council in writing of any change of address within seven days.

#### 2. Convictions

You must inform the Council of any convictions, whether motoring or other offence, within seven days.

#### 3. Prohibition of plying for hire

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 to be carried for hire in any private hire vehicle; or
- (b) accept an offer for the immediate hire of that vehicle while the driver of that vehicle is on a road or other public place except where such

offer is first communicated to the licensed operator by telephone or by radio apparatus fitted to that vehicle.

#### 4. Driving of vehicle

The driver shall not permit any other person to drive a vehicle for hire except with the consent of the vehicle operator.

#### 5. Carriage of passengers

- (a) The driver shall not convey or permit to be conveyed in a private hire vehicle a greater number of persons than that prescribed in the licence for the vehicle.
- (b) The driver shall not allow there to be conveyed in the front of a private hire vehicle:
  - (i) any child below the age of ten years; or
  - (ii) more than one person above that age
- (c) The driver shall not without the consent of the hirer of a vehicle convey or permit to be conveyed any other person in that vehicle.

#### 6. Carriage of animals

You shall not convey in a private hire vehicle any animal belonging to or in the custody of you or the proprietor or operator of the vehicle.

Any animal belonging to or in the custody of any passenger, which at your discretion may be conveyed in the vehicle, shall only be conveyed in the rear of the vehicle.

You must, if requested, carry guide, hearing and other assistance dogs free of charge unless you are in possession of a valid exemption certificate.

#### 7. Behaviour etc. of driver

You shall be clean and respectable in your dress and behave in a civil and orderly manner.

You shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of passengers conveyed in, entering or alighting from the vehicle driven by you.

You shall help your passengers with their luggage.

You shall not, without the express consent of the hirer, drink or eat in the vehicle.

You shall not smoke or allow any passenger to smoke in the vehicle.

You shall not, without the express consent of the hirer, play any radio or sound reproducing instrument or equipment in the vehicle other than for the purpose of sending or receiving messages in connection with the operation of the vehicle.

You shall at no time cause or permit the noise emitted by any radio or other previously mentioned equipment in the vehicle which you are driving to be a source of nuisance or annoyance to any person either inside or outside the vehicle.

#### 8. Punctual attendance

You shall punctually attend at the appointed time and place, unless delayed or prevented by sufficient cause.

#### 9. Route

You shall when hired drive to any particular destination, subject to any direction given by the hirer, by the shortest practicable route.

#### 10. Lost property

You shall immediately after the hiring carefully search the vehicle for any property which may have been accidentally left there.

#### 11. Badge

You shall at all times when driving a private hire vehicle wear or place in a prominent position within the vehicle the driver's badge issued to you by the Council.

#### 12. Return of badge

You shall upon expiry, revocation or suspension of the licence immediately return to the Council the driver's badge issued to you.

#### 13. Vehicle identification plate

You shall not conceal from public view either the exterior or interior identification plates displaying the private hire vehicle licence number.

#### 14. Taximeter

You shall not wilfully or negligently cause any fare recorded on the taximeter to be concealed from public view while the vehicle is being used for the purpose of public hire.

15. Tampering with taximeter

You shall not tamper or permit any other person to tamper with the taximeter or its fittings, connections or seals after it has been fitted to the vehicle and sealed by an authorised officer.

16. Amount of fare

You shall not demand a fare in excess of any previously agreed.

17. Receipt for fare

You shall, if requested by the hirer, provide him/her with a written receipt for the fare paid.

18. Availability of licence conditions

You shall at all times when driving a private hire vehicle carry with you a copy of these conditions and the byelaws and shall make them available for inspection by the hirer or any passenger on request.

19. Health

You shall inform the Council without delay about the onset or worsening of any health condition likely to cause you to be a source of danger to the public either now or in the future. Temporary conditions, other than recurrent ones, not expected to last more than three months need not be reported. If you are in any doubt about whether or not your health condition is one which should be reported you should consult your doctor.

20. Suspension or revocation of licence

The Council may at any time suspend, for such period as it thinks fit, or revoke this licence if you are in breach of any of the conditions, byelaws or if you are convicted of any offence which, in the opinion of the Council, renders you no longer a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

21. Production of driving licence

You shall, within forty-eight hours of receiving written notice requiring you to do so, produce to the Council your current Department of Transport driving licence for inspection.

22. Variation of conditions

The Council may at any time during the period of this licence or upon renewal vary any condition.