

Schedule of conditions attached to Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence

In these conditions reference to the words “**you or your**” shall mean any person who has a proprietary interest in the vehicle to which this licence is issued and where that person is a Limited Company, that Company.

1. Maintenance of vehicle

The vehicle, its fittings and equipment shall at all times be maintained in a safe, clean and tidy condition and shall comply with the Council’s Manual of Fitness Standards.

2. Alteration of vehicle

No alteration or addition of any kind shall be made to the vehicle without the prior written permission of the Council. For the avoidance of doubt, CCTV may be fitted provided that it does not cause danger to any person conveyed in the vehicle.

3. Safety Equipment

There shall be carried on the vehicle, a fire extinguisher which conforms to BS EN 3 or equivalent and is marked as such. It shall be kept in proper working condition, fully charged and carried in a secure position on the vehicle where it is easily accessible.

4. Signs, notices etc..

(1) Subject to (2) below, nothing shall be displayed in, on or from the vehicle other than something fitted by the manufacturer of the vehicle at the time of its manufacture or which is required by law except:

A. a sign which is displayed only whilst the vehicle is stopped to identify the vehicle to a passenger(s) who has/have made a contract for the hire of the vehicle. That sign shall show only your name and/or your business name and/or logo and telephone number and the name of the passenger(s); or

B. where the vehicle is not plying for hire and not at a hackney carriage stand, a sign which shall show only your name and/or your business name and/or logo and telephone number; or

C. where the vehicle is a saloon car, there may be displayed on the side doors of the vehicle a commercial advertisement that has been approved in advance in writing by the Council.

D. where the vehicle is a purpose built hackney carriage or a vehicle approved by the Council as a disabled access vehicle, there may be displayed, a commercial advertisement up to full vehicle livery that has been approved in advance in writing by the Council.

(2) There shall be fitted to the roof of the vehicle a sign which is capable of being illuminated and has on the front the word “TAXI” in letters not more than 15 cm high and underneath the word “TAXI” there shall be the words “Wigan Council” not less than 2.5 cm and not more than 5 cm high. The sign shall be illuminated during the hours of darkness except when the vehicle is hired. For the avoidance of doubt, a sign bearing the word “TAXI” and capable of being illuminated which is fitted to a purpose built hackney carriage shall be considered to comply with this condition provided that the sign shall be illuminated during the hours of darkness except when the vehicle is hired.

5. Convictions, Cautions or Fixed Penalty Notices

If you are convicted of any offence (this includes motoring and criminal offences), given a formal caution for any offence or have any fixed penalty notice imposed on you then, **you must** write to the Council giving full details of the offence(s), caution(s) or fixed penalty notice(s) within seven days.

6. Bull bars.

No Bull Bars shall be attached to or carried on the outside of the vehicle.

7. Radio.

No device which can scan radio transmissions shall be installed in, carried on or used in the vehicle.

(This shall not apply to a radio used for communication when the vehicle is not standing at a hackney carriage stand or is not plying for hire.)

8. Trailers

No trailer of any description shall be attached to this vehicle when it is being used for the carriage of passengers under this licence unless in accordance with a written authorisation issued by the Council.

WARNING! If you fail without reasonable excuse to comply with these conditions, that may amount to reasonable cause for the Council to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew this licence subject to each case being considered on its merits.