

Schedule of Conditions attached to Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences

1. In these conditions unless the subject or context otherwise requires 'the Proprietor' means the holder of Hackney Carriage Licence 'the Council' means the Council of the City of Sunderland, 'Licence' means Hackney Carriage Licence.
2. (a) The Proprietor shall cause the number of the Licence granted to him in respect of a vehicle to be legibly marked on the inside of the vehicle and on the outside of the vehicle on a plate affixed thereto, such plate to be of the colour, size and shape and in such position as determined by the Council.

(b) The Proprietor shall not wilfully or negligently cause or suffer the number or Licence plate marked or attached in pursuance of this Condition to be concealed from public view or to be so defaced that any figure or material particular is illegible.
3. (a) With effect from 1st June 1985, the Proprietor of a hackney carriage, other than a London type cab with an inbuilt sign showing the word TAXI, shall cause a sign not less than 95 centimetres or more than 105 centimetres long and 18 centimetres high to be fitted to the roof of the vehicle. The face of the sign shall bear the word TAXI in black lettering on a white background with such insignia as determined by the Council on each side.

The sign shall show red to the rear and bear the telephone number of the hackney carriage company or proprietor in black numerals not more than 5 centimetres in height with the licence number of the vehicle to which it is attached, in black numerals not less than 7 centimetres in height at each side.

Such sign shall be illuminated when the vehicle is available for hire, but not at any other time.

- (b) The Proprietor shall cause a 'For Hire' sign to be displayed in a conspicuous position on the vehicle and illuminated when the vehicle is available for hire but not at other times.
- (c) The 'Taxi' and 'For Hire' signs referred to in this Condition shall be so constructed as to switch off automatically when the taximeter is operating.
- (d) The Proprietor shall cause such insignia as determined by the Council to be displayed on the exterior of each of the two front doors of the vehicle.
- (e) The Proprietor shall not wilfully or negligently cause or suffer the signs or insignia attached in pursuance of this Condition to be concealed from public view or to be so defaced that any figure or material particular is illegible.
- (f) The Proprietor may cause a sign not exceeding 8 centimetres in height and 50 centimetres in length to be displayed on the front nearside windscreen and/or on the rear windscreen stating the name of the hackney carriage company or firm. Such sign shall be in black lettering on a white background and shall not be illuminated.
- (g) The Proprietor may attach, affix or cause to be attached or affixed to the vehicle, an advertisement or advertisements provided that before so doing the proprietor shall obtain the approval of the Council to each advertisement.

- (h) The Proprietor shall not attach or affix or cause to be attached or affixed to a vehicle any sign or mark other than one required or authorised by Conditions 2(a), 3(d), or 3(g).
4. A Proprietor shall ensure with regard to the vehicle to which his Licence relates: -
- (a) that the vehicle is provided with sufficient means by which any person in the vehicle may communicate with the driver and that such means of communication is maintained;
 - (b) that the vehicle is maintained in a clean, comfortable, safe, watertight and mechanically sound condition;
 - (c) that the vehicle is provided with a suitable and efficient fire extinguisher in such a position as to be readily available for use;
 - (d) that the vehicle is provided with adequate means for securing luggage.
5. The Proprietor shall cause the vehicle to be provided with a taximeter which shall be so constructed, attached and maintained as to comply with the following requirements: -
- (a) the taximeter shall be so constructed that it is not possible for any person manually to alter the tariff rate without breaking the seals affixed thereto;
 - (b) the taximeter shall be fitted with a key, flag or other device, the operation of which will bring the machinery of the taximeter into action and cause the word 'hired' to appear on the face of the taximeter;
 - (c) such key, flag or other device shall be capable of being locked in such a position that the machinery of the taximeter is not in action and that no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter;
 - (d) when the machinery of the taximeter is in action, there shall be recorded on the face thereof in figures clearly legible and free from ambiguity the fare which the Proprietor or driver is entitled to demand and take for the hire or the carriage by distance;
 - (e) the word 'fare' shall be printed on the face of the taximeter in plain letters so as clearly to apply to the fare recorded thereon;
 - (f) the taximeter shall be so placed that all letter and figures on the face thereof shall be at all times plainly visible to any person being conveyed in the vehicle and for that purpose the letters and figures shall be suitably illuminated during any period of hiring and the switch for operating the light providing the said illumination shall be incorporated in and operated in conjunction with the key flag, or other device which brings the machinery of the taximeter into action and no other method of operating the said light shall be employed;
 - (g) the taximeter and all the fittings thereon shall be so affixed to the vehicle with seals or other appliances that it shall not be practicable for any person to tamper with them except by breaking, damaging or permanently displacing the seals or other appliances.
6. The Proprietor shall at the request of an authorised officer produce:

- (a) the current drivers licence of any person authorised to drive the vehicle
 - (b) the vehicle registration document
 - (c) the insurance document for the vehicle
 - (d) evidence he is self-employed if appropriate either forthwith or at the offices of the Council's Licensing Section within 7 days of the request.
7. A Proprietor who wishes to renew a licence must make application at least 7 days before its expiration.
8. The Proprietor shall return the licence for endorsement when changing his address or his operational base.
9. The Proprietor shall at all times during the currency of the licence ensure a policy of insurance is held authorising the use of the vehicle for hire or reward and complying with the Road Traffic Acts and any regulations or amendments thereto.
10. The Proprietor shall ensure that every driver employed by him holds a Licence to Drive Hackney Carriages and shall ensure that such driver is acquainted with, understands and observes the conditions attached to his Licence and the statutory provisions relating to such Licence.
11. A Proprietor shall not by calling out or otherwise importune any person to hire his carriage and shall not make use of the services of any other person for such purpose.
12. A Proprietor whose vehicle conveys the dead body of any person shall notify the Council's Licensing Section forthwith.
13. The Proprietor shall daily search his vehicle for any property which may have been accidentally left therein.
14. The Proprietor shall, if any property accidentally left therein by any person who may have been conveyed in the vehicle be found by or handed to him: -
- (a) carry it as soon as possible, and in any event within 48 hours, if not sooner claimed by or on behalf of its owner, to the Licensing Section of the Council and leave it in the custody of an Officer of that Section on his giving a receipt for it;
 - (b) be entitled to receive from any person to whom the property shall be re-delivered an amount equal to five pence in the pound of its estimated value (or the fare for the distance from the place of its finding to the Office of the Council, whichever be the greater) but not more than £5.00.
15. A Proprietor shall: -
- (a) not require for a journey a fare greater than that authorised by the table of fares in force within the District;

- (b) cause the fare table provided by the Council to be fixed upon the vehicle in such a position and manner that the letters of such table are distinctly and plainly visible to any person being conveyed in such carriage;
 - (c) not wilfully or negligently cause or suffer such table to be inverted or detached or altered or the letters or figures on such table to be in any manner or by any means concealed at any time.
- 16. If the proprietor transfers his interest in his vehicle to any person other than the proprietor whose name is specified in the licence he shall within 14 days after such transfer give notice in writing to the Council specifying the name and address of the person to whom the vehicle has been transferred.
- 17. The Proprietor shall within seventy-two hours disclose to the Council in writing details of his conviction for any offence(s). The Council will then decide whether the licence should be suspended or revoked, having regard to the offence(s).
- 18. No vehicle will be accepted for licensing by the Council as a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle unless it has been certified by either the Vehicle Certification Agency or the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency as meeting the requirements of:
 - a) European Community Whole Vehicle Type Approval;
 - b) European Community Small Series Type Approval;
 - c) National Small Series Type Approval;
 - d) Individual Single Vehicle Approval; or
 - e) any relevant predecessor scheme.
- 19. The seat type and layout of any vehicles licensed to carry 5 or more passengers shall not be altered or amended in any way from that which subsisted on the date of issue of this licence without the written consent of the Council.
- 20. The glazing of any vehicle submitted for licensing as either a hackney carriage or a private hire vehicle must have a light transmittance as detailed below:
 - Front windscreen; minimum light transmittance 75%;
 - Both front doors vehicle glass; minimum light transmittance 70%;
 - All remaining vehicle glass behind the two front doors; minimum light transmittance of 35%.

Note: A tolerance level of minus 4% is allowed in relation to the measured transmittance.