

## Consultation of Age Restrictions

Members of the trade were asked, which of the following should apply:-

- a) There should be no age restriction
- b) Any vehicle to be licensed beyond the age of 10 years must be in exceptional condition and must be approved by the Licensing Regulatory Committee. Any such vehicle will be subject to a test at the Councils designated testing centre every 4 months.
- c) Vehicles must be under 5 years old when first licensed and will not be licensed beyond the age of 10 years (Please note that if a licence is allowed to expire or lapse, any subsequent application will be dealt with as though it is a first application)

Many of the respondents marked 2 of the options, some either didn't mark any, or marked all of them, and they will show on the table below as inconclusive.

	<b>(a) No Age Restriction</b>	<b>(b) New Condition ( additional tests)</b>	<b>(c) Age Restriction</b>	<b>(a) and (b)</b>	<b>(c) and (b)</b>	<b>Inconclusive</b>
<b>PH Operators</b>	0	0	3	0	0	0
<b>HC Proprietors</b>	10	2	17	1	5	4
<b>PH Drivers</b>	1	3	2	2	4	0
<b>HC Drivers</b>	2	2	2	1	7	1
<b>PH Proprietors</b>	3	2	10	6	4	4

98 Responses were received

34 wanted a maximum, age at first licensing (5 years), and maximum age limit to apply (10 years)

20 wanted a maximum age at first licensing to apply(5 years), but no maximum overall age, subject to additional tests etc.

35 thought there should be no age restriction, with 19 of those saying this should be subject to the additional tests etc.

9 of the responses were inconclusive.

In total 39 of those responding agreed that vehicles should be licensed beyond the age of 10 years subject to the additional condition at (b) above, 20 of those wanted a maximum age at first licensing (5 years) requirement to apply, and 19 of them didn't.