

Appendix A

Summary of requirements for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers

- a. Over 18 years;
- b. Have held a full UK, EC or EEA driving licence for 12 months
- c. Eligible to work in UK
- d. Enhanced CRB check
- e. DVLA check
- f. Medical examination to Group 2 standard
- g. Complete a satisfactory knowledge test
- h. Pass the DSA driving skills assessment

Requirements for Hackney Carriage **and** Private Hire vehicles

- a. Less than 4 years old and either first registered on or after 1.9.09 or meets Euro standard 5 or higher
- b. Be suitable in type, size and design for the appropriate Licence applied for. Sports saloons, drop head coupes, convertibles, touring cars will NOT be licensed
- c. Have an engine the normal cubic capacity of which is not less than 1300cc
- d. Be covered by a satisfactory insurance policy
- e. Be safe and comfortable
- f. Not be less than 4ft 3ins wide in the rear part of the body, where such measurements shall be taken 6 ins below the top and 6 inches in front of the rear backrest of the vehicle with both of the rear doors closed
- g. Have a minimum legroom for passengers using the rear seats of 8.5 ins, such measurement shall be taken from the rear door pillar to the nearest point of the rear seat squab
- h. Have provided for all passengers being carried in it, immediate and direct access to doors (minimum of 2 doors in the rear) that is available without assistance from any other person that will provide satisfactory means of escape in the event of an accident or emergency. A separate means of ingress and egress must be provided for the driver
- i. Be fitted with safety glass (i.e. if glass fractures it does not fly into fragments capable of causing severe cuts), which shall be replaced as soon as broken, discoloured or cracked
- j. Have windows that permit maximum visibility into, and out of, the vehicle. They must have no more than 25% tint value
- k. Be constructed so as to provide sufficient means by which any person in the vehicle may communicate with the driver
- l. Be fitted with the appropriate number of seatbelts according to the number of persons for which the vehicle is licensed to carry
- m. Be kept watertight
- n. Be provided with a means of opening and closing not less than one window on each side
- o. Have properly cushioned or covered seats
- p. Have floors covered with a proper carpet, mat or other suitable covering

- q. Be well maintained in a clean condition and in every way fit for public service
- r. Be provided with a means of securing luggage
- s. Be fitted with at least one no-smoking sign (showing the statutory no-smoking symbol) that is displayed in a prominent position in each compartment of the vehicle constructed or adapted to accommodate persons
- t. Not be fitted with celluloid or other highly flammable material
- u. Be provided with an efficient fire extinguisher, which shall be carried in such a position as to be readily available for use
- v. Be provided with a first aid kit, which shall be carried in such a position as to be readily available for use

Specification for Hackney Carriages only

- a. A vehicle Licence will only be granted in respect of a Hackney Carriage if Cambridge City Council door crests are attached to both the nearside and offside front doors of the vehicle, where the door crests are a minimum of 9.5 inches in diameter if circular in size or 10 inches by 10 inches in width and height if square
- b. A Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence will only be granted in respect of a "new vehicle" if it is a wheelchair accessible vehicle:
- c. The vehicle shall have a minimum door height and width and internal headroom equal to or larger than a London Taxi International FX4 Fairway Taxi. (These measurements are door width 680mm: door height 1270mm and inside height floor to roof 1320mm:)
- d. Any aisle / gangway in such a vehicle should measure at least as wide as the minimum seat measurements

Specification for Private Hire vehicles only

- a. The Council cannot license a vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle if it is of an appearance or design that is considered likely to lead the public to think that it is a Hackney Carriage. TX1's (London type taxi cabs) or other purpose built vehicles will therefore not be licensed as Private Hire Vehicles
- b. All Private Hire Vehicles should have displayed on their door sign in 1" lettering the words: '**Private Hire Vehicle – Pre Booked Only**'