

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

DRIVER KNOWLEDGE TEST

Guidance Pack

It is essential that you have a good knowledge of the law and conditions and of the local area to be able to pass this test.

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BACKGROUND

Included in this pack are the law and conditions which applicants will need to study prior to the knowledge test.

The test will be undertaken at the conclusion of the driver training session under strict examination conditions. Applicants will be given a one hour time limit in order to complete the test.

The Knowledge Test will be a written test and will comprise of three sections.

Section 1 will include 23 multiple choice questions relating to the law and conditions which are attached to licences and driver responsibilities.

Section 2 will involve the use of an A – Z street directory. Applicants will be required to identify the street or road which forms a junction with a given location.

Section 3 Part 1 - Without the aid of the A – Z directory, applicants will be given the name of ten landmarks within the borough (eg. public houses, clubs, schools, medical centres, supermarkets etc) and will need to identify the road or street they are located on.

Part 2 requires applicants to identify two routes between two given locations and the ability to describe a journey a driver should take in a written format taking the shortest route.

You must bring your driving licence prior to taking the test. Photographic identification must be produced.

If you still hold the old style driving licence, you will need to provide a passport with your driving licence.

You will be allocated one hour to complete this test.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council is aware that applicants may require additional support when undertaking the knowledge test. The Council will make reasonable adjustments to the test to enable its completion.

Please contact the Public Protection Service should you require extra support with the following:

Dyslexia

Writing Difficulties

Learning Difficulties

English as an additional language

Reading Difficulties

This information will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be detrimental to your application.

Should you require any further information, please contact the Public Protection Service on telephone number 01254 267666.

EXAMPLES OF KNOWLEDGE TEST QUESTIONS

SECTION 1 – The Law/Conditions

You will be asked 23 questions relating to the law and conditions.

You must answer 18 questions correctly to pass.

The information provided in this pack and during the training session will assist you.

SECTION 2 - Junctions

You will be given 6 streets or roads and you must identify the street or road which forms a junction with the given location. Please provide the page number. You must answer 3 correctly to pass.

Eg. Using the A – Z street directory provided identify the street or road which forms a junction with the following:

| STREET NAME | JUNCTION | PAGE NO |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Ainsdale Drive | Knowsley Road/Stanley Drive | Pg 44 |
| Ashville Terrace, Blackburn | Bolton Road | Pg 37 |
| Worcester Road, Blackburn | Devon Road | Pg 30 |

SECTION 3 – Landmark Destinations/Route Planning

You are not permitted to use the A – Z directory for this section.

You will be asked to identify the street or road where the landmarks are located in the borough. You will need to correctly identify 5 locations out of 10.

Eg.

| LANDMARK | LOCATION |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Blackburn Police Station | Whitebirk Drive, Blackburn |
| 2. Darwen Leisure Centre | The Green, Darwen |
| 3. Ice Arena | Lower Audley, Blackburn |

You must familiarise yourself with the following landmarks:

East Lancashire Cricket Club

Tesco Superstore

Asda Superstore

East Lancs Hospice

Pleasington Golf Club

Blackburn Golf Club

Blackburn Ice Arena

Old Gates Nursing Home

White Horse (Edgworth)

King Georges Hall

Blackburn Police Station (Greenbank)

Darwen Police Station

Station Hotel

Aldi Supermarket, Ewood

The Willows

Darwen Golf Club

Witton Park

Red Lion Hotel

Astley Bank Hotel

Thwaites Theatre

Blackburn Rovers Football Club

Royal Blackburn Hospital

Vue Cinema

Tenpin

Mill Hill Community Centre

The Drummers Arms

Ego at the Knowles

Darwen Health Centre

Oyster & Otter

Darwen Library Theatre

Gala Bingo

Blackburn County Court

Sainsbury's Supermarket

Brownhill Hotel

Olde England Kiosk

Whitehall Hotel

Clog and Billycock

Railway Hotel

Audley Sports Centre

St Paul's Working Mens Club

Section 4 - You will be asked to describe the shortest, most direct route from one location to another in writing. You will be asked to describe two routes. Although you may not know every street name, you must be able to demonstrate that you have a good local knowledge of the area. You will be expected to explain in writing at least one route in detail to pass this section.

Question

1. East Lancashire Cricket Club to Vue cinema
2. Tesco supermarket to Blackburn Rovers Football club

Answer

1. Turn left down Dukes Brow, left onto Preston New Road, right Barbara Castle Way, left onto Montague Street, onto Wainwright Way, left onto Canterbury Street, right onto Darwen Street, left onto Park Road, left onto Lower Audley Street, left onto Mason Street, left onto Carlisle Street.
2. Depart Hill Street, turn right onto Crabtree Street, left onto Harwood Street, right onto Furthergate, continue onto Higher Audley Street, turn right onto Audley Range, right onto Lower Audley Street, left onto Great Bolton Street, left onto Velvet Street, right onto Nuttall Street

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q How long will an application take?

A As part of the application procedure you will be required to undertake a Criminal Record Disclosure. An application cannot be fully processed until a satisfactory disclosure is received. This is processed by the Criminal Records Bureau who is independent from the Council. The process can take up to 4 – 6 weeks to complete. A duplicate copy of the report will be sent to your home address.

Should the Criminal Record Disclosure contain any convictions, cautions etc., then this may be referred to the General Licensing Sub Committee for consideration. Please see '*Statement of Policy and Guidelines relating to the relevance of Convictions*' contained within the pack. Each case is considered on its own merits.

Q I have held a Statutory Driving Licence for less than 12 months. Am I able to apply for a Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence?

A No. You must have held a full UK/EU Statutory Driving Licence for at least 12 months.

Q I have penalty points on my Statutory Driving Licence. Will this prevent me from obtaining a private hire/hackney carriage licence?

A Each case is decided on its own merits. This may not prevent you from obtaining a private hire driver's licence but you may be required to appear before the General Licensing Sub Committee for your application to be considered.

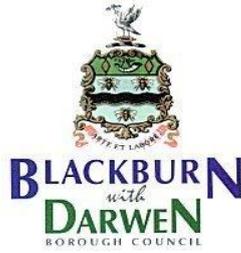
Q I have previously held a Private Hire Driver's Licence which has lapsed. Am I able to renew my licence?

If the previous licence has lapsed more than six months ago then you will be required to complete the whole application process again. If the licence lapsed less than six months ago then you can renew without completing the whole process.

Q I am a licensed driver in a neighbouring authority but wish to apply for a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence in Blackburn with Darwen Borough. Am I able to use the medical certificate presented to the neighbouring authority?

A We may accept the original medical certificate you produced to the neighbouring authority provided the certificate was based on a 'Group 2 Medical Examination' and the examination took place within the last 12 months.

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THE LAW RELATING TO PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES & DRIVERS

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 govern the issue of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence and a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver's Licence.

OFFENCES

- 1) All drivers of a licensed private hire vehicle must have a current private hire vehicle driver's licence. * This also includes when the vehicle is being used for business, pleasure or other purposes.* (Benson V Boyce, Hawkins V Edwards, Yates V Gates)

Any person driving the vehicle must hold a private hire drivers badge

- 2) All drivers must *wear their drivers badge where it can be easily seen* when driving the licensed vehicle.

On the outside of coat or jumper

- 3) All private hire drivers can not **ply for hire**.* This means private hire vehicles can only pick up passengers who have first booked with an operator.

Pick up when flagged down

- 4) All licensed vehicles must display the *licence plate* provided by the Council in the prescribed manner at all times, (see conditions attached to vehicles)

Yellow plate

- 5) Any damage to the vehicle which affects the safety, appearance or performance of the vehicle **must** be reported to the Council within 72 hours.
- 6) A driver must take the shortest route on all journeys unless the passenger wants to go a different route.
- 7) All drivers must co-operate with the Police Officers and Councils Enforcement Officers when on duty, and show their licence when asked to.

- 8) Signs saying TAXI or CAB, or FOR HIRE or anything similar are not allowed anywhere on or in the vehicle.
- a) roof signs of any kind are not allowed
- 9) *The “doubling up” of passengers and charging separately is only allowed* if
- a) All the passengers carried on that journey booked in advance, and
b) Each of the passengers agreed to share the use of the vehicle with others

Separate pick ups are not allowed unless all passengers agree at time of booking

This agreement must be made only when booking with the operator

- 10)The council may suspend/revoke/or refuse a drivers licence if the driver carries out
- a) any of the above offences
b) any offence involving violence, dishonesty or indecency
c) any other reasonable cause

11)The wearing of seatbelts. (see table below)

| | Front seat | Rear seat | Who is responsible |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|
| Driver | Seat belt must be worn if fitted | | Driver |
| Child under 3 years of age | Appropriate child restraint must be worn | Appropriate child restraint must be used if available | Driver |
| Child aged 3 to 11 and under 1.5 meters (approximately 5ft) in height | Appropriate child restraint must be used if available. If not an adult seat belt must be worn | Appropriate child restraint must be used if available. If not an adult seat belt must be worn if available | Driver |
| Child aged 12 or 13 or younger child 1.5 meters (approximately 5ft) or more in height | Adult seat belt must be worn if available | Adult seat belt must be worn if available | Driver |
| Adult passengers | Seat belt must be worn if available | Seat belt must be worn if available | Passenger |

- 12)The Council may suspend/revoke/or refuse to issue or renew a vehicle licence if
- a) the vehicle is unfit
b) the vehicle does not comply with relevant legislation
c) any other reasonable cause

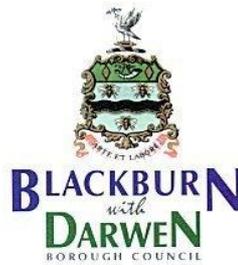
A vehicle can be suspended by the Police or by the Councils Enforcements Officers.

- 13)If a vehicle licence is suspended/revoked or is expired, the *licence plate* must be returned to the Council within 7 days.

This information sheet is only a guide to the law. For more details copies of the relevant acts can be purchased from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Manchester.

Relevant Acts

Local Government (miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976



CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENCES

- 1 The driver of a private hire vehicle provided with a taximeter shall:
 - (a) as soon as the vehicle is hired by distance, and before beginning the journey, bring the taximeter into operation by moving the said key, flag or other device, so that the word 'HIRED' is legible on the face of the taximeter in operation until the termination of the hiring;
 - (b) cause the dial of the taximeter to be kept properly illuminated throughout any part of the hiring which is during the hours of darkness as defined for the purposes of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and also at any other time at the request of the hirer

- 2 The driver shall:
 - (a) behave in a civil and orderly manner, shall be appropriately dressed and shall take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of persons conveyed in the vehicle;
 - (b) not play music except with the consent of the hirer;
 - (c) who has agreed or has been hired to be in attendance with the vehicle at an appointed time and place, shall, unless delayed or prevented by sufficient cause, punctually attend with such vehicle at that time and place;
 - (d) not convey or allow to be conveyed in such vehicle any greater number of persons than the number of persons specified on the plate affixed to the outside of the vehicle;
 - (e) not permit any person to be conveyed in the vehicle without the consent of the hirer;
 - (f) not wilfully or negligently cause any licence plate to be concealed from public view whilst the vehicle is being used for the purpose of hire
 - (g) notify the council, in writing, of any change of home address within 14 days of moving
 - (h) notify the Council, in writing without delay, or in any case within 72 hrs of any change of operator

 - (i) if he finds property that has been accidentally left by any person who may have been conveyed in the vehicle, or is handed such property, and if it is not claimed by or on behalf of its owner, carry it as soon as possible, and in any event within 48 hours, to a police station within the district and leave it in the custody of the officer in charge of the station on his giving a receipt for it.

3. If the licensed vehicle is so constructed so as to carry luggage, when requested by any person hiring or seeking to hire the vehicle, the driver shall:
 - (a) convey a reasonable quantity of luggage,
 - (b) afford reasonable assistance in loading and unloading,
 - (c) afford reasonable assistance in removing it to or from the entrance to any building, station or place at which he may take up or set down such a person.

4. Whilst the person is the holder of a private hire vehicle drivers licence he shall inform the council without delay of the following:
 - (a) cautions administered to him by the police,
 - (b) convictions for criminal offences,
 - (c) convictions for motoring offences,
 - (d) penalty points recorded on his statutory driving licence,
 - (e) any pending court proceedings for the above type of offences.

5. Whilst the person is the holder of a private hire vehicle drivers licence he shall inform the council, without delay, about the onset or worsening of any health condition likely to cause him to be a source of danger to the public when driving now or in the future. Examples are giddiness, fainting, blackouts, epilepsy, strokes, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, angina, coronaries, high blood pressure, arthritis, disorder of vision, mental illness, alcoholism, drug taking, the loss of the use of a limb or the permanent loss of a limb.

The above list does not include all of the conditions that must be reported and are only included as examples.

Drivers who are in doubt about whether or not their health condition is one that should be reported should consult their doctor.

Temporary conditions, other than recurrent ones, not expected to last longer than three months, such as a sprained ankle or broken arm, need not be reported.

6. A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner shall be produced at the time of the initial application. The licence holder shall produce on attaining the age of 45 years, a further medical certificate duly signed by a medical practitioner when making an application for a licence, and every 5 years thereafter until attaining the age of 70 years when a medical certificate will need to be produced every 3 years thereafter.

This will not apply to the holders of passenger carrying or goods vehicle licences during the validity of such a licence.

7. A licensed driver must inform the Council without delay or in any case within 72 hours after the event if he or she changes operator.

For information

Smoking in private hire vehicles

It is an offence under Section 7 (2) of the Health Act 2006. The penalty for this offence is **£200** the person who has control of the smoke free vehicle, would commit a further offence under Section 8 (4) - allowing smoking to take place in a smoke free place. The maximum penalty for this offence is **£2,500**.

Carriage of guide, hearing and assistance dogs

Licensed drivers are required to carry guide, hearing and assistance dogs accompanying disabled people and to do so without any additional charge, if you fail to comply with this duty without holding the required medical exemption certificate, you will be guilty of an offence and liable for a fine of up to £1000.



CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCES

1. (a) Unless required by statute, order, or as mentioned in paragraphs (b) and (c),* no signs, lights, advertisements or other fittings shall be displayed on or from the vehicle except a radio aerial which is to be fitted in such a manner as to satisfy the council.*

***Only fittings & signs agreed by the council can be used on the vehicle*.**
 - (b) *The proprietor shall display suitable signage on the vehicle to the satisfaction of the Council, the sign to include the business name of the operator, but not to include the word 'taxi' in any form.* The suitability of all signs to be approved by the Director of Technical Services in conjunction with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee.

Only agreed door signs showing the name of the operator can be displayed on the vehicle
 - (c) "The proprietor of a private hire vehicle shall display within the **upper half panel on the rear side passenger doors*** of a private hire vehicle, *the permanent self adhesive vinyl notice, (which shall have the text "Licensed Private Hire Vehicle" and the text "Advance Booking Only") approved by the Council, identifying the vehicle as a private hire vehicle, and also the plate number.* No other letter, numbers or any other type of livery may be displayed on the signage of these doors.

*On MPV's (Multi passenger vehicle) licensed as private hire vehicles, the signs must be displayed on the **rear near side passenger door** and on the **opposite panel** on the **offside** of the vehicle.

***Only the licensed private hire sticker issued with the plate must be displayed ***
2. The vehicle shall contain a *statement of fares to be fitted and maintained in such a position so to be clearly visible to the hirer. The statement shall clearly show the following:.*

A price list must be displayed where the customer can see it and should show.
 - (a) the minimum charge of each hiring if applicable (**lowest price**)
 - (b) the fare tariff (**prices**)
 - (c) the retention charge per minute or portion thereof (**waiting charge**)
 - (d) any additional charges (**e.g. cleaning if customer is sick**)
 3. The vehicle shall at all times for the duration of the licence comply with the requirements of the supplemental test manual.

Which you will receive at your MVSS training.
 4. The vehicle licence plate and holder issued by the council identifying the vehicle as a private hire vehicle shall be *securely fixed to the exterior of the rear of the vehicle in a position to be clearly visible* and should be capable of being easily removed by an authorised officer of the council or a police officer.

Fixed to the bumper or boot

5. A notice indicating the number of passengers allowed to be carried shall be securely fixed in such a place in the interior of the vehicle so as to be clearly visible to passengers.
6. The vehicle shall be submitted for inspection at the council's motor vehicle service station at the required frequency for the age of the vehicle, and at any other time at the discretion of the council.

Book a test at the licensing counter before your plate runs out.

7. Without prejudice to the obligations imposed by the general conditions of the licence, and without prejudice to other inspections of the vehicle which may be required to comply with such regulations, the proprietor of the vehicle shall ensure that the:
 - (a) *the vehicle is inspected every week for such matters as may be prescribed by the council;
 - (b) a written record of such inspections, and any additional inspections or service(s) undertaken on the vehicle (in respect of such matters), is made at the time in the form prescribed by the council;
 - (c) such written records are retained safely and are made available for production to an authorised officer of the council, or any police officer, within 72 hours of the request.*

***Fill in the vehicle maintenance sheet each week. This will be issued with your new vehicle licence*It must be shown to the council or the police within 72 hours if asked to do so.**

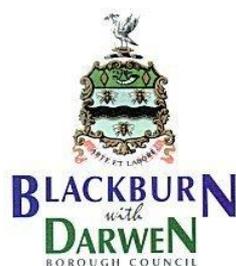
8. Where the proprietor of a licensed private hire vehicle has been requested by an authorised officer of the council, he shall produce for inspection the vehicle licence and/or certificate of insurance within 7 days.

You must bring your vehicle for inspection on request.

9. If the vehicle is fitted with a taximeter, that taximeter must be so constructed, attached and maintained as to comply with the following requirements

Kept in good working order

- (a) the taximeter shall be fitted with a key, flag, or other device, the turning of which will operate the taximeter and cause the word 'HIRED' to appear on the face of the taximeter;
- (b) such key, flag or other device shall be capable of being locked in such a position that the taximeter does not operate and that no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter;
- (c) when the taximeter is in operation, there shall be recorded on the face of the taximeter in clearly legible figures a fare not exceeding the rate or fare with the proprietor or driver is entitled to demand and take for the hire of the vehicle by distance;
- (d) the word 'FARE' shall be printed on the face of the taximeter in plain letters so as clearly to apply the fares recorded on it;
- (e) the taximeter shall be so placed that all letters and figures on the face of it are at all times plainly visible to all passengers and for that purpose, the letters and figures shall be capable of being suitably illuminated during any period of hiring;
- (f) the taximeter and all its fittings 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



CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCES

1. *The vehicle may not be fitted with roof signs other than a radio aerial which is fitted in such a position as to satisfy the Council.*
Only the radio aerial can be fitted on the roof.
2. *No signs or advertisements other than approved door signs shall be displayed on hackney carriage vehicles unless:****Only agreed door signs to be displayed unless an advertisement has been agreed by the council.***
 - (a) the advertisement may be extended across both front and rear doors; and
 - (b) the advertisement is no greater than 180cm x 60cm; and
 - (c) the advertisement is subject to the approval of Officers, acting under delegated powers and in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee.
3. Any radio equipment installed in the vehicle shall be * fitted in such a position that its use by the driver would not impair his control of the vehicle when it is in motion.*
So it is not in the drivers way
4. The vehicle shall be provided with a taximeter which must be so constructed, attached and *maintained so as to comply with the following requirements*:
Kept in good condition and where customers can see the fare.
 - (a) the taximeter so fitted with a flag, key or other device, the turning of which will bring the taximeter into operation and cause the word 'HIRED' to appear on it's face
 - (b) such flag, key or other device shall be capable of being locked in such a position that the taximeter will not operate and that no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter
 - (c) when the taximeter is in operation there shall be recorded on the face of the taximeter in clearly legible figures a fare not exceeding the rate or fare which the proprietor or driver is entitled to demand and take for the hire of the carriage by distance
 - (d) the word 'FARE' shall be printed on the face of the taximeter in plain letters so as clearly to apply to the fare recorded on it
 - (e) the taximeter shall be so placed that all letters and figures on the face of it are at all times plainly visible to any person being conveyed in the carriage and for that purpose the letters and figures shall be capable of being illuminated during any period of hiring
 - (f) the taximeter and associated fittings shall be fixed in such a way to the carriage 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

5. The carriage shall contain a *statement of fares, to be fitted and maintained in such a position so as to be clearly show the following*:

A price list must be displayed where the customer can see it and should show,

- (a) the minimum charge of hiring, if any (**lowest price**)
- (b) the fare tariff (**prices**)
- (c) the retention charge per minute or portion thereof (**waiting charge**)
- (d) any additional charges (**e.g. cleaning if customer is sick**)

- 6 The vehicle shall at all times for the duration of the licence comply with the requirements of the *supplementary testing manual*

Which you will receive at your MVSS training

- 7 Without prejudice to the obligations imposed by the general conditions of the licence, and without prejudice to any other inspections of the vehicle which may be required to comply with such regulations, the proprietor of the vehicle shall ensure that the:

- (a) *the vehicle is inspected every week for such matters as may be prescribed by the Council;
- (b) a written record of such inspections, and any additional inspections or service(s) undertaken on the vehicle (in respect of such matters), is made at the time in the form prescribed by the council; and
- (b) such written records are retained safely and are made available for production to an authorised officer of the council, or any police officer, within 72 hours of the request*

Fill in the vehicle maintenance sheet each week. This will be issued with your new vehicle licence it must be shown to the council or the police within 72 hours if asked to do so.

8. The vehicle licence plate and holder issued by the council identifying the vehicle as a hackney carriage vehicle shall be *securely fixed to the exterior of the rear of the vehicle in a position to be clearly visible* and should be capable of being easily removed by an authorised officer of the council or a police officer.

Fixed to the bumper or boot

9. A plate indicating the number of passengers allowed to be carried shall be *securely fixed in the interior of the vehicle so that the information on the plate is facing the rear of the vehicle and is clearly visible to all passengers*.

***In a position that can be seen by passengers in the back of the car*.**

10. The vehicle shall be submitted for inspection to the council's motor vehicle service station at the required frequency for the age of the vehicle, and at any other time at the discretion of the council.

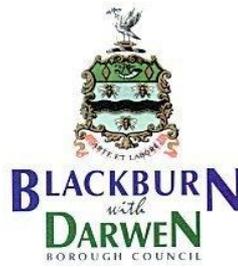
Book a test at the licensing counter before your plate runs out.

11. The vehicle shall be kept in good order and condition at all times.

12. Hackney carriage vehicle licences shall be granted for a period of 12 months or until the

renewal date specified by the Council, whichever is the shorter period.

13. Where the proprietor of a licensed hackney carriage has been requested by an authorised officer of the council, he shall produce for inspection the vehicle licence and/or certificate of insurance within 7 days.
14. The vehicle shall be equipped at all times with suitable wheelchair ramps clearly marked with the registration number of the vehicle.
15. The proprietor shall ensure that the vehicle is equipped with apparatus for the securing of a wheelchair in the vehicle.



CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCES

1. The drivers identity badge issued by the council shall be worn by the driver of a hackney carriage in such a *position and manner as to be plainly visible at all times whilst in the course of his duty as a hackney carriage driver and must be shown if required to the hirer of a vehicle and to any authorised officer of the council or police officer.*

2. The driver of a hackney carriage vehicle provided with a taximeter shall:
 - (a) as soon as the vehicle is hired by distance, and before beginning the journey, *bring the taximeter into operation by moving the said key, flag or other device, so that the word 'HIRED' is legible on the face of the taximeter in operation until the termination of the hiring;*

 - (b) cause the dial of the taximeter to be kept properly *illuminated throughout any part of the hiring which is during the hours of darkness as defined for the purposes of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and also at any other time at the request of the hirer*

- 3 The driver shall:
 - (a) behave in a civil and orderly manner, shall be appropriately dressed and shall take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of persons conveyed in the vehicle;

 - (b) not smoke or play music except with the consent of the hirer;

 - (c) who has agreed or has been *hired to be in attendance with the vehicle at an appointed time and place, shall, unless delayed or prevented by sufficient cause, punctually attend* with such vehicle at that time and place;

 - (d) not convey or allow to be conveyed in such vehicle any greater number of persons than the number of persons specified on the plate affixed to the outside of the vehicle;

use the equipment provided for securing wheelchairs and the ramps for safe access and egress.

When a passenger has a wheelchair always use the equipment provided.

4. If the licensed hackney carriage vehicles is so constructed so as to carry luggage, when requested by any person hiring or seeking to hire the vehicle, the driver shall:
 - (a) convey a reasonable quantity of luggage.
 - (b) afford reasonable assistance in loading and unloading, afford reasonable assistance in removing it to or from the entrance to any building, station or place at which he may take up or set down such a person.
 - (c) take up or set down such a person.

5. Whilst the person is the holder of a hackney carriage vehicle drivers licence he shall inform the council of the following:
 - (a) cautions administered to him by the police,
 - (b) convictions for criminal offences,
 - (c) convictions for motoring offences,
 - (d) penalty points recorded on his statutory driving licence,
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6. Whilst the person is the holder of a hackney carriage vehicle drivers licence he shall inform the council, without delay, about the onset or worsening of any health condition likely to cause him to be a source of danger to the public when driving now or in the future. Examples are giddiness, fainting, blackouts, epilepsy, strokes, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, angina, coronaries, high blood pressure, arthritis, disorder of vision, mental illness, alcoholism, drug taking, the loss of the use of a limb or the permanent loss of a limb.

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8. Private hire vehicles must carry a guide dog or assistance dog or hearing dog belonging to a passenger free of charge unless the driver as a proven medical condition that would preclude such action. Drivers have a responsibility to ensure that their company has awareness of such a condition when they were first employed. Where such a dog is carried, then it should be carried in the foot well of the vehicle rather than on the seats to prevent soiling them.