

Schedule of conditions attached to Private Hire 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 be maintained at all times in a safe, clean and tidy condition and shall comply with the requirements of 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 Identification Plate

The plate supplied by the Council which is required to be displayed on the vehicle by Section 48(6) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and which identifies the vehicle as a private hire vehicle shall be fitted on the outside and at the rear of the vehicle and maintained so it can be clearly seen at all times.

4 Safety Equipment

There shall be carried on the vehicle, a fire extinguisher that 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 to the driver.

5 Signs, Notices, etc.

1. No light other than one fitted by the manufacturer of the vehicle at the time of manufacture shall be fitted in or on the vehicle without the Council’s written permission.
2. Subject to (3) 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 contains the name of the operator of the vehicle and the name of a passenger(s) who have booked the vehicle through the operator displayed on or from the vehicle whilst it is stopped waiting to pick up the passenger(s) named on the sign; or
 - B.** where the vehicle is a saloon or estate car, a sign displayed only on the front doors of the vehicle, containing only the name, logo, details of the services provided and telephone number of the operator who provides bookings for the vehicle. The sign shall not contain the word hackney, cab or taxi or any word which bears any resemblance to or contains within it, hackney, cab or taxi. The letters, numbers or logos displayed in the sign shall be no larger than 10 cm in height; or
 - C.** where the vehicle is a minibus or multi-purpose vehicle, a sign displayed on the front doors, and or the side and rear of the vehicle containing only the name, logo, details of the services provided and telephone number of the operator who provides bookings for the vehicle. The sign shall not contain the word “hackney”, “cab” or “taxi” or any word which bears any resemblance to or contains within it “hackney”, “cab” or “taxi”. The letters, numbers or logos displayed in the sign shall be no larger than 20 cm in height, and no sign or part of a sign shall be placed in any window on the vehicle unless approved by the Council.

3. There shall be displayed on the outside of the vehicle in the centre of and immediately underneath the window of each **rear** door which passengers use to get into the vehicle the sign provided by the Council bearing the Council's Logo and words "**Licensed For Pre-Booked Journeys only**"

6 Change of address

If you move home or registered office, you shall write to the Council giving details of the new home or new address of the registered office within seven days of moving.

7 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.

8 Bull bars

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

9 Taximeters

No private hire vehicle shall be fitted with a taximeter that has not been tested, approved and sealed by the Council.

- A.** Should any change be made to the rate of fares to be calculated by the taximeter, then, the taximeter shall not be used to calculate those fares until such time as the meter has been tested, approved and sealed by the Council,
- B.** There shall be displayed in the vehicle in a form approved by the Council, a table of fares to be calculated by the taximeter;
- C.** The taximeter shall be positioned in the vehicle so that the face of the taximeter shall not be visible from outside but shall be clearly visible to the passengers carried in the vehicle at all times.
- D.** Should any approved taximeter fitted to a licensed private hire vehicle become defective or have any seal broken, it shall not be used for the purpose of calculating fares until such time as it has been repaired, re-tested and sealed by the Council.

10 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 receiving details of bookings provided to the vehicle by the private hire vehicle operator who provides bookings for the vehicle)

11 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.