

- Capable of carrying a minimum of four and up to six passengers (dependent upon construction)
- In the opinion of the council appointed Inspector, safe for the use as a hackney carriage vehicle on the road.

16.4 Signage

Every carriage must display a plate to the rear which indicates a licence number and licence expiry date.

16.5 Conditions

Conditions relating to horse drawn carriages can be found in Appendix R.

16.6 Tariffs

The tariff for a non-motorised hackney carriage shall be reviewed at the same time as the tariff is reviewed for a motorised hackney carriage.

Each non-motorised hackney carriage shall display a copy of the current tariff table in such a position that it can be read by a customer.

17. Non-motorised hackney carriages: Pedicab hackney carriages

17.1 General

These conditions apply exclusively to pedicabs.

A pedicab hackney carriage vehicle licence will only be issued on a six monthly basis.

All applications received which fall outside of this policy will be referred to Licensing Regulatory Sub-Committee for determination and any additional costs incurred to be borne by the applicant.

17.2 Drivers of pedicabs

The pedicabs must be operated by a competent cyclist, holding a full valid DVLA driving licence for at least one year, and who has been trained to cycle the specified route. Drivers must be the holder of a current pedicab hackney carriage drivers' licence which has been issued by South Lakeland District Council.

All drivers will undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and statutory declaration as required by this council. The policy on relevance of convictions will be used



to assess whether an applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage drivers licence with this Authority.

Drivers will be required to meet DVLA group 2 medical standards.

17.3 Pedicab tariff

The tariff for a non-motorised hackney carriage shall be reviewed at the same time as the tariff is reviewed for a motorised hackney carriage.

Each non-motorised hackney carriage shall display a copy of the current tariff table in such a position that it can be read by a customer.

17.4 Seat belts

Separate seat belts shall be fitted to all seats in all licensed vehicles. They shall be readily accessible for use by all passengers and shall be maintained in good condition and a useable state of repair at all times.

The driver of a pedicab shall ensure that passengers are offered the safety/lap belt before commencing a journey. If the passenger is a child they must use the belt provided. All children under 11 years of age to be accompanied by an adult and all children must occupy a seat.

17.5 Alterations

No alterations to any equipment, dimensions or other specifications shall be undertaken without the prior consent of any authorised officer of the licensing authority.

For the avoidance of doubt alterations includes both additions to and the removal of any existing equipment in, or on, licensed vehicles.

17.6 Licence plates and badges

For all licensed vehicles the licence plate must be securely fixed to the rear of the pedicab. The internal hackney disc will be displayed within the seated area of the pedicab; however side plates are not required.

The licence plate/disc shall remain the property of the council and shall be returned to the South Lakeland District Council's licensing section, if the proprietor no longer holds a licence issued by the council, which is in force in respect of the vehicle (whether by reason of expiry or revocation). After the expiry date on any hackney carriage or private hire licence, that licence is no longer valid and any badge or vehicle plate must be returned to the council immediately. All licence plates must be returned before a new plate is issued.

The loss of, damage to or illegibility of a plate or badge shall be reported to the council as soon as the loss, damage, or illegibility becomes known and a duplicate will be issued at

the expense of the licence holder. The vehicle shall not be used for hire until the plate or badge has been replaced.

The holder of this licence is strictly prohibited from transferring or purporting to transfer any interest in the licensed vehicle (hiring or leasing the vehicle). If at any time during the period of the vehicle licence the proprietor for any reason does not wish to retain the vehicle licence they must immediately surrender and return the vehicle licence and the licence plates to the council. This condition shall not preclude the transfer of any interest in the licensed vehicle as part of the transfer/sale of the business to a new owner.

All applications received after the date of expiry will be treated as a grant and not a renewal, and the appropriate conditions and fees for a grant will then apply.

17.7 Advertising

Position and content of advertising must be inspected and written authorisation received from the licensing section before any advertising is placed on the vehicle.

The advertisements will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Non sexual
- Non discriminatory
- Not to cause public offence
- Not misleading
- Location does not distract from council vehicle signs
- Not to obscure vision of the driver

17.8 Vehicle damage/accidents

The proprietor of the vehicle shall report to the licensing section as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any case within seventy two hours of the occurrence thereof, any accident to the vehicle causing damage affecting the safety, performance or appearance of the vehicle or the comfort or convenience of persons carried therein. Until the damage is repaired to the satisfaction of the licensing authority or inspected by them, and written consent is received to continue to use the vehicle, the vehicle must not be used.

Accidents involving personal injury to passengers must be notified to the Police and Licensing section as soon as possible but in any case within forty eight hours.

17.9 Insurance

Every pedicab shall be covered by an insurance policy for public hire and covering third party liability in respect of physical injury or death, or damage to personal belongings. A minimum sum of £5 million cover is required.



On the expiry of the Insurance, a cover note or Certificate of Insurance renewing cover must be produced to the licensing section prior to or on the day of expiry of the previous certificate. Photocopies of the original or electronic copies are acceptable.

The licence holder shall notify the council of any change of insurer or any change to the insurance particulars and shall provide full details thereof within two working days of such change.

17.10 Notifications

The proprietor of a licence shall produce details of the drivers permitted to drive by him to the licensing authority.

The proprietor shall notify the council of any change in the list of drivers within seven days of the change.

The licence holder shall, within seven days notify the council in writing of any change of address and produce the vehicle licence to the licensing section so that the new address may be endorsed there.

17.11 Pedicab safety, inspections and legislation

A pedicab hackney carriage Vehicle licence will only be issued on an annual basis.

A proprietor of a pedicab will ensure that the vehicle testing standards adopted by the council are completed prior to the grant or renewal of a pedicab vehicle licence.

A pedicab vehicle will be subjected to an annual service, which must be conducted by a cycle dealership who is members of the Association of Cycle Traders. The examiner must be qualified to the Cytech level 3 standard.

On completion of the annual service the proprietor of the pedicab must forward the council's test sheet (Appendix U) to the licensing authority signed and stamped by the examiner/dealership. The form should indicate whether the vehicle meets the required standards.

All costs in respect of the vehicle test will be borne by the proprietor of the vehicle.

Should a pedicab fail to pass an inspection, the pedicab examiner must inform the licensing authority immediately upon which an authorized officer of the council will notify the proprietor that the licence has been suspended in writing.

An authorised officer, an officer nominated by the council or any police constable shall have the power at all reasonable times to inspect and test any vehicle licensed by the council for the purpose of ascertaining its fitness.

The licence holder shall ensure that all pedicabs are maintained regularly and kept in a safe condition. A basic check must be carried out before each occasion it is used. The licence holder shall retain records of all maintenance work carried out on each pedicab.

