

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCES

CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

For the purposes of consultation, the conditions of licence are shown as below.

In the final policy the conditions of licence will show only the licence conditions approved by the Licensing Committee following the close of consultation and consideration of comments received

	Existing Wording	Comments	Proposals
A	Licensing Administration		
A1		Although previously a condition attached to the grant of a private hire vehicle licence no such condition was imposed on hackney carriage vehicle licence holders. Such a condition is deemed reasonably necessary so that the City council has correct contact details held on file.	The vehicle licence holder shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Within 7 days notify the Council in writing (an email will suffice) of any change of address.
A2		This proposed condition is deemed reasonably necessary as the DfT standards para 7.5 require that any change in partnership or company	The vehicle licence holder shall: In the event of the hackney carriage vehicle licence being held in the name of a company or partnership, the licensing authority shall be notified in writing (email will suffice) of any

		<p>directors should be notified to the licensing authority.</p> <p>14 day period proposed as this mirrors the time period specified in legislation in relation to change of ownership of a licenced vehicle.</p>	<p>change in directors or partners within 14 days of any such change taking place.</p>
A3		<p>This proposed condition is deemed reasonably necessary to ensure that the vehicle is clearly identifiable as a Lancaster licensed vehicle. it should not be licensed elsewhere, the use of different signage etc, tariff cards on display could cause confusion</p> <p>In respect of lease companies, the proposed condition does not prevent them from surrendering a vehicle licence in order to enable the vehicle to be licensed by another local authority.</p>	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that whilst a hackney carriage vehicle is licensed by Lancaster City Council the vehicle is not to be licensed by another local authority
A4		<p>It is reasonably necessary that the Council can identify who is driving the vehicle at any particular time (this may be possible via the operator when the vehicle is working on a prebooked job via a PH operator) but at other times will require the vehicle licence holder to confirm this information</p>	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon request from an authorised officer provide details as to who had permission to drive the vehicle at a date and time specified by the officer

<p>A5</p>	<p>At all times, the Proprietor shall, during the currency of the licence, keep in force in relation to the user of the Hackney Carriage, a policy of insurance which cover third party liability both in respect of physical injury or death and in respect of damage to personal belongings.</p> <p>A copy of the appropriate insurance certificate should be carried in the vehicle at all times that the vehicle is available for hire or hired, and made available for inspection by an Authorised Officer on request.</p>	<p>This proposed condition is considered reasonably necessary as the legislation indicates that the council needs to satisfy itself that insurance is in place when the licence is granted. There is nothing specific in taxi licensing legislation that says the insurance has to remain in place throughout the duration of the licence, but clearly this is a relevant requirement.</p>	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout the currency of the licence, keep in force in relation to the user of the hackney carriage vehicle, a suitable policy of insurance which covers, public hire use, third party liability both in respect of physical injury or death and in respect of damage to personal belongings.
<p>A6</p>	<p>If the proprietor permits or employs any other person to drive the vehicle, he shall before that person commences to drive the vehicle cause the driver to deliver to him a copy of his 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 his.</p> <p>The proprietor of the vehicle shall keep a complete and accurate record of the name of the person driving the vehicle at any time. This information must be kept for a period of six months and produced upon request to an authorised officer or constable.</p>	<p>Suggest keep the condition but reword to add a requirement that the proprietor should not let the driver have use of the licenced vehicle once the drivers licence has expired.</p>	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before permitting a licensed hackney carriage driver to drive the vehicle require the driver to deliver to him/her a copy of their 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 his. • keep a complete and accurate record of the name of the

	(Approved by LRC on 5 th June 2014)		<p>person driving the vehicle at any time and the expiry date of the licence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> not allow any person to drive the licensed vehicle without a valid hackney carriage drivers licence being in place. keep information re drivers licences for six months following expiry of the licence and produce upon request to an authorised officer or constable.
A7		This condition is deemed reasonably necessary to allow the City Council to require additional certification or training where required examples may include additional testing of a vehicle following accident damage, validation checks on taxi meters following allegations of overcharging,	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pay the reasonable administration charge or fee attached to any requirement to attend training, or produce a relevant certificate, assessment, validation check or other administration or notification process.
B	Condition of the Vehicle		
B1	The vehicle must have at least four doors, all of which are capable of being opened from the inside.	These are not licence conditions but are a repetition of the vehicle specification. The licence condition can be simplified as proposed.	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure no alteration or change in the specification, design, condition or appearance of the vehicle

	<p>The vehicle must be capable of carrying not less than four passengers but not more than eight.</p> <p>The vehicle shall be of right-hand drive manufacture and not converted as so.</p> <p>Any vehicle that is to be converted to Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) must be with the express permission of the Licensing department. Only a garage authorised to do so may carry out the conversion. A 'Certificate of Compliance' is to be obtained immediately after any such conversion and presented to the Licensing department for inspection.</p> <p>The width of the rear seat shall be of no less than 51 inches unobstructed width, excluding armrests, window winders, etc.</p> <p>All vehicles must have adequate leg and foot-room, shoulder-width and head-height. The minimum leg room available to any passenger shall be 200mm. The measurement will be taken from the base of the seat to the rear of the seat in front when the front seat is at its full, rearwards extension. If this measurement cannot be achieved then 1500mm shall be allowed from the base of the rear seat to the front well. Where there is no seat in front the measurement shall be taken from the base of the seat to the nearest</p>		<p>shall be made without the prior approval of the Council at any time while the licence is in force.</p>
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	<p>obstruction in front. The internal headroom from the seat cushions to the lowest part of the roof in a vertical line shall be a minimum of 920mm.</p> <p>All passenger seats shall be provided with a lap and diagonal 3 point seat belt which comply with the strength requirements specified in European Directive 76/115 EC (as amended by Directive 96/38 EC) and Regulations 46 and 47 of the Road Vehicle (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986, whether or not those Directives or Regulations apply to that particular seat or the vehicle.</p>		
B2	<p>The boot/luggage compartment should be empty except for spare wheel, fire extinguisher, essential tools and first aid kit. The compartment should be clean and any covering free from major cuts, tears or other damage or staining.</p>	<p>Valid condition no change suggested minor change re-clarification.</p>	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the boot / luggage compartment should be available for passenger luggage and otherwise kept empty except for spare wheel, fire extinguisher, essential tools and first aid kit. The compartment should be clean and any covering free from major cuts, tears or other damage or staining.
B3		<p>This proposed condition is reasonably necessary as the responsibility for</p>	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall:</p>

		<p>maintenance of the vehicle must ultimately lie with the licence holder, however where vehicles are rented to licensed drivers there is often conflict as to who is responsible for what , the proposed condition seeks to put in a mechanism where both the driver and vehicle licence holder have a split responsibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that the hackney carriage vehicle is maintained in good order and should be capable of passing the Councils vehicle test/ inspection at any stage during the licence period• A vehicle licence holder shall on a monthly basis undertake and keep a written record of the vehicle inspection detailing the outcome of all the checks carried out, . The documented information must as a minimum contained the following checks:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lights and Indicators• Tyre condition, pressures and tread/wheelnuts• Wipers, washers and washer fluid levels• Cleanliness inside and out• Bodywork – no dents or sharp edges• Licence plates present and fixed in accordance with licensing requirements
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B4	<p>There shall be provided and maintained in the vehicle at all times when it is in use or available for hire a suitable and efficient fire extinguisher, which must also be in-date and a first aid kit containing appropriate first aid dressings and equipment (to comply with British Standard BS 8599-2), such equipment to be carried in such a position in the vehicle as to be readily accessible for immediate use in an emergency and a notice shall be displayed in the vehicle as to where they are kept</p> <p>Your attention is drawn to your liability if rendering first aid, the kit carried is to enable ONLY those trained in its use to render assistance to third parties. If the need for its use should arise it should only be used by a person who holds a current recognised first aid certificate. If a passenger requested the equipment then it may be provided for self-administration by the customer in the interest of customer care.</p>	<p>Proposed wording slightly amended to reflect case law of Benson V Boyce which detailed that once a vehicle is licensed it remains licensed at all times during the licence period even if it is not engaged on private hire work.</p> <p>In effect the licence conditions apply for the complete licence period</p> <p>Officers consider it reasonably necessary for first aid kits to be indelibly marked with the vehicle registration number, or licence number this prevents kits being shared amongst vehicles and swapped from one vehicle to another at the time of vehicle test.</p>	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure there is provided and maintained in the vehicle at all times a suitable and efficient fire extinguisher, which must also be in-date and a first aid kit containing appropriate first aid dressings and equipment (to comply with British Standard BS 8599-2), such equipment to be carried in such a position in the vehicle as to be readily accessible for immediate use in an emergency and a notice shall be displayed in

			<p>the vehicle as to where they are kept. Your attention is drawn to your liability if rendering first aid, the kit carried is to enable ONLY those trained in its use to render assistance to third parties. If the need for its use should arise, it should only be used by a person who holds a current recognised first aid certificate. If a passenger requested the equipment then it may be provided for self-administration by the customer in the interest of customer care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the first aid kit is indelibly marked with the vehicle registration number of vehicle licence number
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B6	<p>Hackney Carriage vehicles should be capable of carrying one average size piece of luggage per passenger carried. This may mean at times the vehicle will not be capable of carrying the full number of passengers as permitted by the licence</p>	<p>Specific provision needs to be made re carriage of luggage in hackney carriages. This is because hackney carriage vehicles do not have to be pre-booked and therefore cannot</p>	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure the Hackney carriage vehicle is capable of safely carrying a medium sized

	and displayed on the plate affixed to the vehicle, in order to facilitate the luggage. The driver must make provisions to ensure that the luggage can be carried safely and securely, whilst still allowing room for the passengers to travel in comfort.	always know in advance how much luggage passengers are likely to have. A significant amount of hackney carriage trade is from the Lancaster train station rankAs a condition the wording can be simplified and does not require the reason for the licence condition to be included within the licence condition.	suitcase per person (guide airplane cabin size)
B7	<p>The vehicle glass is to be kept clear of all obstructions.</p> <p>The minimum permitted light transmissions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front windscreen transmission – minimum 75% light • Front side glass transmission – minimum 70% light <p>No restrictions to rear passenger side windows or rear windscreen.</p>	No change proposed	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure The vehicle glass is to be kept clear of all obstructions <p>The minimum permitted light transmissions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front windscreen transmission – minimum 75% light • Front side glass transmission – minimum 70% light <p>No restrictions to rear passenger side windows or rear windscreen.</p>
C	Convictions and Suitability		
C1	The proprietor shall within seven days disclose to the Licensing Office in writing details of any conviction or caution imposed on him (or, if the	This proposed condition is deemed reasonably necessary it largely reflects previous requirements but	The vehicle licence holder shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 48 hours notify the council in writing (email will

	<p>proprietor is a company or partnership, on any of the directors or partners) during the period of the licence.</p>	<p>has been updated to include other sanctions imposed by the judicial system. The 48 hours period reflects the time stated in the DfT statutory standards for drivers to notify of such matters. The terminology has been standardised in reflect of driver, vehicle and operator licence conditions and driver code of conduct for HCD.</p>	<p>suffice) providing full details of any arrest or criminal investigation, summons, charge conviction, formal or simple caution, fixed penalty or alternative driving related course , binding over, criminal court order, criminal behaviour order or anti-social behaviour injunction, domestic violence related order against them during the period of the licence and or during the period since receipt of the application up to grant of the licence</p>
D	Signage (including plates)		
D1	<p>(a) The Lancaster City Council licence plate must be permanently displayed on the outside rear of the vehicle, either immediately above or below the bumper without obstructing the registration plate.</p> <p>(b) The licence plate is the property of the Council, to whom it must be returned within seven days if the licence is ever suspended, revoked or not renewed for any reason.</p>	<p>Current licence conditions on hackney and private hire vehicles do not require plate signage to be displayed in the same manner. Officers consider it reasonably necessary to have both front and rear plates on licensed vehicles and to provide more detailed specification as to the location of the plates , this will encourage uniformity of identity and customers will begin to familiarise themselves as to the</p>	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the rear plate is firmly affixed to the nearside of the rear bumper, all information on the plate should be visible from the rear of the vehicle and the plate must not in any way obscure the vehicle registration plates or lights on the vehicle • Ensure the front plate is firmly affixed to the offside area of

		common/ uniform location of plates on Lancaster’s licensed vehicles	the front bumper in such a way that all information on the plate is visible when stood looking at the front of the vehicle. The plate must not obscure the registration plate of any lights on the vehicle.
D2	<p>The display of signs on Hackney Carriages shall be restricted to the roof and sides of the vehicle. Door signs supplied by Lancaster City Council must be affixed to the front doors of the vehicle. In addition to this requirement, the proprietor is permitted to display not more than one sign on each side of the vehicle. Any roof signs shall be capable of illumination and be illuminated at all times when (and only when) the vehicle is available for hire.</p> <p>‘This means that the top light box must be operated through the taxi meter at all times. Separate switches or devices that carry out this function independently of the meter are not permitted at any time.’</p>	<p>Officers consider it is reasonably necessary In order to assist in identification of Lancaster licensed hackney carriage vehicle there is aa uniformity in roof box design and wording to assist in identification of Lancaster hackney vehicles.</p> <p>The above applies to saloon type vehicles or those without an integral roof sign.</p> <p>The proposed condition regarding passenger vehicle signage is considered reasonably necessary as it is a mechanism to comply with the DFT statutory standards requirement para 4.31 ways to complain to be displayed in all licensed vehicles</p>	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In respect of hackney carriage vehicles not fitted with an integral roof sign ensure a roof sign in the style and format and containing the wording as prescribed by Lancaster City Council is affixed to the vehicle roof. The roof sign must be capable of illumination and be illuminated at all times when (and only when) the vehicle is available for hire • In respect of vehicles fitted with integral roof signs ensure roof signs are capable of illumination and be illuminated at all times when (and only when) the vehicle is available for hire.

		<p>Smoking signage is necessary to comply with the requirements of the Health Act.</p> <p>It is not proposed to include any licence condition in relation to requirements to display the tariffs/ table of fares as this is already covered by hackney carriage byelaws</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display door signs supplied by Lancaster City Council and affix these to the front doors of the vehicle. These cannot be magnitised. • Ensure that the Council issued “passenger information signage” is displayed in the vehicle in such a way that it can be seen by all passengers when seated. If required multiple signs must be displayed • No smoking signs must be displayed in such a manner that they can be seen by passengers inside and outside of the vehicle
D3	<p>The proprietor shall cause to be clearly marked and maintained inside the vehicle in such a position as to be visible at all times to persons conveyed therein the licence number and the number of passengers prescribed in the licence.</p>	<p>This proposed condition replicates the existing condition but with simplified terminology</p>	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide signage displayed in the vehicle in such a position that it can be seen by all passengers when seated stating the Licence number of the vehicle and the maximum number of passengers to be carried in the vehicle.

D4		This proposed condition is deemed reasonably necessary as the City Council wants to promote the identification of licensed vehicles by the use of signage displayed in the same way on all licensed vehicles.	The vehicle licence holder shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure no sign, notice, flag, emblem or advertisement shall be displayed in or on a hackney carriage vehicle without the express permission of the Council.
D5	Hackney Carriage vehicles with the capacity to carry more than four passengers must display a sign provided by the Council in the nearside rear passenger window which states that the fare is the same as in a 4 seater Hackney Carriage. (Approved by LRC 26 th March 2015)	No change proposed	The vehicle licence holder shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure any hackney carriage vehicle with the capacity to carry more than four passengers must display a sign provided by the Council in the nearside rear passenger window which states that the fare is the same as in a 4 seater Hackney Carriage.
E	Assistance dogs		
E1		Requirement to carry assistance dogs is in legislation but may be enhanced/clarified by the proposed condition which makes it clear that refusal to carry an assistance dog cannot be based on the instruction of the vehicle licence holder unless a relevant exemption certificate is in place.	The vehicle licence holder shall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not prevent a licensed driver from carrying assistance dogs in the vehicle, (The only exemption to this is where a licensed driver who drives the vehicle has been issued with an exemption certificate by the City Council)
F	Meters		

F1	The Taximeter provided in the vehicle must be tested, approved and sealed by the Council and must display only the tariff or tariffs to be charged at the relevant time as contained in the table of fares fixed by the Lancaster City Council.	No proposed change	The vehicle licence holder shall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the Taximeter provided in the vehicle must be tested, approved and sealed by the Council and must display only the tariff or tariffs to be charged at the relevant time as contained in the table of fares fixed by the Lancaster City Council.
G	CCTV		
G1	CCTV surveillance systems to assist driver safety are permitted in vehicles. If such devices are fitted, adequate signage shall be displayed in the passenger compartment advising passengers that they are being monitored/recorded. Any such equipment shall be fitted, overtly and in such a way as not to present any danger or hazard to any passenger. It will be the driver/proprietors responsibility to comply with all aspects of the law regarding such surveillance equipment.	It is unclear at this stage whether the Council will introduce a requirement for mandatory CCTV. It is a requirement of the DfT statutory standards (para 7.9) that local authorities consult on the issue of CCTV in licensed vehicles. A question on CCTV will be incorporated into the consultation questionnaire. If mandatory CCTV is introduced, then a specification and appropriate conditions will be devised at that time.	
H	Additional Conditions applicable to Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles		
H1	Any licence issued in respect of a vehicle which is required to be wheelchair accessible , and this is defined as “a vehicle purpose built by the manufacturer or adapted prior to registration in a	Officer comments, the majority of the current wording relates to the specification of the vehicle and is therefore being incorporated into the	The vehicle licence holder shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure any person permitted to drive the vehicle is fully trained and can safely use all

	<p>manner approved by the manufacturer, for the conveyance of wheelchair bound passengers will have these additional conditions attached:</p> <p>a) The vehicle must provide access for a wheelchair either through the nearside rear door or a door at the rear of the vehicle. Any door used for wheelchair access must be capable of opening as wide as the aperture.</p> <p>b) A means to secure both the wheelchair and the wheelchair occupant must be provided; additional handholds and an additional step must be provided for the assistance of elderly and ambulant disabled people; ramps must be carried with the vehicle.</p> <p>c) Any replacement vehicle must also be wheelchair accessible, if the plate was issued following an unmet demand survey. The vehicle must also comply with the councils age limits for Hackney Carriages.</p> <p>d) In presenting a vehicle for licensing, if the vehicle was not purpose built for the carriage of wheelchairs you will be required to produce documentary</p>	<p>vehicle specification part of the policy rather than licence conditions, some elements need to be updated to reflect customer and practice . (e.g. the Btec level 2 is no longer available and has been replaced by City and Guilds)</p> <p>The requirement not to amend / change the specification or design of the vehicle is already covered by condition B1.</p> <p>It is suggested that the requirement for specific driver training on the use of the specialist equipment is reworded to reflect that the hackney carriage vehicle licence holder shall ensure that any person allowed to drive the vehicle is fully aware of how to use all the features of the vehicle including the safe operation of all the specialist equipment/ features of the vehicle.</p> <p>Existing condition d) is not a licence condition but is part of the spec for new vehicle licence application.</p>	<p>the specialist equipment in the vehicle , in particular the licence holder must satisfy himself that the driver can safely load/ unload and secure any passenger travelling in a wheelchair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure where there is a change of vehicle to hackney carriage licence mandated to be wheelchair accessible the new vehicle must be a wheelchair accessible vehicle that conforms to the hackney carriage wheelchair accessible vehicle specification.
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	<p>evidence that it was adapted prior to registration, and that the adaption was approved by the manufacturer.</p> <p>N.B Only persons who have passed the BTEC Level 2 'Practical Wheelchair Assessment' delivered by Lancaster and Morecambe College or equivalent practical assessment are permitted to drive a wheelchair accessible vehicle. (amended on 13th October 2016 and updated 22nd March 2018)</p>		
H2	<p>All mandatory wheelchair accessible Hackney Carriage vehicles must display the nationally recognised wheelchair accessible sign in at least two prominent positions visible from the outside of the vehicle to be approved by the Licensing Manager.</p> <p>Any person who provides a wheelchair accessible Hackney Carriage vehicle on a voluntary basis should declare the vehicle as wheelchair accessible to the Licensing Authority and should then display the required signage in order to avoid confusion for the general public.</p> <p>(Approved by LRC on the 18th July 2013)</p>	<p>Requirement still valid but wording can be simplified.</p> <p>Propose exact location where this signage has to be displayed so that customers become familiar with where to look for the signage – again promotes uniformity of the fleet.</p>	<p>The vehicle licence holder shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in respect of a wheelchair accessible licensed vehicle ensure the hackney carriage vehicle displays the nationally recognised wheelchair accessible sign immediately above the Council issued door signs.
I	Existing Conditions which are proposed to be deleted		

	<p>The vehicle and all its fittings and equipment shall at all times when the vehicle is in use or available for hire be kept in an efficient, safe, tidy and clean condition and all relevant statutory requirements (including in particular those contained in Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use Regulations) shall be fully complied with</p>	<p>This is addressed by proposed condition B3</p>	
	<p>The Proprietor shall permit an Authorised Officer of the Council or a Police Officer to inspect and test the vehicle or any Taximeter affixed to such vehicle at all reasonable times. If the Officer is not satisfied as to the fitness of the Hackney Carriage or as to the accuracy of the Taximeter, he shall be able to direct the vehicle to the Council's nominated inspection / Testing Centre immediately for further examination. If further inspection and testing is required, the licence shall then be suspended until such time as the Officer is satisfied with the vehicle. The plate shall, on suspension of the licence, be handed to the Officer but will be returned upon reinstatement of the licence. However, if the Officer is not so satisfied as to the fitness or condition of the vehicle within a period of two months, the licence shall be revoked.</p>	<p>This is a legal requirement and therefore does not need to be duplicated in licence conditions . The process and provisions are clearly detailed in the LGMPA 76.</p> <p>It is considered to be bad practice to duplicate legislative requirements in local provisions</p>	
	<p>The licence holder must submit a renewal application before the proprietor licence has expired, if the licence holder does not do so, the</p>	<p>This situation is now addressed by case law Exeter V Sandle 2011.</p>	

	<p>renewal application will be refused unless there is a very good reason for the failure and in any case within 72 hours of its expiry. After this time, the matter will be referred to Licensing Regulatory Committee to consider exceptional circumstances. (Approved at LRC 22nd March 2018)</p>	<p>The Licensing Manager has discretion regarding whether to refer any matters delegated to the licensing manager to the Licensing Committee.</p> <p>It may be that within the policy there is a wish that any complete application for the renewal of a hackney carriage proprietors licence received after expiry be referred to the committee .</p>	
	<p>No material alteration or change in the specification, design, condition or appearance of the vehicle shall be made without the approval of the Council at any time while the licence is in force.</p>	<p>Already covered in B1 above no need to repeat.</p>	
	<p>The Proprietor may display signs advertising the recruitment of drivers subject to the following conditions:-</p> <p>(a) maximum number of one advertisement in the vehicle at any one time.</p> <p>(b) advertisement to be placed in rear side windows only.</p>	<p>Remove no longer looking to facilitate any advertising on vehicles.</p> <p>The development of technology means that drivers would normally be recruited by word of mouth / social media/ digital platforms, e.g. trade Facebook pages.</p>	

	(c) advertisement to be no larger than a normal postcard.		
	If a proprietor transfers his / her interest in a vehicle to somebody else he / she must immediately give notice of the transfer in writing on the prescribed form to the Licensing section, giving the name and address of the transferee. In no circumstances may the vehicle be used by the new owner until a new licence has been issued to that person and all documentation completed and any necessary fee paid. (<i>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s 49</i>)	The wording of this condition does not replicate s49. S49 requires licensees to notify of vehicle transfer within 14 days.	
	If the vehicle is involved in an accident, it must be reported to the Licensing Authority and an accident form completed within 72 hours. Replacement vehicles will have the original plate transferred to them. When the original vehicle has been repaired and tested the plate will be transferred back to it.	This is not a condition of licence, delete from conditions and included within policy section in respect of hackney carriage vehicles	
	There should be no DVD or Video systems operated in the vehicle for the entertainment of passengers or the driver. If these are fitted as standard, they must be disconnected. (This is to ensure there is no distraction for the driver and to	The aspirations of this condition are considered valid but are considered more suited to PH driver licence conditions and HCD code of conduct	

	<p>avoid the risk of unsuitable DVDs or videos being shown)</p> <p>Without prejudice to the above mentioned provisions, the Proprietor on receipt of any notice in writing from the Head of Legal and Human Resources, shall present the Hackney Carriage for inspection and testing by or on behalf of the Council within such period and at such a place as specified by the Council. The separate occasions of inspection and testing shall not exceed three in number in any one period of twelve months.</p>	<p>Second part of this condition can be removed as it is a requirement of legislation.</p>	
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