

DISTRICT OF SOUTH HOLLAND

HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE - CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

The following conditions shall be attached to the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence, and the proprietor(s) of such a vehicle shall when making application for a licence, declare his/her intention to comply with such conditions.

1. The proprietor shall NOT be a person who by reason of a conviction(s) recorded against him/her, would be refused a driving licence or insurance cover.
2. The proprietor shall be in direct control of the day to day running of the vehicle, and shall make that vehicle available for hire at all reasonable hours.
3. The vehicle shall be of suitable size (up to a maximum of eight seats), type and design for use as a hackney carriage vehicle, and shall be maintained in a safe, clean and comfortable condition.
4. The proprietor shall produce with his application and at other times when required, the vehicle's registration document, certificate of insurance and Certificate of Compliance/vehicle test report.
5. The vehicle shall be fitted with a 1kg or 2kg Multi-Purpose dry powder Fire Extinguisher to BS EN3 standard, a first aid kit and any other equipment considered necessary, and submit the same for examination when required. Such equipment is to be carried in a position in the vehicle as to be readily visible and available for immediate use in an emergency. It is recommended that the best location for a fire extinguisher is in front of the passenger seat, away from passing cables and away from the passengers feet, with the carrying handle nearest to the driver (if in doubt seek professional help).
6. The vehicle shall be submitted for physical and mechanical examination to a contracted garage as and when required by the Council. Ordinarily, this will be twice a year. On application for licensing or renewal of a licence, the application form, fee, vehicle registration document, insurance certificate and Certificate of Compliance/vehicle test report shall be presented to the Council for inspection and processing.
7. The proprietor shall display inside the vehicle a current scale of fares, and shall keep available a copy of the current byelaws, for inspection by passengers.
8. The vehicle shall be fitted with a standard roof light bearing the words "SHDC - TAXI" only, and shall not display, neither internally nor externally, any other sign, notice or advertising material, unless prior approval thereto has been obtained from the Council.

(NOTE: Under this paragraph, the Council has agreed that the proprietor's name, address, and telephone number may be displayed on the side door panels; and on the rear of the vehicle in letters not exceeding 3" in height).

9. The Council shall provide the vehicle with two plates indicating the hackney carriage licence number of that vehicle, one of which should be fitted externally to the rear off-side of the vehicle, and the other should be fitted internally facing the front passenger position. The proprietor or driver of the vehicle shall ensure that the plates are kept in such a position and manner as to allow the number thereon to be distinctly and plainly visible at all times.

10. The licence plates referred to shall remain the property of the Council and may be recalled within seven days of the hackney carriage licence being terminated.
11. An authorised officer of the Council or any Police Constable shall have power at all reasonable times to inspect and test any hackney carriage vehicle licensed by the Council, for the purpose of ascertaining its fitness. A vehicle licence may be suspended if the officer or constable is not satisfied with the fitness of the licensed vehicle.
12. The proprietor shall not assign or in any way part with the benefit of the licence without prior written consent of the Council.
13. The proprietor shall at all times operate the vehicle in compliance with the relevant terms of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, the Public Health Act 1875, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the appropriate byelaws made thereunder, and failure so to do may result in the licence being suspended or revoked.

14. Change of Address

The proprietor shall notify the Council in writing of any change of his/her address during the period of the licence, within seven days of such change taking place.

15. Convictions

The proprietor shall, within seven days, disclose to the Council in writing, details of any conviction imposed on him or, if the proprietor is a company or partnership, on any of the directors or partners, during the period of the licence.

16. Complaints

Where any complaint is made against a hackney carriage driver then the complainant shall be requested to put that complaint in writing immediately and submit it to the Council or the proprietor who shall in turn within 48 hours of receipt of the complaint notify the licensing authority.

17. Deposit of Drivers' Licences

If the proprietor permits or employs any person to drive the vehicle as a hackney carriage, the proprietor shall, before that person commences to drive the vehicle, cause the driver to deliver the Hackney Carriage driver's licence for retention until such time as the driver ceases to be permitted or employed to drive the vehicle or any other vehicle of the proprietor.